



Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 10, 2023

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeanette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Mike Walker, Glenda Johnson, and Todd Over. Also in attendance were Town Manager Rommel Pazmino, Chief of Police Robert Liberati, and Town Assistant Jackie Villela.

Excused Absence: Councilmember Kathleen Walker.

Call to Order: Mayor Schomisch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MML Conference Wrap-up:

Mayor Schomisch and Councilmembers discussed the sessions and trainings they attended during the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference that took place in Ocean City, MD. They discussed how they had difficulty using an application at the conference. Mayor Schomisch said that he spoke with an environmental specialist at the MML about the Monsanto lawsuit, from which the Town received a check. He explained that the Monsanto lawsuit has to do with PCBs that were produced between the 1930s and 1977, which caused impairments to the environment and bodies of water. Mayor Schomisch said that he asked the environmental specialist if the Town needs to do any testing. The person asked whether the Town has bodies of water, such as lakes or rivers. Mayor answered no, so the environmental specialist explained that no, the Town does not have to do any testing since there are no bodies of water, there is nothing to test.

Mayor Schomisch proposed earmarking the money from the Monsanto check for environmental projects. Councilman Walker moved to earmark the \$17,000 Monsanto lawsuit funds for future environmental projects. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed (6-0).

6545 Annapolis Road:

Chief Liberati stated that Landover Hills Police have received about six (6) complaints about the property on 6546 Annapolis Road. He went to the property with Code Enforcement Officer Mike Thompson today and the parking lot was completely trashed. Chief Liberati said he took pictures, and he will be sending them to the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE). Mayor Schomisch mentioned that Chief Liberati was not getting a response from DPIE about this property, so he emailed Prince George's Council members Eric Olsen and Jolene Ivey for help, and this expedited a response from DPIE.

Upcoming Town Events:

Town Manager Pazmino stated that Landover Hills' Movie Night and National Night Out are coming up in August. Movie Night will be on Aug. 25 from 8-10 p.m. and National Night Out will be on Aug. 29 from 6-8 p.m. Chief Liberati added that the annual Ebenezer Church of God Save The City event will be Aug. 12.

September Workshop Meeting:

Mayor Schomisch explained that the September workshop date falls on Labor Day, so he asked the Council to decide what day they would like to have the meeting. Vice Mayor Ripley suggested Tuesday, Sept. 5. The rest of the Council agreed. The September Workshop will be on Sept. 5, 2023, and the regular meeting will be on Sept. 18, 2023.

Miscellaneous:

- a. **Multifamily Building:** Mayor Schomisch explained that a 245-unit multifamily building is being planned to be constructed in the wooded area behind the Bank of America building and adjacent to the Purple Line tracks. He invited the companies connected with the project to attend the July regular Council meeting to present their plans to the Council and Community.
- b. **Cube Smart Stop Work Order:** Town Manager Pazmino mentioned that the Cube Smart construction project at 68th and Annapolis Road received a stop work order today. Chief Liberati added that he went up there and stop order has to do with the drainage.
- c. **Pins and Name Tags:** Councilman Williams stated that we have more Landover Hills pins, so he can order name tags now. He asked Councilmembers interested in ordering a name tag to please send what they want on the name tag to Town Assistant Villela.
- d. **Resident Concerns:** Councilwoman Johnson asked if there was any update on the resident concerns received via email. Town Manager Pazmino explained that the issue has already been addressed.

Adjournment:

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams moved to adjourn, and Councilman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the July 10, 2023, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.