

Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Minutes

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

In attendance:

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

Excused: CM Farrish

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

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

Mayor Kerns cedes his time for Mayor's report in order to allow visitors to give presentations/reports.

- **Edmonston Green Team:**

 Informs about the several projects they are currently working on such as:

- Alternative energy providers; the Town was purchasing energy from Clean Currents (who are now out of business). The Team is in search of a provider that will provide clean energy to the town at the best cost.
- Green Purchasing Policy: organizing and providing workshops looking at natural green products that can be used as cleaning products as opposed to using chemically formulated ones.
- Reduction of trash collection: with the assistance of the team an initiative can be undertaken to study the feasibility of modification of the current twice a week trash collection to just once a week. This measure will also foment recycling in our residents.
- The team will be participating in Community Forklift's Annual Garden Party on March 29. They will have a table and will be giving out information.
- On May 3, 2014 there will be a bike ride from Hyattsville to Eco City Farms.

- **Community Forklift- Ms. Nancy Myers**

- Request that the Mayor and Council take some measures in order to provide some assistance in controlling traffic along Tanglewood drive. She explains that over the weekend another bad accident occurred as a driver came over the tracks on to the street in front of Community Forklift. Although no fatality has occurred it is only a matter of time until one day there might be one. This concern is due to the fact that customers must cross the street for parking.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerns informs:

- The Town has received a plaque from the Washington Post with the obituary that was posted for our Town Administrator. We will have it on display at the Town Hall, and then send it to Mr. Tiberio's surviving family.

- He attended the PGCMA meeting that was held in North Brentwood.
- CSX has announced that they will be closing Decatur Street at 46th Avenue for some needed track work.
- Our Public Works crew has done an exceptional job this winter in keeping our streets plowed. I have received lots of positive feedback from very appreciative residents on their hard work and quick response in keeping up with the snow.
- The development of the budget for the next fiscal year is in process.
- The 201/ Kenilworth Avenue project started in Bladensburg, then moved to Greenbelt. We should expect them to be closer to the town by late spring or early summer. Some improvements will involve the installation of sidewalks, bike lanes, and repaving.

Council Report:

CM Pooley:

- This upcoming Saturday, March 22, is the Community Nutritional Workshop hosted by Eco-City Farms. The event will be held at Colmar Manor Community Center.
- Request that the street lights along Decatur Street be recalibrated.
- Has noticed trash along the railing of the bridge.
- Requests that more trash cans/recycling bins are installed along Decatur Street, in particular, close to Taylor Road.

CM Bee:

- Has noticed an improvement in the bulk trash situation. Items are being picked up by the company.

CM White:

- Suggest that we review their contract, and have a meeting to discuss the several issues we have been having with their service, or lack of service that the town is being provided.

Police/ Code Report

- Chief Walker reviews police/ code reports.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Hilary Chester: 5008 52nd Avenue
Request that the town take care of a big pot hole at the intersection of Decatur Street and 51st avenue. It was also mentioned that the storm drain located on the corner of 51st avenue seems to be clogged. When it rains water is backed up and causes flooding.

- Mayor Kerns explains that the pothole is due to work that was done by WSSC, and they failed to repair it adequately. Will have our Public works crew do a temporary fix that might hold until WSSC comes and finishes the job.
- The storm drain problem is also a matter for WSSC. The roots of the big tree on the corner have perforated the drain clogging the free passage of storm water.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting

1. *Action on Charter Resolution 2014-01 Re: New Schedule for Council Meetings. Motion to approve made by CM Bee and second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor. Charter Resolution Introduced.*

Unfinished Business:

No new business

New Business:

We have ordered a sign Rec. Center and for the main entrance of the Town Hall.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn public meeting and enter closed meeting to discuss personnel matters made by CM Pooley, second by CM White @ 8:58pm. Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Revised: 7/17/14