

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2022, Via Teleconference

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Hilary Chester, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averil Gray and Police Chief Elliott Gibson Sr.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant, followed by a moment of silence.
1. Mayor Gant opened the meeting for public comment. Alberto Zegado, identified as a Pepco liaison offered his services in navigating issues with the company.
2. Old Business
 - a. The final consideration of ordinance 2022-OR-01 allowing beehives in residential neighborhoods was brought to a vote by Town Council. Council Member Johnson moved and seconded by Council Member McCauley to approve ordinance 2022-OR-01 allowing beehives.
Vote: Ayes: Chester McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried.
3. New Business
 - a. The following minutes were presented for consideration: the virtual February 1 Town Council Work Session; the minutes from the virtual February 9 Town Council Regular Session; and the minutes from the virtual February 9 Town Council Closed Session were presented for consideration. Council Member Johnson moved and seconded by Council Member Turberville to approve the minutes from the February virtual council meetings.
Vote: Ayes: Chester McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried.
 - b. The introduction of ordinance 2022-OR-02 to establish a speed monitoring system was presented for consideration. Council Member McCauley moved and seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the introduction of the ordinance 2022-OR-02 to establish a speed monitoring system.
Vote: Ayes: Chester McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried.
 - c. The consideration of mosquito spraying by the Maryland Department of Agriculture beginning May 25, 2022, through September 30, 2022 was presented for consideration. Council Member McCauley moved and

seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve mosquito spraying by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Vote: Ayes: Chester McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4. Police Department Report (Police and Code Enforcement) - Police Chief Gibson reported one felony assault, one theft and three thefts from autos during the month of February. He noted under Code, that there were five violation follow-ups conducted, twenty-five home and business inspections and four municipal infractions. Chief Gibson also reported that an eviction occurred, and a young adult male reported missing for 24 hours returned to his home. The police department has purchased a noise meter and officer Eric Beale received training. The part-time code officer will also receive training on use of the noise meter. The police department will begin patrol on bicycles and has purchased two new bikes and are refurbishing one they already have. Chief Gibson thanked Council Member McCauley for her help with the interviews of police department new hires.
5. Town Administrator Report (General Government and Public Works) – Mr. Barnes reported receipt of a grant for additional rain gardens to be constructed on Hamilton Street, increasing the number to fifty throughout the Town. Intern Bethany Sims/Chesapeake Conservation Corp Member received grant funding to co-host with the Eco City CCC member an “All Hands-on Deck” project to create a meditation garden and planting in July. American Bloom will be in Town June 23rd and 24th to evaluate the Towns’ efforts in floral display, landscaping, urban forestry, heritage preservation, overall impression, community vitality, and environmental initiatives. The Maryland Municipal League (MML) conference registration is open for the Council wanting to attend. As part of the conference, MML is featuring several MD towns/cities and Edmonston is one of the locations to spotlight. Upcoming events include on 3/24 a work session with the consultant conducting the economic development strategic plan; Dumpster Day 3/26; Arbor Day and Spring Fest on 4/9 with a caravan through Town and an art workshop led by Operations Arts at Veterans Park. Victory Grace continues food offerings on Saturdays at Town Hall.
6. Council Dialogue
Council Member Johnson reiterated concerns for pedestrians at the Kenilworth Avenue and Decatur intersection.
Council Member Chester reported that she was able to recruit a volunteer to translate for the economic strategy workshop with Town residents.
Council Member McCauley thanked Chief Gibson for obtaining the noise meter.
Council Member Turberville had no further comments.
7. Mayor’s Comments
Mayor Gant was pleased to share that the Prince Georges County redistricting efforts were stopped by the courts and therefore Edmonston remains in District 5. The contract with Bates Trucking and Trash Removal is ending soon and the Town will accept bids from other interested vendors in April.

8. Adjournment. At 7:53 p.m. Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: Ayes: Chester McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

Averi Gray, Town Clerk