



Council Workshop Meeting Minutes October 3, 2022

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

Excused Absence: Councilman Joe Williams.

Call to Order

Mayor Schomisch called the October 3, 2022, Council Workshop to order at 7:03 p.m.

Announcements

a. Arts Committee: Mayor Schomisch briefed the Council on the Arts Committee's projects, now that the Town mural is under way. The committee is working on a new sign for the entrance of Town on 71st. Ave., Town signs on Parkwood St. and Annapolis Rd. Additionally, they are looking at changing the street signs in Town to blue with the Town seal to better delineate Landover Hills from the surrounding unincorporated areas.

b. Green Team: After being inactive for two years due to Covid-19, the Green Team has restarted. Mayor Schomisch stated that there were seven people at the first meeting. They have a lot of ideas, such as starting a community garden, a farmers' market, and creating a composting program for the Town. He will keep the Council updated on any projects that the Green Team starts.

c. Beautification Award: Mayor Schomisch briefed the Council on the Prince George's County Beautification Award Ceremony, which he attended with Councilman Williams. The Town received its second golden trowel. It is for the Gazebo at Henry Rinck Park.

d. November Council Meetings: Mayor Schomisch brought to the attention of the Council that the dates for the November Council Meetings need to be changed due to the General Election and Thanksgiving. The Council decided to have the November Workshop on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7 p.m. and the November Council Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Blood Drive: Chief of Police Robert Liberati explained to the Council that the Faith in Blue Blood Drive, sponsored by the Landover Hills Police Department, will be held at Iglesia Roca de la Eternidad on Friday, October 7, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clean-up Day: The Town's Fall Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, October 15, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The dumpsters will be delivered on Saturday by 7 a.m. ID's will be checked at the entrance.

Veterans Day: At the previous meeting it was decided that the Town will have a Wreath Laying Ceremony for this year's Veterans Day. It will take place at the Henry Rinck Park Veterans Memorial at 9 a.m. Nov. 11.

Halloween: It has been decided that trick or treating can take place on Halloween night from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents will be told to turn on their porch light if they are participating in trick or treating. Chief Liberati stated that the officers will be out patrolling throughout Halloween night.

Noise Ordinance: At a previous meeting, Chief Liberati provided the Council with his changes to the Town's Noise Ordinance. Councilman Walker and Councilwoman Walker agreed with all the changes Chief Liberati made. Mayor Schomisch would like the new noise ordinance to be introduced at the October 17 Council Meeting. Chief Liberati will create the new ordinance and send it to the Town attorney for review and approval before the October 17 Council Meeting.

Technology Training Center: Mayor Schomisch received a letter from Thurman Jones who is part of a group called Patriots Technology Training Center. He is interested in buying the Bank of American building on Annapolis Road. He is interested in applying for a Capital Grant and would like the support of the Town. The Mayor would like to have him come to the next Council Workshop to introduce himself and get more information on his program and plans.

Additional Auditing Services: Lindsey & Associates recommended that the Town seek further accounting services in order to correct records that were lost by Sage. Mayor Schomisch read Resolution R-08-2022: A resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills approving a contract with Brown & Associates Inc. for comprehensive accounting services in the amount of \$7,500.00. Mayor Schomisch then entertained a motion to introduce and approve Resolution R-08-2022. Councilman Over motioned to introduce and approve Resolution R-08-2022 and Vice Mayor Ripley seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved (5-0).

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to direct the Town Manager to confer with the Town attorney to seek further action against Sage regarding the records that were lost, and the money the Town has spent to recover those records. Councilman Over motioned to approve and Vice Mayor Ripley seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved (5-0).

ARPA Funds Transfer: Town Manager Rommel Pazmino explained to the Council that the ARPA check has been deposited into TD Bank. The Town treasurer would like to transfer the ARPA funds into the Town's PNC ARPA account in order to properly keep track of ARPA expenditures. Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to allow Town treasurer to transfer ARPA funds from TD Bank into the PNC ARPA account and to transfer funds from a different PNC account into TD Bank in order to avoid service charges. Vice Mayor Ripley motioned to approve and Councilman Over seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved (5-0).

BHS: Chief Liberati briefed the Mayor and Council on the Mental Well-Being Program from BHS, which is available to all Town employees. After his briefing, he presented a video about BHS to the Council and answered questions they had.

Adjournment

Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilman Over and was seconded by Councilwoman Walker. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.