

***Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Minutes
Wednesday November 14, 2018 5:30 P.M.***

Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Andrew Jones, Environmental Program Manager outlined several Outreach programs he is working in cooperation with Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission. Two of the projects are to develop murals in the Rec Center and develop an after school environmental club at the Rec Center. Council was in favor of moving forward with the projects.

Andrew Jones, Environmental Program Manager presented a potential partnership with the Capital Area Foodbank to serve as a distribution sight at the Rec Center. It was suggested that the site serve as a distribution sight only and not a storage facility. Andrew will seek more details on this project.

Andrew Jones, Environmental Program Manager discussed creating a partnership with the American Chestnut Foundation to plant trees in Edmonston. Andrew is working on obtaining 20 trees. He would sit up a plant day with his fellow Chesapeake Bay Trust Conservation Corp members.

The consideration to waive the \$250.00 Business License for Eco City Farms was presented. The Mayor and Council determined that we do not waive the fee for any other not-for-profit organizations and should not for Eco City. It was suggested to check on whether churches needed to have a business license.

It was determined that we should schedule an event to celebrate the 47th Avenue Park improvements with a Block Party scheduled in April, 2019. We need to send out information for requests of names for the Park. The Town Administrator was directed to provide the names that had already been suggested.

The Town Administrator, Rod Barnes reminded everyone to turn in nominations for Make a Difference Day – We will recognize individuals at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception on December 1.

The Town Administrator Rod Barnes updated the Council on the status of the RFP for Town Attorney services. One attorney currently is employed by a community that meets on our meeting night. He was looking for guidance on whether he should apply if our night could be moved. There was discussion about changing the date. It was determined that it would be difficult to change. It was suggested that the firm submit a proposal and it would be reviewed.

The Halloween Yard Decorating Contest Winners were named. Mr. Doyle on Emerson, one at Elizabeth Landing and one at Fountain Park Apartments.

Rod reminded the Mayor and Council about delivering the Turkey Baskets on Monday, Nov. 19th starting at 6:00 pm.

A reminder about the Adopt A Child Program. The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 20 at the Rec Center 6:30 p.m.

The Town Administrator provided a preliminary financial report for Port Towns Day 2018. The event broke even. There will be discussion about the future of the event between the four Port Towns.

The Mayor and Council like combining the work session/regular session meetings. It was determined that the December meeting would be cancelled. The next work session/regular session meeting will be January 9, 2019.

There was no discussion to set dates for strategic planning and developing a legislative agenda. It was suggested to meet with the legislators in December. Council Member Turberville asked Rod to send out a list of the capital improvement projects.

Town Administrator Rod Barnes distributed a proposed charter/code update concerning the Town election procedures. The Election Board, Staff and the Town Attorney worked on the proposed changes after the last Town election process.

The Town Administrator, Rod Barnes distributed the FY17-18 Annual Audit. The Council will meet with the auditors on Monday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Gant briefly reviewed the Agenda for the November 14th Council meeting

Mayor Gant adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

Rod Barnes
Acting Town Clerk