

Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, July 11th, 2011

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Kerns

In Attendance:

Mayor Robert L. Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Chief Stephen Walker, Council Members: Farrish, Bee, and Pooley.
Excused: CM White

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda: CM Farrish, 2nd by CM Pooley.
Mayor Kerns in favor, Agenda approved

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports the following:

- A meeting is scheduled with a representative from the Office of Congresswoman Donna Edwards to discuss the possibility of bringing "The Bus" to Edmonston.
- Although The Maryland State Highway Administration revitalization project of Kenilworth Avenue is still in the designing phase, SHA informs that they will maintain the up keep of the road. Patch work will continue until the project is finalized and the funds approved.
- Will be having a meeting with a representative from the MNCPPC to discuss the probability of another location to relocate a Futsol field that was going to be installed at the Crittenden Park.
- Vintage Base Ball @ Magruder Park, Hyattsville on July 31, 2011.
- ATHA, MNCPPC, and the City of Hyattsville are bringing the Chesapeake and Potomac Base Ball Club to Hyattsville to play the 1861 version of baseball. This **FREE** double header will start at noon. The players will explain the game and ATHA will be out to talk about the impact of the Civil War in the area.
- He also requests that a reminder be placed in next edition of newsletter on our noise ordinance.
 - CM Farrish asks how the Town/Police can deal with residents that have loud religious services in the house/backyard.
 - Chief Walker informs that we cannot actually prohibit them _ it is a constitutional right, but we can work with the minister or resident to be mindful of others. And remind them as well of our noise ordinance.

Council's Report:

CM Farrish:

- Received the Banner City award during the Maryland Municipal League Convention at Ocean City.

- Attended workshops and the PGCMA breakfast.
- Informs that a business meeting will be held at the Port Towns CDC to form a networking committee on July 19th
- All PGCMA (Prince George's County Municipal Association) are open and encourage fellow council members to attend.
- David Harrington is working with the Port Towns Health Initiative. Grant funding will be available for activities that involve health such as sports, health alternatives. Would like the Town to participate in such activities.
- The Prince Georges County Fire Dept. is creating a community advisory committee.

CM White:

- Mentions she went on a ride along with Officer Burroughs. It was a great experience, she learned about the Town and the corporate limits.
- Asks when are the new yellow toters to be used? Mr. Tiberio informs as soon as residents like to, they are for immediate use.

CM Bee:

- Mentions that she was able to attend the MML Convention in Ocean City. She participated in the Sustainable Communities' Workshop, it was very informative.

CM Pooley

- Attended the MML Convention as well.
- She inquires the status of the houses that were involved in the fire early summer on Decatur St.
 - Mr. Tiberio informs that our Code Enforcer is working with the property owners. On one of the property the Town has abatement, and on the contractor form the other house is working on getting a county building permit.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio:

- Informs that the Town will be receiving an award from the MD Dept. of the Environment for our work on Decatur St.
- Our budget for fiscal year 10/11 has been amended. Copies of amended budget have been given to Council; additional ones are available upon request.
- Attended as well the convention in Ocean City.
- Although the Town may be exempt of the new Ethics Law that goes in effect in October, it is necessary that we update our existing one.
- Had a meeting with PG County Public Works dept. in reference to the storm drain repairs that are needed. They informed us that it is programmed to be done in FY 12-13.
- Our contractor has informed us that the paint needed for the bicycle lanes has been ordered but not yet received.

- The order has been placed for all signs that need to be replaced though out the Town.
- Our engineers have started working on the plans for the bio-retention pond to be installed on Buchanan St.
- On July 21, will be attending the mandatory Sustainable Communities workshop in Laurel along with Mayor Kerns.

Police /Code Report:

Chief Walker:

- Informs the ride along program is available to all Council members and residents.
- We have a new contract with Red Speed. They have placed to red cameras- one on Decatur and Kenilworth, the other on Buchanan and Kenilworth. They will be taking picture of drivers that make a right turn on red without stopping.
- He submits/ explains the reports for Police and Code Enforcement.

Public Comments:

No report

Action Items for Legislative Meeting

1. *Action on request for additional 6' fence for property on corner of 51st Avenue and Crittenden St. (approximately 12' by 24' long) - previously tabled. Motion to approve request made by CM Farrish, second by CM Pooley. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.*
2. *Action on request from Eco City Farms to increase the amount of chickens on farm to twelve. Motion to permit same amount (6) of chickens on the ECO City farm for another 6 months, subject to further revision made by CM Farrish, second by CM Bee. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.*
3. *Mayor Kerns' appointments to committees are as follows:
CM White – Public Works.
CM Bee – Police Department
CM Pooley- Administration
CM Farrish – Finance Chair
Rec. Board- Mayor Kerns*
4. *Action to approve request to the Maryland Historical Trust to reconsider the Plummer Rose Garden project. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.*
5. *Action to approve contract with G & C Consultants Inc. for design of the retention ponds to be installed on Buchanan St., not to exceed the amount of \$ 20,000. Motion made by CM Farrish, second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.*

Unfinished Business:

- CM Farrish asks if Elizabeth Landing include in the new recycling toters, if not if they can be included in the Towns recycling program.
 - Mr. Tiberio informs that they are not, because the Homeowner Association has their own private service for trash. But is willing to get some bins so that we can add them to our recycling. Will need to check our contract with Bates and have modified.

New Business

No new business

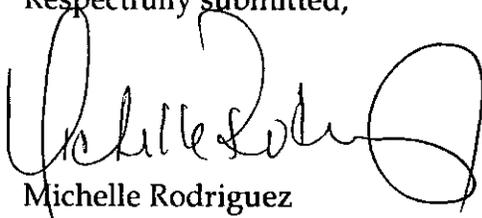
Adjournment

Motion t o enter a close session, made by CM Farrish, second by CM Bee.

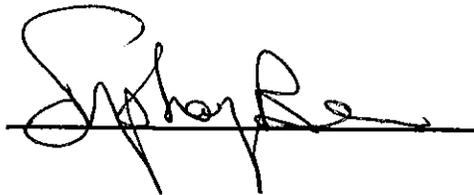
Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

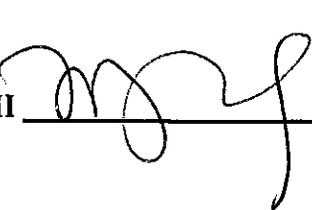
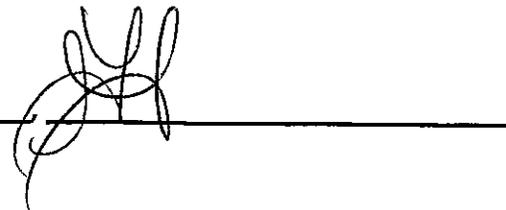
Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Rodriguez

WARD I

WARD II

MAYOR



**Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Council Special Legislative Meeting
Thursday, July 28, 2011- Minutes**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order @ 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Council Members: Farrish, Pooley, Bennett- White, and Bee,
Town Administrator Guy Tiberio and Town Clerk Michelle Rodriguez

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Kerns Led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor's Report:

No report

Town Administrator/Treasurer Report:

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Special Legislative Action Items

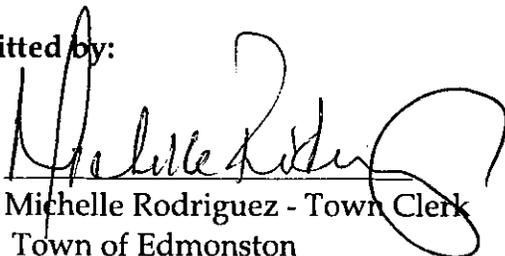
1. Action to pass Resolution 2011-R-01 authorizing the extension of the maturity date of the \$1,350,000 General Obligations bond series 2008 by the Mayor and Council to August 14, 2011. Entire resolution attached to these minutes as well as authorizing letter from TD Bank.

