



## Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022

**Present:** Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Kathleen Walker, Mike Walker, Rommel Pazmino and Todd Over, and Town Manager Karen Ruff.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Schomisch called the February 22, 2022, 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. He asked that the agenda be amended to add the minutes of the December 20, 2021 Town Council meeting to the Consent Agenda. There were no further amendments offered. Councilman Williams moved to amend the agenda as requested. Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the Agenda was approved (7-0).

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Schomisch moved to the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Walker asked that the January 18, 2022 Minutes be amended, to change will to win on page 3, New Business, b. The Mayor called for a motion to approve the January 18, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes as amended, as well as the February 7, 2022 Town Council Workshop Minutes. Councilman Walker made the motion and Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the January 18 and February 7 meeting Minutes were approved 7-0.

The Mayor then called for a motion to approve the February 7, 2022 Closed Session Minutes. Councilman Williams moved approval and Councilman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the February 7 Closed Session Minutes were approved 7-0.

Lastly, Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to approve the December 20, 2021 Town Council Meeting Minutes. He provided time for all to review since they were not distributed previously. There were no corrections. Councilman Williams moved to approve the December 20 Town Council Meeting Minutes, and Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the December 20, 2021, meeting Minutes were approved 7-0.

### **Correspondence and Announcements**

Mayor Schomisch did not have any announcements. He asked Ms. Ruff if she had anything for Council. Ms. Ruff reminded Council of the new Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance rewrite

and its effective date in April. She presented the Council with the new PEPCO logo with the Excelon Company. Finally, Ms. Ruff reminded Council that the Town needs to know whether hotel reservations and MML Summer Conference registrations are required for anyone. There is still no program available that states which classes will be presented. Mayor Schomisch then discussed that the R-55 residential zoning will remain unchanged with the new Zoning rewrite. He also mentioned mixed use along the Route 450 corridor.

## **Reports**

### **Finance**

Town Manager Ruff presented the Finance Report, a copy of which was distributed.

### **Police**

The Police Report that was distributed to the Mayor and Council. Chief Liberati was not present to review it.

### **Code Enforcement**

The Code Enforcement Report was distributed. The Mayor pointed out some of the highlights. Vice Mayor Ripley asked about a house which has many bags of trash in front. Ms. Ruff explained the situation, which the Town has been addressing and responded to additional Council questions.

### **Public Works**

There was not a Public Works report.

## **Public**

Krystal Iri\_\_ with the Prince George's County Association of Realtors attended to see how the Association might be able to assist the Town with housing related issues (ie. new development and low-income housing). Ms. Ruff said that the most helpful thing for the Town would be for realtors to be more cognizant of how properties they have under contract are maintained.

## **Unfinished Business**

a. Ordinance O-01-2022: An Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills Amending the Code of the Town of Landover Hills, to Repeal and Re-enact Chapter 63 "Parks" with Amendments as Chapter 63 "Parks and Town Property" to Clarify Prohibited Acts in Town Parks and on Town Property, and to Identify which Violations of Chapter 63 are Municipal Infractions and which are Misdemeanors; and Amending Town Code, Chapter 28 "Fees and Penalties", Sec. 2802 "Penalties" to Establish Penalties for Violations of Chapter 63. Mayor Schomisch said that this is the final version – incorporating all prior comments regarding this Ordinance. There was no further discussion on the Ordinance.

Councilman Williams moved to adopt O-01-2022. Councilwoman Kathy Walker seconded the motion. Mayor Schomisch called for a vote. Ordinance O-01-2022 was adopted unanimously, with all present voting in favor (7-0).

b. Resolution R-02-2022: A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Landover Hills Approving a Grant Agreement with Outlaw Kitties in the Amount of \$7,500. Mayor Schomisch introduced the matter explaining the background and referring to the letter in the packet outlining the services that will be provided to those cats that require their services. The grant will allow Outlaw Kitties to take care of 100 cats at a cost of \$75 per cat. Councilman Williams moved to introduce and adopt Resolution R-02-2022. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. R-02-2022 was introduced and adopted unanimously, with all present voting in favor (7-0)

### **New Business**

a. Purchase of Two Variable Message Signs. Mayor Schomisch announced that staff requested that the matter be tabled to allow staff to determine whether one or two signs are needed. Consensus of Council was obtained that the item come back to Council at a later date.

b. Constant Yield Tax Rate. Mayor Schomisch turned the item over to the Town Manager. Ms. Ruff explained what the Constant Yield Tax rate is and how it applies to the Town this year as the Council considers the FY23 Budget.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and was seconded by Councilwoman Walker. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.