



Council Workshop Meeting Minutes Monday, May 1, 2023

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

Call to Order

Mayor Schomisch called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Composting Presentation

University of Maryland students presented their proposal for a composting program in Landover Hills. The students explained that they received 14 responses from the composting survey and discussed the results. They also provided different options for starting a composting program in Landover Hills, with the cost of labor included. The recommended option was hiring a third-party to pick-up food waste. However, the students also noted that they had not had time to fully develop a fourth option, which would be to negotiate with the Town's existing trash vendor – Bates Trucking to pick-up food waste along with yard waste. The presentation lasted until 8 p.m. The meeting went into a short recess and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Announcements and Correspondence

Mayor Schomisch made several miscellaneous announcements including: a notice that WSSC was planning to replace 30–90-year-old water mains along Annapolis Rd. between the B-W Parkway and S.R. 410. The project's design will be completed this summer but as yet there is no estimated construction start or completion date; Soltesz Engineering Letter stating a preliminary plan of subdivision has been submitted regarding the construction of 245 residential units at 7011 Chesapeake Rd., Hyattsville. This land is presently the Chesapeake Office Park; a new Italian/Latin restaurant is expected to open at the former Fratelli's location in July; PGCMA will have its election of officers this month; and Mayor Schomisch attended the "Be a Volunteer Firefighter" day on April 28. Town Manager Pazmino announced that Senator Malcolm Augustine will swear-in the Mayor and Council members elected in the Town election at the May 15 Town Council meeting.

Audit Update

Town Manager Pazmino explained that on Friday, April 28, 2023, Lindsey & Associates received all the materials for the audit, and the Town is now awaiting a response from them. He

also explained how he has not been able to complete the final 2022-2023 budget amendment nor the 2023-2024 proposed budget due to the audit not being complete.

Monsanto Lawsuit

Town Manager Pazmino informed the Mayor and Council that the Town received a check from a lawsuit that Prince George's County was involved with Monsanto. He explained that the County sent checks to several Cities/Towns in the County after the lawsuit settlement.

ARPA Report

Town Manager Pazmino explained that the ARPA Report was due March 30, 2023, and it has been submitted. He explained that Michael Thompson, Jackie Villela, and Fredy Aguilar worked on the report together. The Town's ARPA Consultant Tom Himler also helped in the submitting process.

Charter Review: Article IV

Mayor Schomisch suggested holding off on discussing Article IV, since it wasn't received until this afternoon. He asked the Council to review it within the next few weeks and that they will discuss it at the next workshop.

Other

Chief Liberati explained where the disorderly calls for service came from and also explained the Police Report, since he did not attend the previous Council Meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.