Motion to approve resolution 2011 R-01 made by CM Farrish, Second by CM. Bennett- White. Mayor Kerns in Favor.

Motion Carries, 4-0

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Michelle Rodriguez - Town Clerk
Town of Edmonston

WARD I Glenn Bennett-White , Schuyler

WARD II [Signature] [Signature]

MAYOR Robert L. Kern

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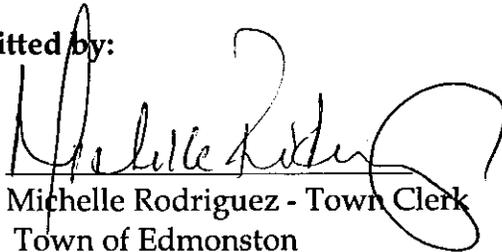
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Motion to approve resolution 2011 R-01 made by CM Farrish, Second by
CM. Bennett- White. Mayor Kerns in Favor.

Motion Carries, 4-0

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Michelle Rodriguez - Town Clerk
Town of Edmonston

WARD I Lita Bennett-White Schaper

WARD II [Signature] [Signature]

MAYOR Robert L. Kern

Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, August 8th, 2011

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Kerns.

In Attendance:

Mayor Robert L. Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Chief Stephen Walker, Council Members: Farrish, Bee, Pooley and White

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda: CM Farrish, 2nd by CM White.

Mayor Kerns in favor, Agenda approved

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports the following:

- Had a meeting with representatives of the MNCPPC for the relocation of the Futsol field. It was determined that a good location will be in the area behind the Edmonston Rec. Center by the basket ball court
- Participated in a conference call along with other government agencies and Vice President Biden. The topic that was discussed was the debt deal that was passed recently.
- On August 3rd there was a hearing at the Prince George's County Liquor Board to discuss the Surf Club suspension of their liquor license due to certain practices at the establishment. The Club was fined \$5,000 and advised in order to have entertainment the must seek the required permits.
- The Town received a letter from the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) in reference to bring buses to the Town. Unfortunately this is not a possibility, due to the grading of the hill on Decatur St.
- MD senate passed a bill on signs on public right of way. This bill will reinforce our sign ordinance.
- We had a great turn out for National Night Out event on the 2nd. Thanks everyone who assisted in one way or another.
- As known Edmonston day had to be canceled back in may, but it will be reschedule for the last week of September or the first week of October.

- ATHA will be doing a reenactment of the Battle of Bladensburg on the 11th.
- A letter was received from one of our local businesses _ Noland Company. They are very appreciative of the hard work that the Police Department has and been doing over the years.

Council's Report:

CM Farrish:

- Port Towns Day will be on September 17th at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Still need people to be part of the Committee.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio:

- The previous bond for 1.3 million dollars has been settled. A new one was issued in the amount approximate of \$761,000 for 17 years at a rate of 2.5%.
- We are working on the reimbursements of various grants.
- We have been receiving bids for several projects- solar panels and for a study that is to be made on the benefits of going green.
- Tomorrow a representative of the Maryland Dept of Energy will be here to present the Town with a check for the solar panels in the amount of \$18,000.
- We have received a document for the renewal of the franchise agreement with the local cable providers Comcast and the Town. Council needs to determine a date to discuss options.
- Sustainable Communities workshop/ meeting was in Laurel on July 21st. to learn more about the requirements of the Sustainable Communities Act. Both he and CM Bee attended this workshop. Mayor Kerns and CM Bee went to the one given during the MML Convention in June.
- Our financial situation is in good condition, but reminds everyone that we have just started the fiscal year; changes are expected as year goes along.

Police /Code Report:

Chief Walker:

- Informs that there has been a change in the Department. Ms Carmelita Ramirez has resigned her position as police clerk, and Mrs. Rocio Treminio was given the job. Rocio was hired as part time over the summer to cover Ms. Ramirez vacation, and has been doing it very well. We were fortunate to be able to find another Spanish speaker for the office.
- Our National Night Out Against Crime Event was a great success, appreciates all that helped, and volunteered.
- He submits/ explains the reports for Police and Code Enforcement.
 - Mayor Kerns ask why/ and what are the 29 business violations.
 - Chief explains that they Business License renewals- usually are the same people year.

- Police Department Award ceremony- Awards given to Minnick and Hartnett. Promotions given to Minnick from PFC to Cpl, and Hartnett from Cpl to Sgt.

Public Comments:

- Dr. Dallas – Resident on 5302 Lafayette Pl.
 - No parking in her area. When she has visitors, parking is very difficult.
 - Her house has been affected by the numerous trucks/ buses that go by her street. She claims that she get garbage in her side yard that is from the business.
 - Mayor Kerns will have our Code Enforcement and Police take care of her concerns.
- Allen Russell – Prince George’s County Resident
- Ken Levine – Montgomery County resident
- Lorrie Mumford- Hyattsville Resident
- Marybeth Shea- Prince George’s County Resident
 - All came to support the Surf Club and the event that they plan on having on the 27th. And are all DC Blue Society members.
 - Mayor Kerns informs that the decision on the Surf Club is not from the Town but of the Liquor Board. It will be during a hearing and this is a legal matter- for which the Town will not comment.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

Note: there were action items to be discussed.

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business

New Business

No new business

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Bee, second by CM Pooley; @ 8:12pm

Motion to reopen meeting by CM Farrish, second by CM Pooley @ 8:13pm

Motion to enter a close session, made by CM Farrish, second by CM White.

Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rodriguez

WARD I Selita Bennett-White [Signature]

WARD II [Signature] [Signature]

MAYOR Robert L. [Signature]

**Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, September 12th, 2011**

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Mayor Kerns.

In Attendance:

Mayor Robert L. Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Captain George Sullivan for Chief Walker, Council Members: Bee, Farrish, Pooley and White

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda: CM White, 2nd by CM Pooley.

Mayor Kerns in favor, Agenda approved

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports the following:

- The 2nd annual Edmonston Reunion was held at the Rec. Center. This event was organized and planned by a previous resident Mr. Wolfry. Its purpose was to reunite residents past and present of the Town.
 - CM Pooley ask why wasn't she aware of the reunion. Mayor Kerns responds that it was not a Town sponsored event, but a private. Mr. Wolfry- who is a son of a prior Town Mayor. He created a Facebook page and invited people.

- Next Saturday, September 17th, 2011 will be Port Towns Day at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. There will be different food vendors, various types of music, and demonstrations. The event is free.

- The last few weeks Mother Nature has have been very active. We had an earthquake, hurricane and heavy rains.
 - The Town Hall had some minor damage to the building during the earthquake. There was a little flood in the Police Department due to the rains; actually in Captain Sullivan's office. We have since replaced the carpet in his office and are working on correcting the cause of the problem.

- Last Friday, September 2nd; there was a gas leak at the Sunoco Gas Station at 4:30am. The 500 lbs. propane gas tank had leaked.
 - The Fire Department along with our Police Department evacuated residents from the Red Zone. This is the most hazardous area, and prone to an explosion. Residents and pets were provided shelter at the Town Hall. Once area was cleared everyone went back home.
 - Though it was a tough emergency situation, it is important to recognize everyone cooperation.

