

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Agenda
Wednesday July 14, 2021, 5:30 P.M. (Via Zoom Teleconference)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members, Hilary Chester, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averil Gray, Police Chief Elliott Gibson Sr., Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson

2. The Council reviewed the regular Town Council Meeting agenda Agenda and removed item 2D.
 - a. Council reviewed the following minutes with no edits suggested for any of the following.
 - i. Virtual Closed Session Meeting minutes from June 9, 2021
 - ii. Virtual Work Session Meeting minutes from June 9, 2021.
 - iii. Virtual Regular Council Meeting minutes from June 9, 2021.

 - b. Council reviewed the consideration of an amendment to the Town of Edmonston Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter 8, Section 8-4 Paid Holidays to add the following two holidays:
 - i. June 19 (Juneteenth) as a paid holiday
 - ii. Christmas Eve

 - c. Council reviewed the consideration of amendment to the Chief of Police contract to create a term of the contract and to eliminate participation in the Maryland State Retirement program.

 - d. The consideration of agreement with Tiffany Green for social media services is being removed from the agenda.

3. Port Towns Bus Transportation System Discussion- Administrator Barnes indicated a concern that the bus service is underused by residents. Edmonston used it more in 2019 for camp but otherwise the Town doesn't appear to have a need for the bus service. Bladensburg uses the bus service most followed by Colmar City then Cottage City. Colmar Manor suggested using Recovery Funds to equally pay for a new bus and maintenance costs. Councils' opinion is to not move forward with this plan as the service is not used by Town and it was noted the upcoming Purple Line will provide even more transportation options.

4. The final review of Policy for Opening the Edmonston Recreation Center July 15, 2021. Mayor Gant suggested the contract include verbiage about use of PPE and place signage in the Center. Council Member McCauley suggested a reasonable deadline to end/turn down music at 10 pm. Chief Gibson suggested the inclusion of language in the contract and the installation of a noise meter. Council Member Turberville asked if the meter could function for self-regulation and connected to police department. Mayor Gant asked Chief Gibson to research the audio standard and equipment for this purpose. Council Member Chester suggested language dealing with cancellations due to COVID considerations and occupancy restrictions. In sum, Council re-opening the recreation center should be delayed

incorporating a revised noise and cancellation policy language into the rental agreement as well as place PPE signage and a noise meter in the center.

5. Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Chester to adjourn the work session at 6:37 p.m. and to go into a 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. The Council did not return to the regular work session at the end of the closed session.

Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

Averi Gray, Town Clerk