

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Session Minutes
Wednesday May 10, 2017 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:15 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Police Chief Stephen Walker, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, Town Administrator Rod Barnes and Town Clerk Shantay Dabney

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

- a. The approval of the agenda was approved as presented.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Layne-Bee and Bennett-White
Nays: None
Motion carried.

2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Presentations: Mr. Rod Barnes, Town Administrator presented the FY17-18 Town of Edmonston Budget. Ms. Layne Bee requested an update regarding the Video Cameras; Chief Walker reported that we will not lose data from the purchase of the new cameras. They are budgeted in this year's budget.

3. Unfinished Business:

- a. The consideration of Ordinance 2017-OR-02 on final reading, approving the revised Personnel Policy Guidelines Manual. (Introduced at the March 8, meeting). Councilmember Pooley moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve Ordinance 2017-OR-02. Councilmember Layne-Bee requested an update on Police contracts. Chief Walker indicated he would provide a copy.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley Layne Bee and Gant.
Abstain: Bennett-White
Motion carried

- b. Reconsideration of the development of the Town's website. Councilmember Pooley moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to consider the re-development of the Town's website.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley Layne Bee and Gant.
Abstain: Bennett-White
Motion carried

4. New Business:

- a. The Town Council minutes from the regular meeting on April 12, 2017 were presented for consideration. Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White to approve the minutes of the Town Council regular meeting on April 12, 2017.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

- b. The Town Council minutes from the April work session held on April 4, 2017 were presented for consideration. Council Member Pooley moved, Seconded

by Councilmember Johnson to approve the minutes from the Town Council work session held on April 4, 2017.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

- c. The introduction of Ordinance 2017- OR-04 adopting the FY17-18 annual budget. Councilmember Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2017-OR-04 as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried.

- d. The introduction of Ordinance 2017-OR-03 amending the FY16-17 annual budget. Councilmember Pooley, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to introduce Ordinance 2017-OR-03 amending the FY16-17 annual budget.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried

- e. The consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding between the State Highway Administration of Maryland Department of Transportation and the Town of Edmonston for the Safe Routes to School Program in the amount of \$220,477 with \$179,250 coming from grant funds and the balance from the Town. Councilmember Layne Bee moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett- White to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the State Highway Administration of Maryland Department of Transportation and the Town of Edmonston.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried

- f. The consideration of award of fence replacement at Town Hall. Councilmember Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Pooley to table the consideration of award of the fence replacement at Town Hall.

Vote: Ayes:Johnson,Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried

6. Police Report: Chief Walker distributed the monthly Police Report.

7. Council Dialogue

- a. Councilmember Layne-Bee mentioned celebrating Edmonston's diversity by inviting residents to walk in the Edmonston Day parade. She has met with several families and will make flags representing Edmonston's true diversity.
- b. Councilmember Bennett-White thanked residents for coming out to vote and for re-electing her to another three years. Ms. Bennett-White also mentioned that

resident Mr. Mozick on Hamilton Street reported that his home had been damaged by Metro Paving and that overall residents like living in Edmonston and are happy.

- c. Councilmember Johnson reported that he attended Cinco de Mayo at the Recreation Center and met with the Mexican Consulate. He also reported that he attended the Pet Waste Project meeting and that he and Mr. Barnes identified where pet waste stations will be located. Mr. Johnson mentioned that the Town looks good.
- d. Councilmember Pooley did not have anything to report
- e. Mr. Barnes reported that all planters from Metro Paving have been planted, Veterans Park is completed; the rain gardens are being cleaned out, and that three projects are going out for bid late summer (Decatur Street, Sidewalks on 49th Avenue/Taylor Road, Storm water improvements at Community Forklift. We will be starting a Yard of the Month program in June as a part of America In Bloom (AIB) promotion. Mr. Barnes also mentioned that Shantay, Town Clerk is working on Community Legacy grant to beautify homes and that we will be working to weatherize homes through the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA).
- f. Mayor Gant mentioned that the planters look good around Town and that the Homework Club is still going on, recordings will be uploaded to the Government Access Channel. Councilmember Pooley requested that the videos be uploaded to YouTube Channel.

8. Adjournment:

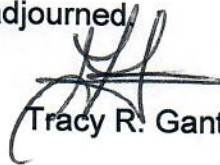
- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:05 p.m. by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Layne Bee.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Layne Bee, Pooley, Bennett-White, and Gant.
Nays: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk



Tracy R. Gant, Mayor