

Town of Edmonston  
Town Council Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday November 10, 2021 (Via Zoom Teleconference)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members, Hilary Chester, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averl Gray, Police Chief Elliott Gibson Sr., and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor and it was followed by a moment of silence.
3. Public Comment was opened by the Mayor. Resident Diann Marshall 4806 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue shared that this was the first Town zoom she's attended and pledged to continue work to uplift seniors in the community. Ms. Marshall has provided the Town with medical equipment to loan to residents. There was no further public comment.
4. Public Hearing to receive comment on the receipt of petition from the residents in the 4800 block of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue for implementing restricted parking. Public comment was opened by the Mayor. There were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed. Mayor Gant and Council expect restricted parking will help resolve overflow parking issues from auto repair businesses on Buchanan. Residents on 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue will be notified prior to the onset of restricted parking. Also, a grace period will be extended to allow residents to obtain parking permits from Town Hall.  
Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Chester to approve implementation of restricted parking on the 4800 block of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue.  
Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried
5. Old Business – There was none
6. New Business
  - a. The consideration of approval of the following minutes:
    - i. Virtual Work Session Meeting minutes from October 5, 2021.
    - ii. Virtual Regular Council Meeting minutes from October 13, 2021.Council Member Turberville moved, seconded by Council Member Chester to approve minutes from the above-referenced virtual meetings.  
Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried
  - b. The consideration of amending the FY21-22 annual budget to provide funds for the hiring of a part time Community Compliance Officer was presented. Mayor Gant reiterated the need to continue advances made in compliance control.

Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Turberville to approve to the hiring of a part time Community Compliance Officer.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

c. The consideration of a waiver for the construction of a 6-foot fence in the back yard at 5111 Decatur. Town Administrator Barnes indicated if approved by Council, the County must also provide a permit.

Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Chester to approve the waiver for the construction of the 6-foot back yard fence.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

d. The consideration of a proclamation proclaiming November as “municipal Government Works” month and recognizing the Town’s staff. Mayor Gant shared the Maryland Municipal League annually gives recognition to how government works.

Council Member Chester moved, seconded by Council Member McCauley to approve the proclamation.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

7. Police Department Report (Police and Code Enforcement) – There was no report provided by Police Chief Gibson.

8. Town Administrator Report (General Government and Public Works) – Rod Barnes reported on the upcoming leaf pick-up; Veterans Day’s breakfast delivery to community veterans; on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> an Ed Talks program focusing on the Pandemic aftermath will be recorded; Town’s annual Thanksgiving basket giveaway; a Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Business Breakfast and the Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Caravan/Tree Lighting along with the installation of the Town’s food pantry.

9. Council Dialogue

Council Member Chester inquired about the redistricting status and what efforts can be taken collectively or individually to help prevent from occurring.

Council Member Turberville suggested providing our District County Council Member Ivey with a letter to indicate the negative affect on the Ports Towns as a collective and to those already running for office. Also shared were views on Edmonston obtaining better representation of the Hispanic community on the Town Council.

Council Member McCauley indicated that she had written as a resident, to the at-large Prince Georges Council members opposing the move to District 2.

Council Member Johnson had no comments to share.

10. Mayor's Comments. Mayor Gant indicated that the vote for redistricting will occur on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, Council Member Turberville had written a letter on behalf of the Town opposing the redistricting requesting that Edmonston remain in District 5. It was also suggested that Town residents be informed so that they can act as a group or individually. PGCMA has written to the County Council in opposition of redistricting. Mayor Gant indicated that the upcoming Business breakfast will allow for information sharing and discussion about code compliance.
11. Closed Session - to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals and/or to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.
12. Adjournment – Mayor Gant inquired if there was any further discussion from Council or Staff and indicated a need for an Executive Session. At 8:12 p.m. Council Member McCauley moved and seconded by Council Member Turberville to end the meeting and go into an Executive Session not to return to regular session  
Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

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Averi Gray, Town Clerk