- The Department of Social Services has opened a satellite office at the Municipal Building of the Town of Colmar Manor. The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 5pm, to assist those in need.

Council's Report:

- CM Pooley:
 - Informs that she attended the Port Towns Quarterly meeting that was on August 10th, 2011.
 - Mentions that she was not aware of different situations that have occurred in Town and would like to create type of "List Serve" for announcements. Some of the occasions were:
 - The "Emergency Situation" that occurred with the Gas Leak;
 - Or any special meetings, (recently she was notified within hours of one).

With this will improve the manner in which residents get updates and information on different situations that occur in Town other than by the Town's Newsletter.

- ✓ Mayor Kerns asks: If there is an emergency in Town, and he is not on his computer, or sleeping how will he received this notification. CM Pooley recognizes that that can be a problem, but would like to at least try for the e-delivery option for the newsletter.
- CM Bee:
 - Mentions that for the Port Towns Day event several activities are planned. Starting on Friday with a Free Movie Night at 7pm. Saturday will have several family fun events as well. Variety of food and music vendors from the area.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio:

- Construction for the evidence room in the Police shed is completed.
- Construction is still in process for Public Work office in their shed. When completed our crew will have a small office with an A/C unit installed.
- We are working with our Grant Consultant, Ms. Lisa Lincoln for the billing for our several grants that were awarded but funds yet to be received.
- We have yet to hear from the State in reference to the relocation of the Bio - Retention Pond Project. A letter was submitted to the Port Towns CDC Chair - Mrs. Barrow since it was approved through the Community Legacy Program and the CDC.
- We have requested quotes for the roof modification that is necessary to install solar panels. Many of the roofing companies haven't answered because have been busy due to the past storms.
- Our financial situation is not good. We are working very hard to keep up and alive. We are working on receiving monies due. There are several business in

Town that have yet to pay their annual license. The Town has the authority to close them down if they do not pay.

- On the evacuation of residents on 52nd Ave.
 - Prince George's County Fire Department notified our Police department and the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire department of situation and ordered the evacuation.
 - Residents were offered shelter at the Town Hall. We had over 50 people and some animals.
 - The Town does have an emergency operation plan that is cooperation with the Police Department and Fire Department.
 - The Police Department is equipped with a PA system that can be used to alert neighbors. For this particular situation it wasn't because we didn't want people turning moving or cars. Officers, Fire Fighters and the Mayor went door to door waking up residents and notifying them to abandon their houses.
 - During an emergency essential personal is notified. Top priority is given to the Chief of Police, Mayor and the Town Administrator. These notifications are usually done via telephone call.
 - Once situation is under control, CM should be notified. Residents/ public may not be aware if the area involved does not affect them.
 - Mayor Kerns mentions that both Comcast and Fios has a channel designated for the Town, but to be able to use it we will need a character generator that is costly and not the right time to buy.
- ✓ CM Pooley asked the administrator is the roofing companies that are waiting for are Town based companies, such as Wagner and Kibler.
 - Mr. Tiberio's response is that the companies must work with Eco-Roofing material. But is willing to give them as call.

Police /Code Report:

Captain Sullivan:

- He submits both Police and Code Enforcement reports.
 - Mayor Kerns about the situation at the Sonoco Gas Station, and the purse snatching.
 - Captain Sullivan explains that decoy car has been parked in the area. Signs have been put up, but if citizens do not do their part in closing cars not much that can be done.

Public Comments:

- Presentation made by Mr. Mark Herbold of Green Spring Energy.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

1. *Introduction of Ordinance 2011-OR-003: Re: Amendment by adding Section 46.8 State Highway Right-of-Way to Chapter 46 Signs and Outdoor Displays.* Ordinance Introduced.
2. *Action to approve minutes of Legislative Meetings.* . Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM White.
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
3. *Action to join the County/Municipal Cable commission to renew Comcast Franchise agreement.* . Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Bee.
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
4. *Action on position of Mayor and Council on a request for Entertainment Permit for the Surf Club.* Motion to table made by CM Pooley, second by CM Bee.
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business

New Business

- Mayor Kerns would like for Counsel to consider the following:
 - To have the Newsletter be done every other month, unless necessary.
 - And to eliminate the August Legislative Meeting.
 - Mr. Tiberio advises the Mayor that to eliminate one of the Town Council meetings it must be done by Charter Change.
- CM Farrish mentions that she would like to receive the agenda before Council meetings, in case something needs to be added.
 - Mr. Tiberio informs her that sometimes the agenda isn't finalized until last minute. All members are welcome to add items to the agenda.
- CM Pooley asks about work sessions, and if public is invited.
 - Mr. Tiberio informs that all meetings are open to the public with the exception of close meetings.
 - During work sessions items are discussed but not voted on. Voting on action items must be done during Legislative Meetings.
- CM White asks how do residents go about getting any permits, for example building, trash, ect.
 - Mr. Tiberio informs that permits are requested at the Town hall, and at time it may need a permit from the county. In case of any doubt if work needs a permit to always check with Code Enforcement.

- o Bulk trash is on Wednesdays, residents must call Bates to get on the list. Yard waste is on Fridays. A reminder of our trash schedule can be placed in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Bee, second by CM Pooley @ 8.30pm

Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rodriguez

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MAYOR *Robert L. Kerns*

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Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda: CM White, 2nd by CM Pooley.

Mayor Kerns in favor, Agenda approved

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports:

- Our Edmonston Day Celebration was a huge success! We estimated around 500 people attended. He expresses his appreciation for everyone's hard work. This serves us as motivation for next year. Planning for 2012 celebration will begin in February 2012.
- Port Town's Day was celebrated on Saturday, September 17th. It also had a very good turnout. During the event he was able to speak to Lt. Governor Brown. The Lt. Governor expressed that he would like to help Edmonston with any pending projects the Town might have. Mayor Kerns mentioned to the Lt. Governor the need for sidewalks on Kenilworth Ave.
- Next Tuesday, October 18th will be the Port Towns Quarterly Meeting at the Bladensburg Town Hall.
- Senator Cardin awarded the Town a grant for rain gardens during a presentation last week in Bladensburg.
- On September 18, 2011, Mrs. Gladys Hensley, at the age of 76, passed away. She was a former Council Member and the wife of the late Mayor Stuart B. Hensley. May she rest in peace.
- ECO City Farms will be unveiling two new projects -- a mural depicting a healthy food community and plans for an ambitious farm expansion -- in a ceremony on Friday, October 21, from 10:30-11:30 am., and they will also be giving tours from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- There will be a Blues Festival in the neighboring Town of College Park, on Saturday, November 12th.

- ✓ The Town has a grant that will pay for the signs, but it requires for them to be two sided and explanatory.
- Mentions that on the bridge - north side the light is out.
- CM Pooley also mentions that she has noticed that our street lights are turning on late.
 - ✓ Mr. Tiberio will mention both to our Public Works department. The street lights timer must be changed.

Police /Code Report:

Chief Walker:

- He submits and explains both Police and Code Enforcement reports.
- Informs that we weren't selected for the Cops Grant. Our department came in 10th on the list.
- Explains the Parking Permit Enforcement
 - Mayor Kerns- ask about the enforcement on out-of-state tags on cars.
 - Chief mentions that the department has been noticing an increment of this in our area. He will submit an article about this for the newsletter.

