

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Town Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2022, (Via Zoom Teleconference)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Hilary Chester, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, and Town Clerk Averil Gray. Police Chief Gibson was absent.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant and followed by a moment of silence.
3. Public Comment – George Martin Jr. of Martin Industrial joined the meeting. He expressed concern about auto repair businesses on Lafayette and 46th Avenue and the congestion caused by double-parking of vehicles and trash build-up on the “Riverdale” side of Lafayette. He suggested the Town seek “soft” services non-auto businesses. Council thanked Mr. Martin for his input.
4. Old Business
 - a. The final consideration of Ordinance 2022-OR-04 to amending the annual budget for fiscal year 2021-22 was presented for approval.

Council Member McCauley moved that Ordinance 2022-OR-04 be approved seconded by Council Member Johnson.
Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried
 - b. The final consideration of Ordinance 2022-OR-05 amending the Town’s tree ordinance and creating a tree board was presented for approval.

Council Member Turberville moved that Ordinance 2022-OR-05 be approved seconded by Council Member Johnson.
Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried
 - c. The final consideration of Ordinance 2022-OR-02 to authorize a speed monitoring system in Edmonston was presented for approval.

Council Member McCauley moved that Ordinance 2022-OR-02 be approved seconded by Council Member Johnson.
Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None

Motion carried

5. New Business

a. Minutes

- i. May 3, 2022, Work Session Meeting Minutes
- ii. May 3, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- iii. May 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member McCauley moved that minutes from the May 3rd and May 11th be approved as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion carried

- b. The consideration of award of bid for the installation of 10 rain gardens on Gallatin Street in the amount of \$47,923. (PGC Stormwater Management Grant) to Professional Lawn Maintenance Services was presented for approval.

Council Member McCauley moved to award the bid for the installation of rain gardens to Professional Lawn Maintenance Services in the amount of \$47,923 be approved, seconded by Council Member Chester.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion carried

- c. The consideration of approval of Pandemic Hazard Duty Pay for staff.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve Pandemic Hazard Duty Pay for staff seconded by Council Member McCauley.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion carried

- d. A proclamation celebrating June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth was presented for consideration.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the Juneteenth proclamation, seconded by Council Member Turberville.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion carried

- e. A proclamation celebrating June as Pride Month was presented for consideration.

Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the Pride Month proclamation.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried

6. Police Department Report (Police and Code Enforcement) - Police Chief Gibson. No report provided in Chief Gibson's absence.
7. Town Administrator Report (General Government and Public Works) – Rod Barnes mentioned that July is the last virtual meeting scheduled. Rod introduced the Town's new marketing intern, Asha Cole. He indicated the economic development strategy report is in final progress with a public presentation in September. He also shared information about these upcoming events: Fireworks Watch on Friday, July 1st; a Town clean-up scheduled for 6/18 with an Art/Garden party later that day; America in Bloom advisor visit on 6/23 and 6/24; upcoming meeting with businesses and scheduling a new date for the next "Walk-n-Talk" with Council. During tree inventory, several trees were identified as sick or dying and are being removed. WSSC work to replace water pipes is continuing with night work on Decatur Street. The graduation caravan is taking place on June 24th.
8. Council Dialogue
Council Member Johnson expressed concern about the trash build-up behind the Sunoco gas station and shared that electricity was restored at the recreation center gazebo.

Council Member Chester suggested businesses receive recognition as homeowners do for "yard of the month".

There were no further comments by Council Members.
9. Mayor's Comments
Mayor Gant thanked Council who joined for the launch "Walk-n-Talk" and hopes more residents will participate. In a new feature, the Maryland Municipal League conference will spotlight Edmonston along with 15 other towns.
10. 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.
11. Adjournment – At 7:45 p.m., Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Council Member Chester.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried

At 7:46 p.m., Council Member McCauley reconsidered the motion to adjourn the meeting and instead go into a closed session seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried

At 7:47 p.m., Council Member Chester moved that Council does not return to the meeting after the closed session seconded by Council Member McCauley.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion carried

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

Averi Gray, Town Clerk