



Council Workshop Meeting Minutes March 6, 2023

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeanette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Mike Walker, Kathleen Walker, and Todd Over. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Rommel Pazmino, Chief of Police Robert Liberati, Town Attorney Karen Ruff, and Office Assistant Jackie Villela.

Excused Absence: Councilwoman Glenda Johnson.

Call to Order: Mayor Schomisch called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Rep. Glenn Ivey Presentation: Luis Murillo from Representative Glenn Ivey's office briefly spoke about federal grant opportunities that are being offered. He recommended that everyone subscribe to Rep. Ivey's grant newsletter to get the most up-to-date information. Mr. Murillo stated that the district office is available to help Landover Hills any way they can.

Purple Line Update: Mayor Schomisch provided an update on the Purple Line construction. He stated that 26 of the 28 train vehicles are ready for delivery to the Glenridge Maintenance Facility. Construction for the bridge that will provide access to State Route 410 from the maintenance facility and Glenridge Shopping Center has begun. Construction to bring Purple Line across SR 450 at SR 410 is expected to begin in late fall-early winter and take three to five months to complete. They are still not sure how much the fare will be but are working with Metro for a possibility of using SmartTrip card to pay for the fare.

County Police Update: Mayor Schomisch attended a County Police meeting. The main topics were carjacking, truancy, and credit card machine skimmers. Mayor Schomisch briefly spoke about each topic. Chief Liberati spoke on carjacking and stolen vehicles in Prince George's County and within the Town.

PGCMA: Councilmember Kathleen Walker briefed the rest of the Council on the Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting (PGCMA), which she attended via zoom. The March meeting will be held in Edmonston and the April meeting will be held in Colmar Manor.

Maryland Municipal League: Mayor Schomisch let everyone know that registration is now open for the summer Maryland Municipal League (MML) conference. He would like to make one purchase with the Town Card and asked everyone to let the Town Manager know if they will be attending.

6181 Annapolis Road: Mayor Schomisch and Chief Liberati attended a meeting regarding the gas station at 6181 Annapolis Road. They met with the property owner and his architect to discuss their plans for the property. They want to expand the building by adding a two-story building on the west side of the existing building. The first level will be vehicle service bays and the second level will be retail office space. The property owner also plans a single floor expansion on the east side of the building. The new space and the existing garage area will be used for a convenience store and restaurant.

MSR Resolution: Town Manager Pazmino explained that Mission Square Retirement (MSR) requested a Resolution to update the Town's contact information. Councilman Williams made a motion to introduce and adopt Resolution R-01-2023. Councilman Over seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed (6-0).

Noise Ordinance: Mayor Schomisch explained that Ordinance O-04-2022 was introduced at the February 20, 2023, Council Meeting. Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance O-04-2022 (Revised). Councilman Walker made the motion and Councilman Over seconded. All present voted in favor and Ordinance O-04-2022 (Revised) was adopted (6-0).

Chapter 24, Code of Ethics: Town Attorney Ruff explained the changes she recommended for the Code of Ethics. She suggests instead of having an ethics committee, to just have one person, such as an attorney, be the ethics person. Chapter 24, Code of Ethics was then reviewed and discussed in detail by Mayor, Council, and Town Attorney. Town Attorney Ruff will make revisions and provide a revised copy to be introduced at the next Council Meeting.

Proposed Charter Amendments: Mayor Schomisch asked the Council if they wanted to table this item since it was getting late. All Councilmembers agreed. Councilman Williams motioned to table the Proposed Charter Amendments and discuss them at the next Council Workshop. Councilman Over seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed (6-0).

Adjournment: Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Williams made the motion and Councilman Over seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.