Public Comments:

No comments

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

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Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
2. *Action to approve minutes of Legislative Meeting for August 8th, 2011. Motion by CM Bennett-White, Second by CM Farrish.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
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4. *Action on position of Mayor and Council on a request for Entertainment Permit for the Surf Club. (Previously Tabled) Motion to retable by CM Farrish, Second by CM Pooley.*
Motion Tabled.
5. *Action to amend budget for audit increase of \$2,800 due to Green Street - Federal Grant Requirement. Motion by CM Farrish, Second by CM Bennett- White.*
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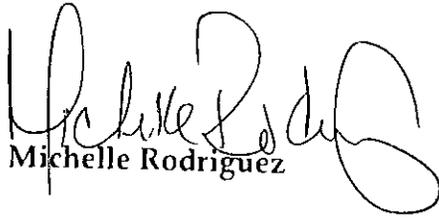
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Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Rodriguez

The forgoing Minutes were read and approved on April 9, 2012

Mayor

Robert L. Herron 4-9-12

Town Administrator

Guy Schiro 4-9-12

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Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports:

- Was able to participate as one of the Judges during the Port Towns event of National Food Day. The event consisted of a Youth Debate focused on 2 goals: Reduce obesity and diet-related disease by promoting healthy foods and Promote children's health by curbing junk-food marketing aimed at kids. The topic that was discussed was: Should parents of obese children go to jail. It was a very good event- the teenagers in the debate were very well prepared.
- Attended the Port Towns Annual Partners meeting held at the Town of Colmar Manor during which former Mayor Adam Ortiz stepped down as Chair and Ms. Diana Fennell was elected as the new Chair of the Port Towns Community Development Corporation on October 25th.
- Just received word that Congresswoman Donna Edwards is coming to Town on or about December 15th. More details are to come.
- Our Halloween party was a huge success - we had over 400 people come by. A big thank you to all the staff, but especially to Rocio and her family, Michelle and her family. Michelle's husband - Luis (a former Town Police Officer) constructed the Haunted House.
- Representatives from Maryland State Highway Administration will be here next month to talk about the MD 201 project among other topics.
- Attended the ECO City Farms unveiling ceremony for two new projects - a mural depicting a healthy food community and plans for an ambitious farm expansion on

October 21. After the ceremony Mayor Kerns was also able to take a tour of the Farm. Mentions how impressive it was.

- Upcoming events are:
 - HR Block is giving a free Second Look on your prior year taxes, this Saturday November 19th at the Rec. Center. For every second look they will be donating \$ 5.00 to the Town.
 - Town Christmas party for residents will be Wednesday, December 21st, 2011 at the Town Hall at 6 pm. Santa Claus will be attending.

Council's Report:

- CM Pooley:
 - On November 4th, 2011 there was a Bike Rally with 1.5 Bike ride at the Bladensburg Waterfront, attended by administration officials. It culminated in a bike ride with Senator Cardin and Governor O'Malley. Governor O'Malley's son got to the finish line 1st.
 - The Eco- City Farms has announced that they have started their Winter Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program. This program allows consumers to partner directly with the farm. By purchasing your share in advance, you provide the farmer with the capital needed for seeds, supplies, and labor to plant the crops, and will receive a share of the farm's produce. More information is available on the program.
 - Had a meeting with Ms. Lorrie Tally - discussed the many feral cats in the area.
- CM Farrish:
 - On October 27, 2011 she was able to attend a press conference given by Senators Cardin, - and Mikulski, and members of President Obama's cabinet. The recently passed Job Bill was the topic of the event.
 - Attended the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference held in Cambridge. One of the topics discussed was the State Highway revenue.
 - Banner City- we are on the path to be named Banner city for the 2nd time. For this we are planning to have an Open House Event on November 22. This will give our residents/ or anyone interested in learning/ understanding more on how the municipal governments works, as well as what is each department responsible for.
 - PTCDC- is planning to celebrate Black History Month together. Would like to have a representative of the Town of the committee.
- CM Bee:
 - Attended the Port Towns CDC Annual Meeting on October 25, 2011 that was held at the Colmar Manor Town Community Center. Former Edmonston Mayor Adam Ortiz stepped down as Chairperson, and Ms Diana Fennell was elected new Chairperson of the CDC.

- CM White:
 - Attended on October 24, 2011 the Showcase of Schools held at the William Wirt Middle School in Riverdale. There were different expositions/ demonstrations given. It was impressive the amount of technology that is available for students at our area schools.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio informs:

- We're still waiting for an answer from the PTCDC on the relocation of the Community Legacy grant relocation request.
- All work on our roof of the building is done; next step is installation of solar panels. We will be awarding the project soon.
- Our auditors have requested an extension- they are still processing information.
- Green for All will be hosting a press event with Congresswoman Donna Edwards, along with EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Nancy Stoner on the 15th of December. Still awaiting more details on the event.
- The Sunoco Gas Station on the corner of Kenilworth Ave. and Decatur St. has requested to have a gas line installed on their premises. For this Washington Gas Company will need to cut into our new green street. After several meetings with both parties it has been agreed to allow them to install the line but they must repave four feet with same material. Washington Gas will make a donation to the Town in the amount of \$15,000 to be used for the installation of recording /camera equipment for our Town Meetings.
- We have received a request from the Christian Life Center of the neighboring Town of Riverdale Park and Riverdale Park Elementary School to participate in a Coat and Clothing Drive for the needy.
- There are still approximately 4 or 5 grants pending - hopefully we should be done with them by February of 2012.
- Our financials are in good shape.

Police/Code Report:

Chief Walker gives/ explains both Police and Code Enforcement reports. He also mentions:

- The Town's Halloween party was a success- community enjoyed and no major events occurred. Officers were out in the community - present and visible.
- The Surf Club has closed and they are going to change the establishment into a Laundromat.
- Officers have been issuing warnings/citations for out of state tags.
 - CM White mentions that she noticed signs at the Sunoco Gas station- advising customers to lock cars.

Presentation on:

Green Surfaces given by: Lisa Lincoln of Green ReVisions, and Michael Lucy of the Anacostia Watershed Society

Personal Property Tax given by George Martin & Son, Ms. Lisa Pearce- Owners of the Martin Industrial Park

Public Comments:

- Christian Melendez from the Eco City Farms requests to have probation lifted that permitted the 6 chickens on the farm. The Farm would like to request to have additional chickens and be permitted to have ducks as well on farm.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

1. *Approval to spend up to \$500.00 for Thanksgiving Food baskets for residents in need. Motion made by CM Farrish, second by Cm White.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
2. *Action on position of Mayor and Council on a request for Entertainment Permit for the Surf Club. (Previously Tabled). Motion to dismiss previously tabled item made by Cm Farrish, second by CM White.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
3. *Actions to permit ECO-City Farms to have 12 chickens and 4 ducks on the premises for a probation period of 6 months. Motion by CM Pooley, Second by CM Bee.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business

New Business:

Mayor Kerns mentions that he has submitted to council a draft of the Town's Code to be reviewed for updating to council. This will be worked on during future work sessions.

- Cm Pooley would like to have a copy sent to her electronically if possible.

Adjournment

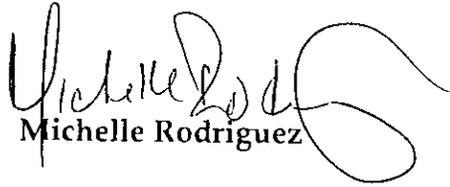
Motion to close regular meeting and enter a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter by CM White second by CM Pooley @ 8:55pm

Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Entered in closed meeting after 10 minute break

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Rodriguez

The forgoing Minutes were read and approved on April 9, 2012

Mayor Robert L. Herron 4-9-12

Town Administrator Guy Schiro 4-9-12

Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, December 12th, 2011

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Mayor Kerns.

