



Town Council Workshop Minutes

May 2, 2022

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Kathleen Walker, and Mike Walker, Town Manager Rommel Pazmiño, Chief Robert Liberati and Office Assistant Jackie Villela. Public Works Department James Schad and Paul Schad. Councilman Todd Over was absent. There is a vacant seat in Ward 3.

Call to Order

Mayor Schomisch called the May 2, 2022, Town Council Workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Schomisch introduced the next item, Approval of the Agenda. Vice Mayor Ripley asked that the agenda be amended to add a new item titled "other." Mayor Schomisch then stated that number 10 will become "other", and number 11 will become "adjournment".

2020 Census Data – University of Maryland study

Mayor Schomisch then introduced the next item, 2020 Census Data. He explained that this was a study done by students at the University of Maryland. The students will be discussing their findings and suggestions via Zoom at this time. The students provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Council to follow along with. The presentation lasted 20 minutes.

Parking and Access / Summer Hours

The Mayor introduced the next item, Parking/Access and Summer Hours. He then let Public Works Supervisor, James Schad, present the issue. Mr. Schad explained Public Works has a concern of accessibility by larger vehicles, plows, and trucks entering the thinner streets in Town. In order to fix this issue, they suggest a 25ft buffer at the beginning of each street. The Council came to unanimous agreement to adding the 25ft buffer. Then, Paul Schad from the Public Works Department proposed conducting data collection of Allison street to decide if it needs to become a one-way street. The Council decided to wait for data from Allison Street before making a final decision. Lastly, Public Works Department requested to have their hours changed to 6 A.M. to 2 P.M. for the summer time. Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to change Public Works hours as requested. Councilman Williams made the motion to change Public Works hours to 6 A.M to 2 P.M. starting May 1st and to switch back to winter hours (7 A.M. to 3 P.M.) starting October 1st. Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted and the motion was passed (4-1).

Multigenerational Center

Mayor Schomisch presented the report on the Multigenerational Center, a copy of which was distributed. The Mayor briefed the Council on updates for the development of the center. Glenridge Elementary School has been selected as the site for the Multigenerational Center in district 4. However, the School was given a maximum of eight (8) years to relocate the students. There were no questions and the Mayor moved on to the next item.

PGCMA Meeting – wrap-up

Vice Mayor Ripley briefed the Council on the April PGCMA meeting, which she attended. She then reminded the Council of the next PGCMA meeting in May.

Ordinance O-02-2022 - FY 2023 Budget, Public Comment

Chief Liberati discussed the Budget Ordinance. He explained the few changes that were made in order to balance the budget. Mayor Schomisch noticed an error that was made on page 3 and page 9, the total under “Grant Rock Creek” should be \$10,000 instead of \$1,000. Vice Mayor Ripley requested a report of the speed camera overtime be presented at the next meeting. There was no one from the public who attended the meeting. No further comments were made.

Bates Contract

A copy of the contract with Bates Trucking Company for Town Clean-Up Day was distributed and Mayor Schomisch provided time to review. There were no questions, and the Mayor signed the contract as written.

Position Opening - Police Officer

Chief Liberati explained that there is an opening for a Police Officer now. He is currently accepting applications and hopes to be interviewing people soon.

Other

Vice Mayor Ripley asked Chief Liberati if there were any noise complaints over the weekend. Chief Liberati answered that to his knowledge the police department did not receive noise complaints. Additionally, Vice Mayor Ripley asked if the letter to St. Mary’s Church was sent out. Chief Liberati stated that it has not been sent out, but he would like to continue providing support with the monthly St. Mary’s Church food distribution.

Adjournment

Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilman Williams and was seconded by Councilwoman Walker. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.