

Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Wednesday, February 19th, 2014

Minutes

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

In attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Council Members: Farrish, Pooley, White, Bee, Chief of Stephen Police Walker, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, and Town Clerk Michelle Rodriguez

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerns informs:

- As many are aware, our beloved Town Administrator, Mr. Guy Tiberio passed away on Sunday, February 16 at his home in Riverdale Park. Services were held on Saturday, February 22 at Chamber's Funeral Home. Guy will be missed, but he is now resting peacefully after battling illness over the past months. An obituary was posted in the Washington Post informing all.
- The Town received recognition from the Local Insurance Government Insurance Trust for being a member for more than 25 years.
- We have had several winter storms recently. Our Public Works employees and our Code Officer have been out salting and plowing throughout the town, doing an excellent job. Unfortunately we have received some complaints from residents that driveways were blocked by plowed snow when the plows came through. Unfortunately there's not much that can be done about blocking driveways, in order to clear the street, snow must be pushed to the side.
- Due to the winter storm, the meeting scheduled on the 201/ Kenilworth project was rescheduled to a future date. That date has yet to be given.
- The Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department Annual Gala will be on Saturday, February 22. During this event the town presents the fire department with our yearly donation. They are our first responders to the Town, and have done exceptional service. The Department is also 100% volunteer; all contributions go for the continuation of their operations.
- We are also waiting on the date to meet with CSX, to discuss the gate crossing.
- There is a huge pot hole on Decatur Street and 51st Place. This is due to some emergency work done by WSSC. After the repairs were done, WSSC subcontracted the services of a contractor to fix the hole. Our Public works crew has done temporary fixes in the intent to minimize the crater until WSSC has it fixed properly and up to our standards.
- The next PGCMA meeting will be in North Brentwood at 6:30pm.

- CM Pooley: inquires about the snow removal on the sidewalks on bridge. She mentions that she has seen pedestrians walking in the street. Requests that the sidewalks be cleared in order to allow a clear walkway for residents.

Council Report:

CM Farrish:

- Our 2nd annual black history celebration will be held on Sunday February 23 at the Recreation center. She has been able to enlist the help of some volunteers from the apartments. A flyer will be distributed though the town; details are being finalized.

CM Pooley:

- Attended a meeting sponsored by ATHA in Hyattsville City about implementing a bike "share" program in the area. One of the topics of discussion was how can the bike program be promoted. The goal is to focus bicycling tourism.
 - CM Farrish mentions that this topic will be one of the many discussed at the Maryland Municipal League convention this summer.

CM Bee:

- Request that once flyers for our Black History Event are ready to please have some placed in her mailbox; she is willing to distribute them before the event.
- Informs that she was able to speak to students from Thomas E. Stone Elementary School about municipal government in accordance to the requirement for Banner City.

CM White:

- Suggest that we review our contact with Bates Trash Company; as well suggest that a meeting be coordinated with the company to discuss the several issues with the service or lack of service that the town is being provided.

Police/ Code Report

- Chief Walker also explains police/code reports.

Pubic Comments:

- No public comments

Action Items for Legislative Meeting

1. *Authorization to enter contract with State Highway Administration to purchase salt for snow removal. Motion to approve made by CM Farrish and second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of pending grants:

- Rose Garden:

The town was made aware of a grant opportunity for application on behalf of the Maryland Historical Trust and Atha. We considered putting forth the idea of the Plumber Rose Garden as our project. When our initial application was reviewed, we were informed that this grant is not a

matching grant, nor that is 100% fundable. The application requires the town have 75% of the project as part of the funding.

- Due to the lack of funds and time to submit the project a recommendation to withdrawal has been submitted.
- Energy Grants- 2nd round
This grant is funded by the Maryland Energy Administration. It is a 2nd round to the grant that was awarded 2013. The grant is more focused on using and purchasing of fuel efficient vehicles; vehicles that use less gasoline. We have submitted our application with the expectation to replace the existing Code vehicle with a more efficient one.
- Speed hump on 49th Avenue.
Residents on 49th avenue have submitted a petition in not having the speed-hump re-installed. This hump was removed by WSSC in order to perform repairs on the curb.
- Assistant Town clerk position:
Interviews for the new Assistant Town Clerk position will be held next Thursday at the Town hall. They will be panel based with a representative from a neighboring town.

New Business:

Discussion:

- Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.
Due to lack of service provide by Bates we are considering the development and distribution of an RFP for our solid waste collection and recycling services.

Motion to adjourn public meeting and enter closed meeting to discuss personal matters made by CM Bee, second by CM White @ 8:27pm. Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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