



Council Workshop Meeting Minutes Monday, November 6, 2023

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

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

Meeting with School Board Member Shayla Adams Stafford: Stafford discussed focus group meetings related to the budget process, which will be conducted in December. This information will be shared on the Town Facebook page to encourage community participation. Discussed the issue of speeding and buses not stopping at stop signs, which has been a concern raised by the community. Stafford said the school board is aware of the problem. The school board is also exploring the possibility of implementing youth reengagement programs to provide social services, jobs, information, and housing for youth. This could include the establishment of parent support centers.

PGCMA meeting: Prince Georges' County Municipal Association meeting will be Nov. 16 at Landover Hills Town Hall. Council discussed the arrangements for food, including quesadillas, rice, chips, salsa, cookies, and drinks.

Veterans Day: Council discussed plans for the Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Landover Hills Veterans Memorial, including coordinating with the Landover Hills Baptist Church pastor to conduct a closing prayer, arranging for the presentation of the wreath, and ensuring that the program of the event is communicated to the relevant parties.

Use and Occupancy: Update on the U&O process for Iglesia Roca de la Eternidad church. The temporary U&O has been obtained, but a final county inspection is pending.

Playground Project Update: The playground is nearing completion and fence removal at the playground needs to be addressed to clarify the status of the old fence and whether any safety measures have been put in place.

Town Code Chapter Six Animal Control: The Council reviewed the existing Town Code along with the animal control ordinances from Edmonston and Berwyn Heights. The Council

examined the other Town's sections related to reptiles, kennels, public nuisance animals, and the number of animals permitted.

Animals permitted in town: The Council discussed a proposal to limit the number of animals permitted in town, with a suggested maximum of four animals per household. The Council discussed whether to grandfather existing owners with more than four animals and the enforcement and penalties for violations.

Beehives: The Council examined the possibility of adding a section on beekeeping and beehives to the Town's Code, separate from the animal control regulations.

Violations/Penalties: The Council considered modifying the section on violations and penalties to align with the fine amounts in the Edmonston code. The Council also discussed distinguishing between civil infractions and criminal violations, as well as addressing the enforcement responsibilities of the code enforcement officer and the police department.

Annexation process: The material has been submitted to the town attorney and an ordinance is expected to be prepared for the next meeting.

Town Issues: The Council inquired about any recent incidents or issues in the town, such as Halloween activities, stolen autos, noise complaints, and roadwork near the railroad tracks.

Adjournment:

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.