In Attendance:

Mayor Robert L. Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Captain George Sullivan for Chief Walker, Council Members: Bee, Farrish, Pooley and White

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda: CM White, 2nd by CM Pooley.
Mayor Kerns in favor, Agenda approved

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports:

- On December 15th Congresswoman Donna Edwards will be in Town of a press event hosted by Green for All. It will be at 10am at the Veteran's Park.
- The Town's holiday party for residents will be on December 21st from 6 pm to 9 pm. Our Town Employee/ Staff holiday lunch will be on December 23rd at noon.
- We will be starting with our work sessions in January 2012. This is to work on the Town Code and election Manual.

Council's Report:

- CM Farrish: Attended the Port Towns CDC Holiday Fundraising event held at the Crossroads entertainment complex in Bladensburg with Senator Victor Ramirez. Awards were given to Chief Walker and our Code Enforcement Officer- Randy Kuenzli - for their contribution to the Port Town Area.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio informs:

- Our Public Works crew will be picking up leaves until January of 2012, or until we get snow.
- He is in process of review the proposal that were submitted for the solar panel grant project.
- Our audit has been finalized and submitted. Copies have been distributed and placed in each council member mailbox; additional copies for public are available upon request.
- Our tax differential has been submitted as well- we are awaiting feedback from the County.

Police /Code Report:

Chief Walker:

- He submits both Police and Code Enforcement reports.
- Announces that Officer Minnick is a new father- just has a baby boy, and that he has presented his resignation. Minnick will be leaving us to join another agency in Washington County. he is a very good officer, well dedicated and will be missed. Chief is working on filling the position that will be vacated by minnick- in order to avoid a gap in coverage.

Public Comments:

No comments

Presentation by:

Maryland State Highway Administration
Green ReVisions: Green Educational Center

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

1. Action to approve Resolution 2011-01; Re: Ninth Amended and Restated Local Insurance Trust Agreement. *Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM White.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
2. Action to approve Resolution 2011; R-02; Re: Red Light Enforcement Program. *Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM Pooley.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
3. Action to formalize Cable Franchise renewal negotiations from Comcast previously approved in September of 2011; to determine cable related needs and interests. The process shall include public notice and participation and allow the Town to participate on joint negotiations with other franchise authorities. Town Staff is authorized to send a letter notifying Comcast of this action. *Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
4. Action to approve matching funds for Town share of employee 457 plan for 2011 in the amount of \$16,255. *Motion made by CM Farrish, second by CM Bee.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.

Unfinished Business:

- CM White: inquires if a building permit has been issued to the Surf Club for all the work/ renovations that are being done at this location?
 - Mr. Tiberio informs that they do have required permits - from the County and the Town. He is in conversations with the owner to have the name modified. The proprietor plans use the name of Hyattsville Laundromat- we suggested that he use Edmonston or Port Town's.

- Mr. Tiberio wishes to express his gratitude to the Mayor and Town Council for the renewal of his contract for the next three years.

New Business

- No New Business

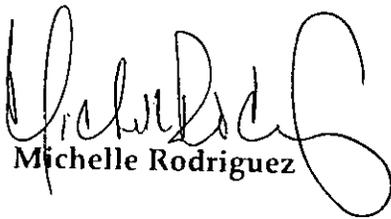
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Bee, second by CM Pooley @ 8:40pm
Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Rodriguez

The forgoing Minutes were read and approved on April 9, 2012

Mayor Robert L. Kerns 4-9-12

Town Administrator Guy Tiberio 4-9-12

Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, January 9th, 2012

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Kerns.

In Attendance:

Mayor Robert L. Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Captain George Sullivan for Chief Walker, Council Members: Bee, Farrish, Pooley and White

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda: CM White, 2nd by CM Pooley.

Mayor Kerns in favor, Agenda approved

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports:

- Was able to attend the Port Towns Center for Community Development Annual Legislative Dinner that was held in the Town of Colmar Manor.
 - A presentation was made that emphasized the many distinct projects that the CDC has worked on, as well as their future plans for the upcoming year.
 - During the meeting the Port Towns CDC presented their legislative agenda for 2012, which constitutes attracting new businesses, improving street infrastructure and bringing more transportation options to the area.
 - It was also mentioned that the county is analyzing the possibility of a 5 cent bag tax in order to be able to provide funding to clean up the Anacostia River..
- We received notification that Maryland State Highway Administration has approved \$400,000 in funds for different use projects. Hopefully our sidewalks for Kenilworth Avenue are one of those projects.
- Solar panels for the Town hall are to be installed within the next week. This will provide the energy needed for hot water use in the building. Whatever energy that is not consumed will be sent back to the grid and will reflect as a credit on our electric bill.
- As part of a grant with the Maryland Clean Energy Commission; soon a computerized Kiosk will be installed in the building as well. It will provide the public with information in saving energy, and energy ideas.

- Our Holiday Party that was held in December party was success. We had a full house. Thanks to Officer Jones who escorted Santa; children were able to take their picture and enjoy the food with him.

Council's Report:

- CM Pooley:
 - Mentioned that was able to attend a historic presentation at St. Paul the Baptist Church.
 - Attended the Port Town Legislative Dinner.
- CM Farrish:
 - Attended the Port Town Legislative Dinner. It was very informational.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio informs:

- Our financials are stable. It's important that we be cautious, with our spending. There is still 6 months left in the current fiscal year.
- We have received the Tax Differential report from Prince George's County. The County's Property Tax is \$.13 less and the Business Personal Property tax will be \$.28 less.
- We will participate along with 8 other municipalities in a grant from MDE. As a Town we must submit 5 possible candidates; who much meet certain criteria. Those that do classify will receive a free energy audit and assistance designated to making homes energy efficient.
- Attended as well the Port Towns Dinner meeting along with Counsel. The next Quarterly meeting will be held here in our Town. This meeting is usually scheduled for the month of April.

Police /Code Report:

Chief Walker:

- He submits both Police and Code Enforcement reports.
- Awards were given to Officers Jones and Burroughs- Chief Award. .

Public Comments:

- Charlie Mays - 52nd Ave. - mentions that he noticed that a car from the apartments has been parking on the street with a visitor pass. Permit parking was designed to avoid having people from other areas park in the wrong street.
 - Mayor Kerns explains that permit was given to one car alone. The car owner is a UMD student valid only for 6 months- until the student finished his last year attending the university.

Presentations by:

- Martin Industries- George Martin.
- Prince George's County Fire Chief - Mark Bashor
- Diane Fennell- Port Towns CDC

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

1. Introduction and approval of Resolution 2012-01; Re: Changes to Workman's' Compensation Law. *Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM White.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
2. Action to approve Employment Agreement for Town Administrator. *Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM White.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business

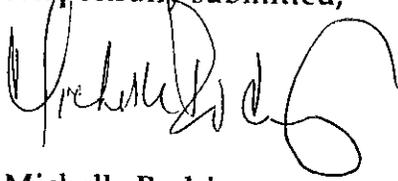
New Business:

- CM Farrish: Asks who placed the "No Parking" signs on Kenilworth Avenue. She mentions that they do not have enough places to park.
 - Chief Walker informs that those sign were place by Maryland State Highway Administration.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM White, second by CM Bee @ 8.50pm
Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Rodriguez

The forgoing Minutes were read and approved on April 9, 2012

Mayor

Robert L. Herron 4-9-12

Town Administrator

Guy Schiro 4-9-12

**Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, February 13th, 2012**

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Kerns.

