

**Town of Edmonston**  
**Town Council Regular Session Minutes**  
Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Pooley @ 7:10 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Bennett-White, Johnson, Layne-Bee, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, Police Chief Stephen Walker and Town Administrator Rod Barnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Pooley.

The consideration of approval of the agenda for the October 12, 2016 Town Council meeting was presented for approval.

- i. Council Member Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Pooley.

Nay: None

Motion carried.

**2. Public Comment: Mayor Gant arrived at 7:20 p.m.**

- a. Donata Bryan, 4811 Hamilton addressed the Council. She thanked Police Officer Patrick Thompson for his assistance with a incident that occurred near her home. Ms. Bryan asked about another non-emergency number to call. Chief Walker indicated that 911 is the system to use for emergencies. The non-emergency police number rolls to the Prince George's County Police dispatch after hours. Ms. Bryan asked about having a cage in the patrol cars to separate suspects from the Police Officer for a safety reason. She indicated that there were a number of street lights that had been called in for not working. Pepco responded, however she suggested the Police Officers could identify those not working and report them. She indicated that she had requested information about securing permits and how code enforcement worked be printed in the newsletter. It had not appeared yet. The Town Administrator indicated it would be featured in the winter edition. She also asked about recording mileage on the admin vehicles when they are used. Mr. Barnes indicated that would be a Mayor and Council policy change.
- b. Mr. Robert Makana, 4901 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue asked about a speed bump in the 4900 block of 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. He has secured a number of signatures requested the bump. He wondered what the final process was for getting the bump. He also asked what side of the street a sidewalk was being placed. In addition, he had concerns about trash pickup. The Town Attorney indicated she would research the requirement for how citizens obtain a speed bump. Mr. Barnes responded that the sidewalk would be on the East side of the street. He also indicated that he has a direct line to Bates Trucking when there is a trash issue.
- c. Shirley Chapin, 5101 Emerson addressed the Council about a carport that was erected at 5109 Emerson without permits. She was asking the status of the M-NCPPC decision on the carport. Chief Walker will check on the decision and enforce it accordingly.

**3. Presentations:**

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**5. New Business:**



- a. The Town Council minutes from the regular meeting on September 14, 2016 meeting were presented for consideration.
  - i. Council Member Bennett-White moved, seconded by Council Member Layne-Bee to approve the minutes of the Town Council regular meeting on September 14, 2016.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Pooley and Gant.  
Nay: None  
Motion carried.
- b. The Town Council report for the closed meeting on September 14, 2016 meeting was presented for consideration.
  - i. Council Member Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White to approve the report for the closed meeting conducted on September 14, 2016.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Bennett-White, Pooley, Layne-Bee and Gant.  
Nay: None  
Motion carried.
- c. The consideration of acceptance of the September check register and the September 30, 2016 revenue/expenditure report were presented.
  - i. Council Member Pooley moved to accept the September check register and the September revenue/expenditure report, seconded by Council Member Johnson.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, and Gant.  
Nay: Layne-Bee, Bennett-White  
Motion carried.
- d. The consideration to authorize moving \$100,000 from the General Fund Operating Account to the Investment Account was presented.
  - i. Council Member Pooley moved to authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the reserve fund seconded by Bennett-White.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Layne-Bee, Bennett-White, and Gant.  
Nay: None  
Motion carried.
- e. The consideration of a resolution declaring November 1, 2016 as Extra Mile Day in Edmonston was presented.
  - i. Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the Extra Mile Day resolution.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.  
Nay: None  
Motion carried.
- f. The consideration of approval to apply for a \$79,235 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund the phase I street improvements for the phase I street improvements for the Crittenden Green Street project.
  - i. Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Bennett-White to approve the submittal of a CDBG grant application in the amount of \$79,235.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.  
Nay: None  
Motion carried.

- g. The consideration of approval to apply for a \$6,724 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund an environmental summer day camp for 9 to 12 year olds at the Edmonston Rec Center. This would be a priority two grant application.
  - i. Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Johnson to approve the submittal of a CDBG grant application in the amount of \$6,724.
    - Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
    - Nay: None
    - Motion carried.
- h. The consideration of approval to apply for a \$75,000 Watershed Assistance grant to the Chesapeake Bay Trust to conduct a Phase I assessment of how our industrial businesses can reduce their impact on the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay.
  - i. Council Member Bennett-White moved, seconded by Council Pooley to approve the submittal of the \$75,000 Watershed Assistance grant to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.
    - Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
    - Nay: None
    - Motion carried.

6. **Police Report:** Chief Walker distributed the monthly Code and Police Reports.

Council Member Layne-Bee asked where the incident that Ms. Bryan discussed would be reported. Chief Walker indicated it would be on the next month's report. She also asked if the Santos property would be included on the report. Chief Walker said it would and he gave an update on the status of the Santos property. He indicated it is for sale and a potential buyer is doing due diligence on the purchase.

Council Member Bennett-White asked if the Chief could add uninhabitable/dangerous structures to the code report.

Chief Walker reminded everyone about the Port Towns Day celebration on Saturday from noon until 7:00 p.m. at Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

Chief Walker conducted promotion ceremony for Police Officer Patrick Thompson and Police Officer David Young. Thompson was promoted to Corporal and Young was promoted to Master Police Officer.

7. **Council Dialogue:**

- a. Council Member Layne-Bee indicated there has been inconsistent trash pickup. Mr. Barnes responded that he talks to Bates regularly to handle problems and the Port Towns meet quarterly with Bates to address issues. Residents can call Town Hall if there is a problem and we will report it directly to a supervisor at Bates.
- b. Council Member Bennett-White asked about the dumpsters on Ingraham Street and how often are they dumped. Mr. Barnes indicated that the Town does not have anything to do with trash pickup at commercial businesses. The Code Enforcement Officer writes tickets for any problems that occur.

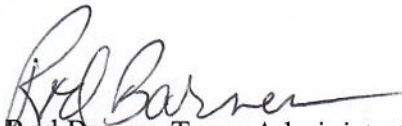


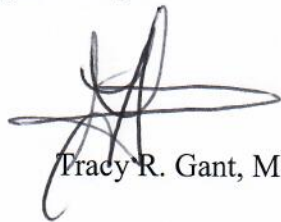
- c. Council Member Johnson reported that Kenilworth Avenue project is in its final phase. He indicated that there would not need to be any trash pickup along the river this Fall.
- d. Mayor Gant had the Town Administrator outline the Port Towns Legislative agenda for 2017. The Port Towns annual legislative dinner was October 20, 2016 at the Colmar Manor Hall. She reported that there would be a Science Fair Tips seminar for 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Saturday, October 22 from 10 to noon at the Edmonston Rec. Center.

Barbara Newton Boone, 4705 Hamilton indicated she has worked for the Board of Elections at the Recreation Center. She expressed concern about the condition of the Center. She said there were problems with weeds, lighting, trash, the appliances, and the floor. Mr. Barnes indicated that all of her concerns had been addressed and there should be no problems for the upcoming elections.

**8. Adjournment:**

- a. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

  
Rod Barnes, Town Administrator

  
Tracy R. Gant, Mayor