



## **Town Council Meeting Minutes October 17, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Kathleen Walker, Mike Walker, Todd Over, Town Manager Rommel Pazmino, and Office Assistant Jackie Villela. There is a vacant seat in Ward 3.

**Excused Absence:** Chief of Police Robert Liberati.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Schomisch called the October 17, 2022, Council Meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

There were no changes made to the Agenda. Councilman Walker moved to approve the agenda as written and Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the agenda was approved (6-0).

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Schomisch stated that on Page 2 of the September 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes, on line 3 of Police Report, “the” needs to be added before “noise ordinance.” Then on page 3 under Veterans Day, on line 2, “of” needs to be changed to “as.” Lastly, Councilwoman Walker pointed out that under Veterans Day, the date is incorrect. It should be “November 11, 2022,” not “November 1, 2022.”

Mayor Schomisch stated that on page 2 of the October 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes, under Technology Training center, “program and plans” needs to be added on line 5.

There were no further changes to the Meeting Minutes. Councilman Over motioned to approve the September 19, 2022, and October 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes with the changes made. Vice Mayor Ripley seconded the motion. All present voted aye and both meeting minutes were approved (5-0).

### **Correspondence and Announcements**

**a. MML Wrap-up:** Mayor Schomisch briefed the Council on the Fall Maryland Municipal League (MML) meeting, which he attended. Town Manager Rommel Pazmino and Councilman Williams also attended the MML meeting, and they spoke on what they learned at the work sessions. Councilman Williams stated that he felt there was too much downtime between educational sessions.

## Reports

**a. Finance:** Town Manager Rommel Pazmino presented the finance report. Mayor Schomisch suggested that the investment account totals from page 1 be moved to page 2. Also, Mayor Schomisch asked if the TD Bank report can be on the front page. Mr. Pazmino said he will speak to the treasurer about the changes.

**b. Police Report:** The Police Report was distributed, and time was provided for all to review. There were no questions.

**c. Code Enforcement Report:** The Code Enforcement Report was distributed, and time was provided for all to review. Councilwoman Walker asked for an update on two houses that had debris. Vice Mayor Ripley asked about the dead tree at the entrance of Taylor St. Mr. Pazmino responded that he will speak to the code enforcement officer in reference to the questions from the Council. Mr. Pazmino also mentioned to the Mayor and Council that starting next month, the code enforcement officer will attend the meetings to answer any questions from the Council.

**d. Public Works Report:** The Public Works Report was distributed, and time was provided for all to review. There were no questions.

## Public

One person was in the public. They had no comments or questions

## Unfinished Business

### a. Noise Ordinance O-04-2022:

Mayor and Council made the following changes to Noise Ordinance O-04-2022:

Mayor Schomisch stated that this is an amendment to the original noise ordinance therefore, on page 1, at the top of the page it should read “An Ordinance Amending.”

On page 2, under *Quiet Time*, on lines 6 and 7, the word “until” is misspelled with two L’s. Then on line 11 of the same paragraph, “agreement” needs to be changed to “ordinance.” Additionally, Councilman Walker suggested that the quiet time be from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Councilman Over and Vice Mayor Ripley did not agree with changing the time to 8 a.m. The rest of the Council agreed, and the quiet time will be kept as 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

On page 3, under letter c, “or worship” was added after “places of business.”

On page 4, on line 4, the Mayor and Council agreed to strikeout “seasonal contributions solicitors.”

**b. Playground Grant:** Town Manager Rommel Pazmino explained the Town will be getting the money from the playground grant in December of this year. He also plans to use ARPA funds to build the best playground possible.

## **New Business**

### **a. Proclamation recognizing November 2022 as Municipal Government Works Month:**

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion recognizing November 2022 as Municipal Government Works Month in the Town of Landover Hills. Vice Mayor Ripley moved to approve the Proclamation and Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the Proclamation was passed (6-0).

**b. Town Hall Closure for Elections:** Town manager Rommel Pazmino presented his reasoning as to why Town Hall should be closed on Election Day. Councilman Over and Councilwoman Walker both agreed with Mr. Pazmino's reasoning and said Town Hall should be closed on Election Day. Vice Mayor Ripley did not agree and said Town Hall should remain open. She stated that the code enforcement officer can be out driving through Town instead of being in the office on Election Day. Additionally, Vice Mayor Ripley stated that there needs to be a person inside the office to answer phones and take payments. Councilman Over suggested the administrative employees work from home. Mr. Pazmino explained that the office is not set up to work from home – the phones cannot be answered from home and certain files cannot be accessed from home computers. Councilman Williams called a motion to hold the discussion and decide the issue at the upcoming Council Workshop Nov. 1.

**c. Town Clean Up Day:** Mayor explained to the Council how Fall Clean-up Day went. The dumpsters were supposed to be at Town Hall by 7 a.m., but they were not delivered until 11 a.m. Town Manager Rommel Pazmino stated that he will contact Tracy from Bates to discuss the Clean-up Day contract being broken and update the Council at the next meeting.

**d. Police Interviews:** Town Manager Rommel Pazmino explained to the Council that he and Chief Liberati interviewed two applicants for the police officer positions. No decision has been made yet. They will continue the interview process.

**e. Chesapeake Offices:** Mayor Schomisch explained that he mailed out letters to additional property owners inviting them to be annexed into Town. He received a response from the owner of the three medical buildings on Chesapeake Road (7050, 7100, and 7150). The owner is interested in meeting with Mayor Schomisch and Town Manager Rommel Pazmino.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Walker moved to adjourn and Councilman Over seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.