

**Town of Edmonston**  
**Town Council Regular Session Minutes**  
Wednesday September 13, 2017 7:00 P.M.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:05 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney, Rod Barnes, Town Administrator and Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as presented.

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

**3. Public Comments: There was no public comment.**

**4.**

**5. Old Business: There was no old business**

**6. New Business:**

- a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the work session meeting held on July 3, 2017 was presented. Council Member Turberville moved, second by Council Member Johnson.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

- b. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the regular Town Council meeting on July 12, 2017 was presented. Council Member Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve minutes from the Town Council meeting held on July 12, 2017.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

- c. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the Closed Session meeting on July 12, 2017 was presented. Council Member Turberville moved, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White to approve the Closed Session minutes on July 12, 2017.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

- d. The consideration of the annual salt and aggregate utilization agreement with the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration was presented. Council Member Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the agreement subject to final approval by the Town Attorney.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

- e. The consideration of the 2017 Extra Mile Day Proclamation declaring November 1, 2017 as Extra Mile Day was presented. Council Member Layne Bee moved, seconded by Councilmember Turberville seconded to declare November 1, 2017 as "Extra Mile Day" in the Town of Edmonston.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

- f. The consideration of award of bids for the fence replacement project at Town Hall to the low bidder J.O.M. Painting in the amount of \$8,340.00 was presented. Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to award the bid to J.O.M. Painting to replace the fence at Town Hall.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Gant  
Nays: Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Motion carried.

- g. The consideration of award of bids for the Town's weatherization grant program to the low bidder, Shepherd Energy was presented. Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Johnson to award the bid to Shepherd Energy for the Town's weatherization grant program.

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

- h. The consideration of the award of bid for the Tanglewood Storm water project to Metro Paving, Edmonston, MD in the amount of \$31, 192.00 was presented. Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to award to the bid to Metro Paving for the Tanglewood Storm water project.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

- i. The consideration of a Joint Use Agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space Community Parks and Playgrounds program and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the Town to receive grant funds in the amount of \$ 47, 221 to improve 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park. Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to approve the Joint Use Agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space Community Parks and Playgrounds program.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

7. **Police Report:** There was no police report

## 8. **Council Dialogue**

- a. Councilmember Layne Bee reported that she took a ride along Martin's Industrial Park and noticed that a lot of vacant businesses. She requested information on the number of occupancies. Mr. Barnes, Town Administrator mentioned that there is a signage problem. Nicole licensed 136 businesses this Fiscal Year. Councilmember Bee also mentioned that the Santos property's grass has been cut and thanked Nicole Malloy, Code Officer for taking care of the issue.
- b. Councilmember Bennett-White reported that she attended the Mexican Independence Day and didn't think there were many people when she was there, but reported that the event was nice. She mentioned that she attended the 47<sup>th</sup> District picnic and thought it was a good way for the citizens to connect.


- c. Councilmember Johnson mentioned that the traffic light pattern on Decatur Street/ Kenilworth Ave needs to change because it's dangerous. He suggested the light changing to an arrow only. He also reported that the relocation of the silver box on Kenilworth Ave helped, but the turning lane is narrow. Mr. Johnson mentioned that he was also at the Mexican Independence Day and mentioned that he had to clean up after the event.
- d. Councilmember Turberville mentioned the possibility of identifying the number of foreclosures in Town and the possibility of having a foreclosure forum to provide information to residents.
- e. Mr. Barnes, Town Administrator reported upcoming events, Mr. Barnes also reported that the Town will be receiving an award from Prince George's County for the Beautification of Veterans Park. He also reported that the new website is up, that he and the Town Clerk met with Chi-Chi, Marketing Director with the Town of Bladensburg. Mr. Barnes also mentioned that the Town Clerk, produced a "Welcome to the Town of Edmonston" brochure for residents. Mr. Johnson mentioned that the Pet Station near the Recreation Center should face the road. Mr. Barnes will look into changing it.
- f. Mayor Gant mentioned that she attended two Scholarship programs giving to students at Prince George's Community College. Mayor Gant also mentioned that she attended to a few other events around the County. Mayor Gant had a great meeting with Delegate Gaines.

**9. Adjournment:**

- a. A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m. and to enter into a closed session meeting to discuss legal matters was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Layne Bee.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Layne Bee, Turberville, Bennett-White  
Nays: None  
Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

  
Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk

  
Tracy R. Gant, Mayor