In Attendance:

Mayor Robert L. Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Captain George Sullivan for Chief Walker, Council Members: Bee, Pooley and White

CM Farrish excused

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda: CM White, 2nd by CM Pooley.

Mayor Kerns in favor, Agenda approved

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports:

- Attended a meeting with the owner of Thrifty Iron Works, and representatives of the neighboring Town of Riverdale Park. During which the owner of Thrifty mentioned his interest in purchasing the property that is adjacent to his. The purpose of purchasing this property to demolish the existing house (which is abandoned) and convert into a parking lot for his employees.
- Recently WSSC broke a section of our dear Decatur Street to do some repairs. Unfortunately, it wasn't fixed with the right materias. Mr. Tiberio and I have been in discussions with WSSC to have the repairs done property.
- On Thursday, February 16th will be the PGCMA Meeting in the Town of Colmar Manor.
- There is a meeting scheduled on February 24th @ 10am, with the Maryland State Highway Administration to discuss corridor improvements on Kenilworth Avenue.
- Edmonston Day this year will be on October 13th, 2012 from noon to 6 p.m.

Council's Report:

- CM Bee:
 - Attend the Health Wellness Event - sponsored by Kaiser Permanente in Colmar Manor.
- CM Pooley:
 - Attended a meeting with the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area in January 16th, 2012. To discuss the planning of different events for the commemoration of the War of 1812.
 - Informs that Earth Day this year will be on April 22nd, 2012. Different events will be held though out the area. More information on times and locations can be found on the AWS website.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio informs:

- The Town has submitted the names and information of 3 residents for the Energy Audit grant from MDE. This grant is in collaboration with several municipalities, and is very similar to an energy grant from the county.
- Metropolitan Industries informed us that they have been doing several audits and are very willing to work with the Town.
- Our contract with Bates has ended; we are in the process of renegotiation. Some issues that were mentioned to them were:
 - Some drivers drop/ spill trash, and do not pick it up;
 - After garbage is loaded into truck they are failing to put the totes back on the sidewalk or curb where they belong.
- We have received the permit from Pepco for the use of our solar panels. This permit is to allow the unused energy generated by the Town be placed back on the grid, resulting in a credit on our bill.
- We are working with Duff Signs on the redesigning of the signs for Decatur St. The original signs were designed by the previous Mayor and Council, but resulted to large and have much wording.
- Attended a roundtable meeting along with 16 other municipalities in reference to the Comcast negotiations. Several towns have entered the negotiation, since the time that the Council agreed in supporting. Our portion of the attorney fees, once all is done is \$ 900 approximately.
- As mentioned by the Mayor, we are waiting to hear from WSSC- about the cutting up of Decatur street without prior notification to the Town.
- The location that belonged to the Surf Club has been turned into a laundry. The new owners are in process of getting the required permits for the water and gas lines.
- The Budget for the next fiscal year is 80% done and almost ready to be submitted to the Mayor, after which it will be given to the Council for review. The public hearing will be held on May 14th.
- Bills have been sent for the two completed grants and are awaiting payment.
- During a recent round table with the Town of Forest Heights and PGCMA- a question came about is that why the PGMCA doesn't inform the members of what's going on in other towns?
- The Town has been recommended for second time in a row to be named as one of the "Greenest Towns in America".
- Tomorrow, Mrs. Lisa Lincoln (our Grant Consultant) will be in to finalize the design of the kiosk.

Police /Code Report:

Capitan Sullivan:

- He submits both Police and Code Enforcement reports.

Public Comments:

- Mr. George Martin- Martin Industrial
 - Mentions the Personal Property Taxes on business, and that he would like to have cooperation with discussing with the Town of Riverdale Park for the possibility in having Lafayette Place open to traffic.
- Reverend Clifford King Jr. - New Hope Church of God located at 5346 46th Ave.

- Wanted to present and inform the Council of the church, and its willingness to work with the community.
- Doug Jarman (Mr. Magic- Ice Cream vendor) – ask the Council to reconsider the law that doesn't allow ice cream truck to play music within the corporate limits of the Town.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

1. *Introduction and approval of Resolution 2012-02; Re: Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, Inc. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.*
2. *Introduction and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Port Towns Community Development Corporation (PTCDC). Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.*

Unfinished Business:

- CM Bee:
 - Asks about the status of the Plumber Garden
 - When will/ what type of modifications be done at the Veteran's park in relations to the raising of the levee?
 - Mayor Kerns states that we are still waiting for approval for the Garden, and that Veteran's park will be removed.
- CM White:
 - Asks about who does the proofing of the Town's Newsletter?
 - Mr. Tiberio informs that the newsletter is proofed by himself and the chief, then it is submitted to the Mayor before publishing.
- CM Pooley:
 - Mentions that she has noticed the lights on the pumping station are constantly on. Would like to know the purpose of having so many lights.
 - The Town's website also needs updating. Would like to see on the page different events, as well an updated list of articles where our Town has been mentioned.
 - Mr. Tiberio states that the Pumping Station is controlled by the Prince George's County Dept. of Public Works. The lights are for security reason because they will visit the facilities at random times. He will make a recommendation to the PG County DPW- to correct or adjust the timers.
 - Mayor Kerns asks CM Pooley to work with the Chief on the website.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Pooley second by CM White @ 8:50pm
 Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor
 Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, March 12nd, 2012

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Kerns.

In Attendance:

Mayor Robert L. Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Chief Walker, Council Members: Bee, Farrish, Pooley and White

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda: CM White, 2nd by CM Pooley.

Mayor Kerns in favor, Agenda approved

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kerns reports:

- We are waiting for our kiosk to arrive in order to finalize the solar panel grant project.
- Decatur Street signs are in process of modification. We are working with former Mayor Adam Ortiz and Duff Signs. Hopefully it will be done by April 15th, 2012.
- The work in the levee is schedule to start by the ending of the month.
- The next PGMCA meeting will be in Bowie, on Thursday, March 15th, 2012.
- The budget for fiscal year 12/ 13 is currently being reviewed. We are working very hard on not raising taxes, nor reduce services provided.
- Work sessions will be put off until April 2012
- Recently, during a fire in the Town of Riverdale Park- 2 volunteers from the Bladensburg Fire Department were seriously injured. Please keep these fine brave men in your prayers.
- Next Sunday, clocks are changed forward an hour. Use this a reminder for everyone to change the batteries in smoke detectors.
- Received an email from one of our residents who at has been going though some hardship. She expresses her gratefulness towards the Town, but would like to recognize the hard work, of one employee in particular. This employee has in worked the resident on several occasions - beyond of what may be expected. That employee is our Town Clerk: Michelle Rodriguez.

Mayor Kerns also takes the opportunity to present Fire Chief Randy Kuenzli from the Bladensburg Volunteer fire Department with donation. Thanks the department for their work and cooperation with the Town.

Council's Report:

- CM Farrish:
 - MML is working on the "If I were Mayor..." essay contest. This contest is for 4th graders though out the state. It gives children the opportunity to express themselves and help us get a better prospective on what changes are needed though their eyes. Participating in the promotion of this contest is mandatory to be considered a Banner City.

- CM Pooley:
 - Eco City Farms will be having an internship available for high school students.
 - Community Forklift will be having their annual Garden Party fundraiser event on March 31st, 2012.
- CM White:
 - A resident from Ward II; contacted her to request an extension on ticket. Was surprised because she represents- Ward I. She referred the resident to Chief Walker; who talked to the resident and took care of situation.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio informs:

- There will be a meeting on the March 28th, in The Town of Bladensburg to discuss the Rain Garden grant.
- We have submitted bills for all grants that are done, awaiting payment. The main pending on is the teaching grant. The deadline for that is May 2012.
- Copies of the Charter have been distributed; to look over. We will be working on updating the Town Charter during the work session. We will also be working on updating the Town's Code in the upcoming months.
- This is the last quarter for the fiscal year. We must be very cautious.
- The Town's budget although almost done, is uncertain. It will depend on what happens with the State's budget.

