



## Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2021

**Present:** Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Kathleen Walker, Rommel Pazmino and Todd Over, and Chief Robert Liberati. There is a vacant Council seat in Ward 2.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Schomisch called the December 20, 2021, Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Schomisch asked that all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Schomisch introduced the next item, Approval of the Agenda. There were no amendments to the Agenda. Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Walker. All present voted aye and the Agenda was approved (6-0).

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Schomisch called the next agenda item, Approval of Consent Agenda for the approval of the December 6, 2021, Council Workshop Meeting Minutes and the November 15, 2021, Town Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes. The three sets of minutes were distributed to Council. Mayor Schomisch asked if there were any changes to the Minutes. Mayor Schomisch identified changes to the December 6 Minutes, which were noted. Councilwoman Walker moved to approve the December 6, 2021 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, as amended. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Schomisch called for a vote. All present voted aye (6-0) and the Minutes were approved.

Mayor Schomisch then asked if there were any revisions to the November 15, 2021 Town Council Meeting Minutes. There being no revisions proffered, Councilwoman Walker moved to approve the November 15, 2021 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mayor Schomisch then moved to the November 15, 2021 Town Council Executive Session Minutes. No revisions were requested. Councilwoman Walker moved to approve the November 15, 2021 Town Council Executive Session Minutes. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Schomisch called for a vote and all present voted aye. The motion passed 6-0.

## Correspondence and Announcements

Linda Sales addressed the Council regarding cat issues in Town. Mr. Shaffner also addressed the cat issue. Oral Grant addressed the Council about being cited for violations of the Code, when his neighbors do not do their part to comply with the Town Code. Mr. Grant echoed the cat problem. Discussion ensued about enforcement actions and exceptions to vehicle registration requirements, etc.

## Reports

### Finance

The Finance Report was distributed. It was not reviewed orally as Ms. Ruff was not in attendance.

### Police

Chief Liberati presented the Police Report that was distributed to the Mayor and Council.

### Code Enforcement and Public Works

The Council was provided the Code Enforcement Report and the Public Works report. There were issues raised at this time by members of the public about why the Town does not clean up trash in the street.

### Public

The Public addressed the Mayor and Council earlier in the evening and after mention of the Public Works Report.

## Unfinished Business

Ordinance O-06-2021: An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Landover Hills Amending the Code of the Town of Landover Hills, Chapter 63 "Parks." **Eligible for Introduction.** Mayor Schomisch asked that two words that ran together on page 5, paragraph C, be separated. Vice-Mayor Ripley stated that she only has even number pages of the document and she asked that the item be tabled since Council does not have the entire document. Councilman Williams moved to table the Ordinance. Councilman Over seconded the motion. Mayor Schomisch called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

## New Business

### a. Appointment to fill Vacancy in Ward 2 Council Seat

Mayor Schomisch read a statement regarding how the seat became available, what has happened since the seat became vacant, and the process for filling the seat. A copy of the Statement is attached. Mayor Schomisch concluded with Mike Walker's request to fill the vacant Council seat. Councilman Williams read the motion appointing Mike Walker to the vacant Council seat in Ward 2; Councilman Over seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

b. Swearing-in of New Councilmember.

Mayor Schomisch swore-in Mike Walker as Councilmember of the Town of Landover Hills from Ward 2.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilwoman Walker and was seconded by Councilman Over. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.