



Town Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mayor Schomisch asked all to rise for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Hearing no changes to the agenda, Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilman Williams motioned to approve the June 20, 2023 Agenda as written. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the agenda was approved (7-0).

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- a. May 15, 2023 Town Council Meeting Minutes: Councilwoman Walker noted that under approval of the agenda, the word "changed" should be "changes."
- b. June 5, 2023 Town Council Workshop Minutes: No comments or changes.

Hearing no further changes. Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Councilman Williams motioned to approve the May 15 and June 5 Meeting Minutes as amended. Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the Consent Agenda was approved as amended (7-0).

Correspondence and Announcements

- a. **El Rinconcito Board of License Commissioners County Review:** Mayor Schomisch explained that the Board of License Commissioners granted "El Rinconcito" a temporary license six months ago. On June 7, 2023, they had a review to determine whether a full license will be granted. Mayor Schomisch and Chief Liberati attended the meeting via Zoom. Chief Liberati explained that they cleaned up their act. There were only a few calls for service for minor things. Mayor Schomish stated that the Board of License Commissioners granted El Rinconcito a full license.

Vice Mayor Ripley asked Chief Liberati if the officers could drive by the establishment at night. Councilwoman Walker asked if their hours are going to change. Mayor Schomisch answered that the hours will remain the same.

- b. **2023 PG County Tax Credit:** Mayor Schomisch informed the Council that the applications for the Prince George's County Elderly Property Tax Credit are now available.
- c. **MML:** Mayor Schomisch reminded the Council that the Maryland Municipal League (MML) meeting is coming up. He also mentioned that the MML election is coming up and he read the list of candidates who are running.

Reports

- a. **Finance:** Town Treasurer Aguilar started off by passing out TD Bank monthly service fee spreadsheet. He explained what the various monthly service fees are for. Mayor Schomisch asked why the Bank of America account is still open. Fredy explained that Bank American does not charge monthly fees. He was thinking of using that account to pay vendors only, which would reduce the monthly service fee from TD Bank.
- b. **Police Report:** Chief Liberati started off by saying that tomorrow (June 21) is the Prince George's County Police Chief's Association. Chief Liberati then said that he lost the officer that was in the academy, so the Town is back to being 2 officers short. He had a person in background check, but they backed out. The Chief then began explaining all the calls for service in Town. Vice Mayor Ripley asked about the 4th of July. Chief Liberati stated that he will be working the night of 4th of July, but if anyone hears any fireworks to please call the Prince George's County non-emergency number.
- c. **Code Enforcement Report:** Mike Thompson presented the Code Enforcement report. He explained that he has a few cases that will be going to court. He also mentioned that the Prince George's County permit website seems to not be accurate or up to date. He explained that he had a situation last week where he went on the website to verify if a resident had applied for a permit, and the County website did not show anything. However, when he spoke with the resident, they showed him a screenshot where they applied and paid for the permit.
- d. **Public Works Report:** The Public Works Report was passed out and everyone was provided with time to review. There were no comments or questions.

Public Comment:

Monica Plumber from 71st Ave: Ms. Plumber said that she has concerns about her neighbor's noise. She stated that she had complained about this issue before, and nothing was done to her liking. She would like something to be done about her neighbor. The second item she discussed was Pepco informed her that her meter needs to be replaced. She asked the Council if she could receive financial assistance in replacing the meter. Councilman Over said that the meter itself is property of Pepco and they should cover the costs. Ms. Plumber answered that Pepco told her she needs to pay for it to be replaced. Mayor Schomisch asked if Pepco gave her any type of paperwork. She answered yes. Mayor Schomisch asked her to bring him the paperwork, so that he can get in contact with their municipal representatives.

Unfinished Business

- a. **FY 2023 Budget Amendment Ordinance O-05-2023:** Mayor Schomisch reminded the Council that they went over Ordinance O-05-2023 at the previous meeting. Mayor

Schomisch asked Town Manager Pazmino if he could go over any changes that had been made since the last time it was looked at. Mayor Schomisch and Council began reviewing the FY 2023 Budget Amendments with Town Treasurer Aguilar and Town Manager Pazmino. After reviewing the Budget Amendments, Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adopt emergency ordinance O-05-2023, amending the budget for fiscal year 2023 to account for unanticipated revenue and corresponding expenses. Councilman Williams moved to adopt Ordinance O-05-2023 and Councilman Over seconded. All present voted in favor (7-0).

- b. **FY 2024 Budget Adoption Ordinance O-04-2023:** Mayor Schomisch, Town Council, Town Manager Pazmino and Town Treasurer Aguilar began reviewing Ordinance O-04-2023 in detail. Once the review was completed, Mayor Schomisch asked Town Manager Pazmino and Town Treasurer Aguilar to please make the corrections to the Ordinance. The Council decided to have a special meeting on Thursday, June 22 in order to finish the adoption of Ordinance O-04-2023: Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.
- c. **Playground Proposals Review:** Town Manager Rommel Pazmino presented the mayor and council with three (3) proposals and quotes for the new Landover Hills playground. After reviewing all the proposals, Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to move forward with working with Playground Specialist Inc. to design the Landover Hills Playground and directing Town Manager Pazmino to talk with them about several pieces of equipment that the Council suggested. Once a new proposal is made with all the suggestions from the Council, then the Council will agree to the design. Councilman Walker made the motion and Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion was passed (7-0).

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams motioned to adjourn meeting. Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All presented voted in favor and the June 20, 2023 meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm.