



Council Workshop Minutes June 6, 2022

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

Absent: Chief of Police Robert Liberati.

Call to Order

Mayor Schomisch called the June 6, 2022, Council Workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

Brightview and University of Maryland Meeting

Town Manager Rommel Pazmino briefed the Council on the meeting with Brightview regarding completion of the Rain Garden. Dr. Chris Ellis, the consultant from UMD, provided details on the completion of the Rain Garden during the Brightview meeting. The Rain Garden project has reached the final stages. The next steps are for Brightview to re-plant some vegetation and for the Town to put up the signs.

Food Distribution Update

The Prince George's County Stand and Deliver Program, which includes Ebenezer Church of God, will end June 30, 2022. The County will no longer participate in the program. The hope is non-profit organizations will take over the program in the fall.

Mural Project

Town Manager Rommel Pazmino briefed the Council on the Mural Project. There will be a contractor coming to clean, prime, and waterproof the wall for the Mural. Mr. Pazmino stated he also is waiting for a quote for painting the rest of the exterior walls of the Town Hall. The Council asked if he could look into other companies and get different quotes. Mr. Pazmino answered that he will look into it. The Mayor explained that they are trying to decide what colors to paint the exterior walls. He stated that they may ask the artist to provide suggestions. No further comments.

Bates Disposal Cost

Town Manager Rommel Pazmino briefed the Council of the price increase from Bates Trucking Company.

Purple Line Update

Mayor Schomisch briefed the Council on the Purple Line meeting, which he attended in College Park on May 26, 2022. The main purpose of the meeting was to introduce the new contractors that were hired. Full scale construction will begin this summer. In the fall the project will start

receiving vehicle deliveries. In total there are 26 units, and each unit is 141 feet long. The units have an engine in the front and an engine in the back, so they can be driven in either direction. Service is set to begin in the fall of 2026. The Mayor then stated he will attend the next Purple Line Community Advisory Team (CAT) meeting on June 6, 2022, at the Purple Line headquarters on Kenilworth Ave. at 6:30 p.m. No further comments.

Mayor's Stipend

Mayor Schomisch explained to the Council that at the May 16th meeting, they decided to raise the Mayor's stipend from \$3,000 to \$4000, however his current stipend is actually \$3,900. The Council decided to raise the Mayor's stipend to \$5,000 and the Council's stipend to \$3,400. Councilman Williams moved to raise the Mayor's stipend from \$3,900 to \$5,000 effective July 1, 2023, and Councilman Over seconded. Councilman Walker made the motion to raise the Council's stipend from \$2,400 to \$3,400 effective July 1, 2023, and Councilman Over seconded. All present voted aye and the two motions were approved (6-0).

Night Out

Mayor Schomisch stated that after two years of not hosting the event, the Town would like to have a Night Out this August or September. Town Manager Rommel Pazmino explained that he spoke with the Police Department administrative assistant, Juanita Hood, and she said she will speak to the Chief once he returns from his vacation.

Bonding

Town Manager Rommel Pazmino explained to the Council that he spoke with the Town Treasurer, and he suggested that the office assistant, Jackie Villela, become bonded because she is handling finances now. The Mayor stated that Town Manager Pazmino also needs to become bonded as well. Councilman Walker made the motion to approve Jackie Villela and Rommel Pazmino to become bonded and Councilman Williams seconded the motion (6-0).

LGIT

Town Manager Rommel Pazmino presented the Council with a letter the Town received from the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) that stated the Town has earned a \$651 credit towards its primary liability premium for the 2023 Fiscal Year. No comments were made.

Council Meeting Dates

Mayor Schomisch explained to the Council that the June 20 Town Council meeting falls on a holiday (Juneteenth) and the first Council Workshop of July also falls on a holiday (July 4th). The Mayor asked the Council how they wanted to proceed on dates for those two meetings. The Council decided to move the June 20, 2022, Town Council meeting to Monday, June 27, 2022. Additionally, they decided to cancel the July 4, 2022 Workshop and only have a Council meeting in July on Monday, July 18, 2022.

Allison Street

Mayor Schomisch presented to the Council the letter that will be sent to residents on Allison Street regarding making the street one-way. The Council decided to move the public hearing to the July 18, 2022, meeting.

Truck Parking

Vice Mayor Ripley spoke to the Council of concerns she has with big trucks parking on the street. She briefed the Council on an encounter she had with a neighbor regarding their vehicles being parked on the street. The Council would like something to be done about big trucks taking up majority of the street parking.

Adjournment

The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.