Police/Code Report:

- He submits both Police and Code Enforcement reports.
- Reminds everyone that the Award Banquet for the Prince George's County Chief's Association is on April 12th, 2012.
- COPS Grant has reopen- will apply again. A new requirement for this year - is that the person to be contracted must be a Veteran.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Benny Meeks- The Firewood Factory- Kenilworth Avenue. Would like to request to meet with the Mayor and Mr. Tiberio in reference on seeking a new location for his business.
- Ms. Beatrice Tignor, Prince George's County Municipal Liaison, and Mr. Michael Lyles, Prince George's County Human Relations Commission, Executive Director - talks about the Agency.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting

1. *Action on request from Mr. Magic (Ice Cream Vendor) to be exempt from Chapter 35 Peace and Good Order § 35-24. Vendors ringing bells or signals- No action taken.*
2. *Approval of Agreement with Maryland Department of Agriculture for Mosquito Spraying for the Town of Edmonston between 06/01/2012 and 09/14/2012 Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.*
3. *Action to support Senate Bill- SB 753 and companion house bill by Delegate Anne Healy Re: Blighted Properties, Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM Pooley Motion passed. Mayor Kerns in favor.*

4. *Action to approve new agreement with Red Speed LLC Re: Red Light Cameras. Motion made by CM Farrish second by CM White.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.
5. *Action to approve resolution CR-12 RE: MOU Agreement with other Towns for Public Works Services during emergency situations. Motion made by CM Farrish, second by CM Pooley. Motion passed,*
Mayor Kerns in favor.
6. *Action to approve agreement with GovDeal.com to sell unwanted assets; guns, cameras radio equipment among others declared surplus. Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM White. Motion passed,*
Mayor Kerns in favor.
7. *Action to introduce and approve Emergency Ordinance 2012-OR-01 Amending Chapter 50 "Multifamily Rental Licensing and Inspection"; Section 50-5 Application; Fees; Information. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor.*

Unfinished Business:

- Mayor Kerns
 - Mentions that he has noted several loose dogs on and around Hamilton Street.
 - Chief Walker will mention to Code Enforcement.
- CM Bee:
 - Would like have an update on the status of the Laundry on Kenilworth Avenue, and if they are still planning to be opened 24 hours.
 - Mr. Tiberio informs that the owners were having some problems in getting the connections to gas, all windows have been cut, waiting to have trim installed; it will not be a 24 hour laundry.
- CM White:
 - Mentions that she has seen dogs as well on her street
 - Would like to know, what will be done in the area where the house, that was on 47th Avenue was?
 - The land belongs to MNCPPC- nothing has been approve for now; but maybe a new playground.
- CM Pooley:
 - The lights on the pumping station are still on.
 - Tiberio mentions that he was able to speak to the director of Public Works for the County. No answer was given, but will give them another call.
 - Would like to have something in the Newsletter on feral cats- she has seen several in the area.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Pooley second by CM Bee @ 9:10pm
Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, April 12, 2012**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kerns at 7:10pm

In attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Chief Stephen Walker,
Council Members: Farrish and Pooley.

Excused: Council member Bee; and White

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish. Agenda approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerns informs:

- Our Veteran's Park was removed. This was necessary in order to comply with the Army Corps of Engineers and Prince George's County levee project.
- This next Thursday, April 12th, will be the Prince George's County Chief's Association award banquet. The event will be held in the Gold Room, in the Municipal Building of the City of Glenarden.
- Also on Thursday, but at 7pm, will be the Port Towns Quarterly Meeting- it's our turn to host the meeting. It would be appreciated if all Council Members are present at this meeting.
- Next month Mr. Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, will give a short presentation on ATHA's upcoming events.
- The Town's budget will be presented to Council Members tonight.

Council Report

CM Farrish informs:

- We are expecting a large turnout for the Port Towns Quarterly meeting that will be this Thursday, at the Town Hall. We are expecting several partners to be at the meeting.

The Port Towns Community Development Center (CDC) has been around since 1995; they are committed in attracting, promoting partnerships and investors to create and cultivate the economic growth of the area within the 4 towns. (Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City and Edmonston).

Administrator/Treasurer's Report

Mr. Guy Tiberio informs:

- The tax rate for the new fiscal year is due on April 16, 2012. It must be set today in order to comply with the county requirements.
- We have sent an letter to the Port Towns CDC, to inquire about the status of request on relocation ponds for the Community Legacy Grant.
- This week the monitor for our solar panels will be installed- ith that we finalize all requirements on that grant as well.
- Comcast franchise agreement renewal is still unway, this is a long process. Comcast is requesting that we inform residents that they will be having a public meeting where clients can attend and give any recommendations and suggestions. No complaints will be taken at the meeting.
- State budget for the next fiscal year has not been finalized yet. There have been talks about some budget cuts that will affect us. Until they states budget is done, we must be very cautious on our spending.
- Earth day clean up will be on April 21; anyone interested in participating can contact the Town of Riverdale Park- Public Works director.
- In response to CM Pooley's inquires
 - Lights on pumping station- the Prince Georges County Dept of public works informed that lights are on a security measure and to prevent vandalism. No further details were offered.
 - Possibility of gardening on Decatur St. - no viable; part of the agreement of bio-retention ponds is that all plants must be endemic to area. If she can locate another area in the town for the garden, will have area surveyed.

Police/ Code Report

- Informs that Officer Brandon Burroughs has been selected officer of the year, for the county, by the Prince George's County Police Chief Association. He will be recognized during the award ceremony that will be held on Thursday, April 19th.
- Informs that he will be submitting the application for the COPS grant again this year. This year one of the requirements is that the officer that is hired though this grant be a returning veteran from the war.
- He gives and explains both Police and Code reports.

Public Comments

- In attendance to the meeting were several business owners from Ingraham Street. In an organized fashion they came to request the Mayor and Council remove the parking restriction for weekends. They have expressed the desire in working with the Town, and have promised to keep area clean of trash and debris. The business

wieners express that they would also like the existing signs to be updated, for it is not clear if parking is from 6am to 6pm or vice versa.

- A decision on the matter will be taken during next month's council meeting.
- Mrs. Matilda McNiel- It's a Girl's Thing Program
Informs the council of what the program consists and thanks the town for allowing the program to be held at the Rec. center
- Resident Mr. Charles Hiederman of 4710 Decatur:
 - Informs that has notice people since the removal of the stop sign at 49th and Decatur more people have been speeding- especially those that are coming from tracks towards Kenilworth Ave. Would like to have matter addressed and if possible a speed camera.
 - Noise complaint on Metro Paving. - he informs that the company has been making too much noise lately with trucks and tractors.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

1. *Action to approve minutes of Legislative Meeting for month of October 2011. Motion made by CM Farrish, second by CM Pooley.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor
2. *Action to approve minutes of Legislative Meeting for month of November 2011. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor
3. *Action to approve minutes of legislative meeting for month of December 2011. Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM Farrish.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor
4. *Action to approve minutes of legislative meeting for month of January 2012. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Bee.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Bee second by CM Farrish @ 8:55pm
Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, June 11th, 2012**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kerns at 7:10pm

In attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Chief Stephen Walker,
Council Members: Farrish and Pooley.

