

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023, Via Teleconference (ZOOM)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:38 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 Acting Police Chief Eric Beale.
 1. Review Agenda
 - a. The Council has completed the review of the Stormwater Management Best Practices Grant Program for flood mitigation assistance to residents . The staff suggested approving the program subject to Attorney Ferguson’s final language changes. Town Administrator Barnes reminded Council that the program allows for grants up to \$4K for residents. Information about the program will be placed on the Town’s website.
 - b. The final approval of ordinance 22-OR-08 modifying the Personnel Policies and Guidelines under Section 8-4 Holiday Pay the following sentence: Police Department employees are paid 8 hours of additional pay on all specified holidays unless they are on designated leave and establishing Juneteenth and the day before Christmas as designated holidays was presented for review. Language will clarify holiday pay and include Juneteenth and Christmas Eve as holidays.
 - c. Minutes
 - i. December 13, 2022, Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - ii. December 14, 2022, Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - iii. December 14, 2022, Regular Session Meeting MinutesCouncil had no edits or suggestions of change for any of the minutes.
 - d. The consideration of the selection of Alexander and Cleaver as the Town Attorney beginning February 1, 2023, and approval of the Mayor to sign a 3-year contract when approved by Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson was presented. The Council agrees on the selection of the new Town Attorney but would like further discussion in a closed session.
 - e. The introduction and approval of ordinance 23-OR-01 amending the town’s Code of ordinances, Chapter 285 concerning Property Maintenance was presented. The painting of the outside of homes with no paint chipped/discoloration was discussed. Language will be modified to clarify code issues, strengthen enforcement and compliance. Council discussed key elements on ways in which codes should be worded to focus on the health and safety of the community while also addressing the aesthetic look of the Town.

- f. The introduction and approval of ordinance 23-OR-02 amending the Town's Code of ordinances, Chapter 215-4 concerning specifying the type of materials allowed for driveways was presented. Discussion ensued on the types of materials to include and incentives regarding these modified measures for residents through reimbursements or available grants.
- g. The consideration of Resolution 2023-R-01 establishing the locations for the speed cameras being installed by Altumint in the 4800 Block of Kenilworth Avenue and the 5100 block of Kenilworth Avenue was presented for discussion.

Upcoming Events –

Council briefly discussed dates and locations for the work session and regular Council meetings to take place on the same day depending on the subject and number of topics for discussion. Council also agreed that virtual off-site meetings continue and be reconsidered in March.

At 6:41 pm, a motion was made by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Chester to move into a closed session meeting and not return to the work session. The purpose of the work session was to further discuss Town Attorney selection.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

Averi Gray, Town Clerk