



Town Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Kathleen Walker, Mike Walker. Town Manager Rommel Pazmino, Office Assistant Jackie Villela. There is a vacant seat in Ward 3.

Excused Absence: Councilman Todd Over and Chief of Police Robert Liberati.

Call to Order:

Mayor Schomisch called the September 19, 2022, Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Schomisch asked all to rise for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Schomisch requested a motion to amend the agenda. Public will become 7; Unfinished Business will become 8; New business will become 9; and Adjournment will become 10. Additionally, 5b. will become "Street Lights" and 5c. will become "PGCMA." Lastly, Under number 9. "Unfinished Business," Mayor Schomisch requested to add two items: c. "Fall Clean Up" and d. "Veterans Day." Councilwoman Walker moved to approve the amended agenda and Councilman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and amended agenda was approved (5-0).

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Schomisch asked the Council if they had any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes. Mayor Schomisch stated that he had corrections for the July 18 Meeting Minutes. On page 2 under Public the word "officers" should be changed to "officer." Then, on page 4, last paragraph, "Vice Mayor RipleyJeanie" should be changed to "Vice Mayor Ripley." For the August 1 Meeting Minutes under Noise Control, line 3, the word "their" should be changed to "it." Then, for the August 15 Meeting Minutes under Mural Proposals, line 2, the word "recommend" should be changed to "recommended." On page 2 under the same paragraph, line 5, the word "logo" should be changed to "seal." Lastly, Councilwoman Walker stated that on page 2 of the August 15 Meeting Minutes under New Business, "Vice Mayor Jeanie" should be "Vice Mayor Ripley." There were no additional corrections or additions to the meeting minutes, so Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to approve all meeting minutes. Councilwoman Walker motioned to approve the July 18, 2022, August 1, 2022, August 15, 2022, and September 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion was approved (5-0).

Correspondence and Announcements

a. Mural Project: Town Manager Rommel Pazmino reported to the Council that he has signed the contract with Yulia Avgustinovich, the muralist. Mayor Schomisch stated that she has already started working on the mural. Mr. Pazmino requested approval from the Council to allow her to work on the mural during the weekends. All present Councilmembers agreed that she can work on the mural during the weekends. There were no further comments.

b. Street Lights: Mayor Schomisch explained to the Council that he received a message from Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) regarding meetings they were hosting to discuss municipalities buying their street lights. Mayor Schomisch attended the first meeting, which was about fair market value. He decided that he will not be attending the rest of the meetings because he does not think the Town needs to buy street lights. He believes the Town is better off continuing to pay Pepco. The rest of the Councilmembers agreed that it is not an expense the Town needs to make.

c. PGCMA: Mayor Schomisch briefed the Council on the most recent Prince Georges County Municipal Association (PGCMA) meeting, which he attended. He answered questions the Councilmembers had. The next PGCMA meeting is going to be on October 20, 2022, in Cheverly.

Reports

a. Finance: Town Manager Rommel Pazmino presented the finance report. He explained to the Council that the Bank of America account is still open because American Traffic Solutions is still making deposits into the account. He informed everyone that the police administrative assistant is working to resolving this. There were no further comments.

b. Police Report: Chief of Police Robert Liberati was absent. Mayor Schomisch presented the police report on behalf of Chief Liberati. Councilwoman Walker and Councilman Walker had questions about loud parties and the noise ordinance. Mayor Schomisch answered that the topic could be a discussion for the next Council Workshop.

c. Code Enforcement Report: The Code Enforcement report was distributed. The Council had a few questions regarding different properties around Town. Town Manager Rommel Pazmino answered that he would have to ask the code enforcement officer the following day. Councilwoman Walker asked if the Town is still looking for a part time code enforcement officer. Mr. Pazmino answered that the application is still open online.

d. Public Works Report: The Public Works Report was distributed. Councilwoman Walker asked if public works is finished painting the curbs around Town. Mr. Pazmino answered that he will ask public works the following day.

Public

There was no public at the meeting.

Unfinished Business

a. Resolution R-07-2022: A Resolution of the Council of Landover Hills approving an annexation agreement with Community Shopping Center Limited Partnership for the property known as the Community Shopping Center located on Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, Maryland, consisting of 7401 Annapolis Road, 7433 Annapolis Road, and 7441 Annapolis Road,

Hyattsville, Maryland, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilman Walker moved to introduce and adopt Resolution R-07-2022. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed with all present in favor (5-0).

b. Ordinance O-03-2022: An Ordinance whereby the Mayor and Town Council raise the stipend of the Mayor after the next Mayoral election to \$5,000.00 per annum and the stipend of each Council Member after the seat has been up for election, to \$4,000.00 per annum.

Councilman Williams moved to introduce and adopt Ordinance O-03-2022. Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed (5-0).

c. Fall Clean up: Town Manager Rommel Pazmino and the Mayor briefed the Council on Fall Clean-up Day. The event will happen on October 15, 2022, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be five (5) dumpsters in the Town Hall parking lot. ID's will be checked at the entrance to ensure that only Town residents are participating. Additionally, the Royal Rangers from Iglesia Roca de la Eternidad will be helping with the event.

d. Veterans Day: Mayor Schomisch asked the Council how they would like to proceed with the Town's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony since it is taking place on the same day as the Peace Cross Rededication. Councilman Williams suggested the Town have a Wreath Laying Ceremony on November 11, 2022, at 9 a.m. Town Manager Rommel Pazmino will ask the Royal Rangers from Iglesia Roca de la Eternidad to participate in the event.

New Business

a. Resolution R-06-2022: A resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills appointing a new resident agent for all purposes for which such agent is required by the provisions of Md. Code ann., local government article, § 1-1301. Councilman Walker moved to approve and adopt Resolution R-06-2022. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed (5-0).

b. ARPA Funds: Town Manager Rommel Pazmino explained to the Council that he would like to create an ARPA Budget, which explains where and how the Town will be spending ARPA funds. He would like to use ARPA Funds for the mural project, the playground, and the refurbishment of the Town Hall building.

Adjournment

Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Vice Mayor Ripley and seconded by Councilwoman Walker. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.