Excused: CM White

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish. Agenda approved.

Mayor's Report

- The Town received an award from the Maryland General Assembly: The Champion of Change Award for 2011.
- State of the Town:
 - Our solar panel project is just about done: we are waiting to receive the kiosk for it to be completed. As well as our Green Brochure. A draft of the brochure has been given to each council member for your recommendations, input and suggestions.
 - The Maryland State Highway Administration will be starting on the Kenilworth Ave (201 project); next year. The project will start from the intersection on 450 towards us.
 - We have resubmitted the proposed grant project for the Plumber Rose Garden. One of the requirements is that the Town must seek approval from WSSC for the use of this location.
 - We are aware of the grading problems that exist in the area of 46th Avenue and Decatur Street. The Town is working on getting issues resolved.
 - Residents from 48th and 49th Avenue have complained about speeding cars coming from the tracks towards Kenilworth on Decatur. Our Police department has been working on the matter.
 - The Town is working very hard in trying to get back our Veteran's Memorial. We have submitted paper work to the County and are in communication with them.
 - Work in the levee is in process; emergency vehicles and trucks are in the area and will be for the duration of the project.

- We are also working on the annexation of 53rd Avenue. We have noticed that there were 2 properties on 53rd avenue that in fact are within the Town's corporate limits, but for some unknown reason were removed. Our Town Administrator is in communication with the Department of Assessments to have matter corrected.
- Bike lanes have been established on Buchanan St. and on Tanglewood drive.
- We will be installing a new red light camera on Decatur street this camera will focus on violators that do not stop before making a right on red onto Kenilworth Ave.
- Will be meeting with Mrs. Tawanna Gaines, Delegate for Prince Georges County on the having the Town Hall building expanded towards the back.
- Will work on getting a sign and the building number on the Edmonston Rec. Center.
- Tomorrow, Congresswoman Donna Edwards will be presenting the Bladensburg Volunteer Firemen that were injured a few months ago a Congressional Recognition for their bravery
- At the location where the old Surf Club was, we now have a new business: Kenilworth Laundry. They will be having their open house on Saturday, June 23 from 1pm to 4pm.
- The two Town murals are finally in place. They are at the pumping station, and on the fence of Jhingo's Auto Works.
- Would like for council members that are attending the Convention - give some time at the Port Towns booth in Ocean City.

Council Report:

- **CM Bee:**
 - Express her gratitude to Community Forklift. Thanks to the efforts of this local business she was able to network with a sorority house from the University of Maryland. CM Bee received donations for the school in which she works.
- **CM Pooley:**
 - Participated in the "Weight of the Nation event". This event was held in at the Prince George's Community College and has the partnership of the Port Towns Health Initiative. It was a question and answer session with doctor and the youth council. Very interesting event.
 - Participated in the Bike Rally that was from Bladensburg to the Goddard Research Center (NASA) in greenbelt.
 - Attended the reception that Senator Pinsky gave at the Riversdale Mansion in Riverdale Park on the May 30th. Had the opportunity to meet and connect with other council members from the area.
 - Brought information on the fruit tree agreement in case the town is still interested in participating.

- **CM Farrish:**
 - Attended also the weight of the Nation event.
 - Unfortunately, we did not meet the requirements for Banner City this year. We failed at going to the schools and promoting the “If I were mayor...” essay contest.
 - The Port Towns CDC is working towards our common goals as well as on the sector plan. It is very important that we as a Town attend the PT Quarterly Meetings. This way every one stays focus and on the same page.

Administrator/Treasurer’s Report:

- Community Legacy Grant- this grant was approved back in 2011; and never received because we had been waiting for approval of the change in location. This request was submitted to the Port Town CDC, back in October 2011 and we just finally got the approval.
The catch is that 50% of the grant must be spent by June 25th, 2012. By doing this we can get an additional 45 days to complete.
We were able to talk to both our engineers and contractor- they have submitted proposal that are on the agenda construction
- Energy and Solar- we produced for the month of May 375 klws of power; that is the equivalent to 6 trees.
- As you may notice we have received the signs that are to be redesigned for Decatur Street. The original contractor – Duff Signs has retired from the project- the business is closed. We are in process of seeking a new contractor for the project.
- On Monday July 2nd, 2012 will the budget amendment meeting.
- Lisa Lincoln our grant consultant is working on the programs that are to be installed on the Kiosk, hopefully the kiosk will be here in 2 weeks
- Had a meeting with the Vice President of TD Bank. The bank expressed its wiliness to continue to work with the town. Recommends us to set a plumber Rose Garden foundation. This way people that are interested in cooperating with the garden can make contributions.
- Talked to our engineers at G&C consultants, on the possibility to have an addition to our building, with the estimate of cost. There estimate is in the \$200,000 range.
- Along with the Mayor, we are working in getting our gazebo back and in place with the Veteran’s Park.

Police/ Code Report

- Chief Walker gives and explains both police and code reports.
- Informs that he has submitted the application for the COPS grant.

- Officers have been conducting traffic survey on Decatur Street for the past weeks. Our study has found that the average mpg is 25 mph. The department will continue to monitor speeds.
- We have had no big issues on Ingraham Street since the changes have been made. Business owners have been up-keeping their areas
- Signs along Tanglewood Drive have been installed as well, no problems in the area.
- Our red light cameras are up and functioning. Still waiting for Red speed to fulfill their contract.
 - Mayor Kerns presents Chief Walker with a recognition award for the completion of his Master Degree from John Hopkins University.

Public Comments

No public comments

Action Items for Legislative Meeting:

1. *Action to adopt Ordinance 2012-OR-03; Re: Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Motion made by CM Farrish, second by CM Bee.
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
2. *Action to purchase two police vehicles from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. – Milford, Delaware. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish.
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
3. *Action to approve lease purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit for the financing of two new police vehicle. Motion made by CM Farrish, second by CM Bee.
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
4. *Action to contract G& C Consulting Services for engineering services on the Bio-Retention Ponds on Lafayette Place. Contract amount not to exceed \$ 20,000. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish.
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
5. *Action to award contract to VMP Construction Company, Inc. as contractor for the full construction of Bio-Retention Ponds on Lafayette Place. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Bee.
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*

6. *Action to approve employee agreement contract for Edmonston Police Chief Stephen Walker. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Bee.*
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

Unfinished Business:

- CM Pooley:
 - Mentions that she along with Chief walker have been working on the webpage, would like for fellow council members to send ideas, suggestions for posting.
 - Chief Walker mentions that they are analyzing the option of setting up a web based format, in order to allow more people to work/help on the page.
 - The ideal situation would be to have a person work solely on the web page, but since there is a lack of funding for that everyone must chip in to maintain and up-keep the page.
- CM Bee:
 - Mentions that she has notice lots of people "hanging out" - loitering after 5:30pm, in the areas of Ingraham and Lafayette.
 - Mr. Tiberio mentions that some are there waiting or rides, not much we can do as long they are not breaking the law. Area is zoned as industrial, that type of zoning allow for basically business to be in the area.

New Business:

- CM Pooley:
 - Suggests that a motion be made on the agreement of the possibility in having fruit trees planted in town.
 - Motion made my CM Farrish, second by CM Bee. Mayor Kerns in favor.
 - Also suggests the possibility of having a track in place by the Rec. Center.
 - Mayor Kerns is in favor at the idea and will talk to Maryland national capitol park and planning.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Pooley second by CM Farrish @ 8.25pm
Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

