



Council Workshop Minutes June 5, 2023

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

Call to Order: Mayor Schomisch called the June 5, 2023, meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Constant Yield Tax Rate Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024: Mayor Schomisch read the Constant Yield Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024 notice. Mayor Schomisch opened the floor for public comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Schomisch adjourned the Constant Yield Tax Rate Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate Hearing: Mayor Schomisch read the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate, which is fifty-two cents per \$100 and unchanged from Fiscal Year 2023. He opened the floor for public comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Schomisch adjourned the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Ordinance O-04-2023 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills, Maryland to introduce a Budget Ordinance for the 2024 Fiscal Year: Mayor Schomisch and Town Council reviewed Ordinance O-04-2023 line by line and made several changes. Once the review was complete, Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance O-04-2023 as amended. Councilman Williams moved to introduce Ordinance O-04-2023: Budget Ordinance for the 2024 Fiscal Year. Councilman Over seconded the motion. All present voted aye and Ordinance O-04-2023 was introduced as amended (7-0).

Proposed Amended Budget Review: Mayor Schomisch explained that the proposed amended budget had been distributed earlier. He asked the Council to review the amended FY 2023 budget and to direct any questions to Town Manager Pazmino. Mayor Schomisch also explained that this is only a draft and that the actual proposed amended budget will be presented at the next Council Meeting as an emergency ordinance.

SCA Contract Agreement: A motion to authorize the Town to enter into an agreement, through Town Manager Pazmino, with The Student Conservation Association (SCA) to work on the trail and to use \$10,000 from the Pepco Grant and \$15,000 from the Playground Grant. The motion

was made by Vice Mayor Ripley and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. All present voted aye and the motion was passed (7-0).

Playground Final Proposal: Town Manager Pazmino discussed the new proposals and quotes he received for building a new Town playground. He is waiting to receive the final design by tomorrow morning. The cost is going to be around \$430,000. Mayor Schomisch stated the Council needs to see the proposed designs before making a final decision. Mr. Pazmino said he will have the final proposed designs at the next Council Meeting.

Miscellaneous

Meeting Dates: Mayor Schomisch discussed the upcoming meeting dates. The Council Meeting in June falls on a Holiday (Juneteenth). He asked the Council if they want to have the meeting on Tuesday, June 20, or on a different day. The Council agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday, June 20. Secondly, Mayor Schomisch asked the Council what days they want to hold the July meetings, since the workshop in July falls on the week of a holiday (Independence Day). After a brief discussion, the council agreed to have the Council Workshop on Monday, July 12, and the Council Meeting on Monday, July 26.

PGCMA: Mayor Schomisch provided the Council with the election results for the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

Landover Hills Fire Department: Mayor Schomisch informed the Council that Chief Roberts from the Landover Hills Fire Department had emailed him a correction notice sent to Giant concerning its locking of exit doors, which had been discussed at the May 15 Council meeting.

Senator Augustine Meeting: Mayor Schomisch and Councilman Williams attended a meeting that Senator Malcolm Augustine hosted. They briefly summarized the meeting at which Prince George's County Police Chief Malik Aziz spoke. Chief Aziz discussed car thefts, which are up 180 percent in the County, and juvenile crime, which is also increasing.

Adjournment: Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Williams moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All presented voted aye and the June 5, 2023, meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.