



## **Council Workshop Meeting Minutes December 5, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Kathleen Walker, Mike Walker, Todd Over. There is a vacant seat in Ward 3. Town Manager Rommel Pazmino, Chief of Police Robert Liberati and Office Assistant Jackie Villela.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Schomisch called the December 5, 2022, Council Workshop to order at 7 p.m. and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **UMD Presentation**

University of Maryland (UMD) students joined the meeting via Zoom. The students presented their final report on their Census Project for the Town of Landover Hills. They suggested that the Town hold a census only for the residents to get more accurate information on population and demographics. After their presentation, the Mayor and Council asked questions and then the Zoom call ended. Mayor Schomisch moved on to the next item on the agenda.

### **Glenda Johnson**

Mayor Schomisch explained to Council that resident Glenda Johnson is interested in the vacant seat for Ward III. She emailed a letter of interest. Mayor Schomisch provided time for all to review the email. Council would like to meet her first before deciding to add her to the council seat. Mayor Schomisch stated he will ask her to join the next meeting.

### **New Code Enforcement Officer**

Town Manager Pazmino introduced Casemir Robak as the new code enforcement officer to the Council. Mr. Robak briefly shared his background in law enforcement and answered any questions the Mayor and Council had.

### **Noise Ordinance**

Mayor and Council reviewed the Noise Ordinance in detail and will contact the Town Attorney for a second review.

### **Comcast Franchise Ordinance**

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance O-05-2022 as amended. Councilman Williams made the motion and Councilman Over seconded the motion. All presented voted aye and the motion was passed (6-0).

### **New Email/Website**

Town Manager Pazmino informed the Mayor and Council that the fee to switch to a new email

platform is \$800.00. This is a one-time fee that covers all Town employees and Councilmembers. The Council provided questions that Town Manager Pazmino should ask Now Technologies before switching to the new platform.

### **Engineering Services**

Town Manager Pazmino has spoken to the annexation engineers and is waiting for them to send the estimate. He has also been in contact with several geotechnical engineers regarding the storm water issues. He is still waiting to get a response back.

### **HVAC System**

Town Manager Pazmino explained that the heat exchanger from the furnace is not working, and the unit needs to be replaced. The entire unit can be replaced for \$29,000 but it will take four months or just the heat exchanger can be fixed for \$7,000 and it will only take three weeks. He recommended fixing the heat exchanger for \$7,000 because it can last for two or more years. Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to repair the heat exchanger and wave the bid process. Councilman Over made the motion and Councilman Williams seconded. All present voted aye and the motion was passed (6-0).

### **Closed Session**

A Motion to recess the Council Workshop and go into Closed Session was made by Councilman Todd Over and was seconded by Councilwoman Kathy Walker.

The Motion stated: I move that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills recess the Council Workshop and go into a Closed session in accordance with General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland § 3-305 (b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) a personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The vote to go into closed session was as follows:

Vice Mayor Ripley - Aye	Councilwoman Walker – Aye
Councilman Williams- Aye	Councilman Over – Aye
Councilman Walker - Aye	Mayor Schomisch – Aye

The meeting closed at 9:27 p.m. The Council took a short recess before going into the Closed Session. The Closed Session began at 9:40 p.m. in the meeting room at Town Hall. Town Manager Pazmino was the only staff member in attendance.

The Council reconvened in open session at 10:40 p.m.

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to end the Town Manager’s probation period and make him a permanent employee. Councilman Over made the motion and Councilman Williams seconded. All present voted aye and the motion was passed (6-0).

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to increase Town Manager's salary. Councilman Williams made the motion and Councilman Over seconded. All present voted and the motion was passed (5-1).

**Adjournment**

Mayor Schomisch adjourned the meeting at 10:54 p.m.