

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 10, 2023 (Via Zoom Teleconference)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Hilary Chester, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averil Gray, Acting Police Chief Eric Beale and Town Attorney Jason DeLoach, Alexander & Cleaver
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
3. Public Comment- there were no comments from the public.
4. New Business
 - a. Minutes
 - i. April 12, 2023, Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - ii. April 12, 2023, Regular Session Meeting Minutes
 - iii. April 12, 2023, Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Council Member Chester motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to accept the minutes for all meetings in April.
Vote: Ayes: Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Absent: McCauley
Nays: None
Motion Carried
 - b. The introduction and approval of ordinance 2023-OR-04 amending the FY22-23 annual budget. Was presented for consideration. Administrator Barnes is finalizing estimates which include recent grant dollars and review of May's costs. The final estimates will be presented for final approval at the June meeting. Council Member Turberville motioned, seconded by Council Member Chester, to accept the introduction and approval of ordinance 2023-OR-04 amending the FY22-23 budget.
Vote: Ayes: Chester, Johnson, Turberville
Absent: McCauley
Nays: None
Motion Carried
 - c. The consideration and approval of a cooperation agreement with Prince George's County on behalf of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development was presented for approval. Administrator Barnes indicated that the agreement allows for Community Development Block Grant

applications, housing, or other federally funded grants through the County.

Council Member Turberville motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve an agreement with Prince Georges Count on behalf of the County Department of Housing and Community Development as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, Johnson, Turberville

Absent: McCauley

Nays: None

Motion Carried

c. The consideration and approval of Resolution 2023-R-02 to support the Town of Edmonston's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Sustainable Communities Community Legacy Grant Application was presented.

Council Member Chester motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve Resolution 2023-R-02.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, Johnson, Turberville

Absent: McCauley

Nays: None

Motion Carried

d. The consideration of approval to subscribe with Lexipol for updating and maintaining the Police Department's General Orders and Mental Health Wellness Check program was presented.

Council Member Turberville motioned, seconded by Council Member Chester, to accept the introduction and approval to subscribe with Lexipol for the Town's General Order and Police Wellness.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

4. Police Department Report (Police and Code Enforcement) – Acting Police Chief Beale reported the start of community walks every other Thursday. The Police Department is selling one of their SUVs to a local Police Department agency, reducing extra costs to prepare for sale elsewhere. There were four auto thefts and two thefts from autos. Revenue generated from Red Light camera totaled \$9,975 and \$1,190 from impounds. Code compliance continued flood mitigation grant inspection, issuing building permits, licenses, and giving notices to businesses and residents for common violations.

6. Town Administrator Report (General Government and Public Works) – Administrator Rod Barnes reported on the Town's first Pet Fest.

Community Forklift has a new CEO and Friday evening events have restarted. The Town and Defenses de la Cuenca planted 55 trees throughout the Town. ReWild had an open market event with merchandise and food vendors. WSSC is working on Decatur Street with traffic restrictions to pass through from Taylor to 47th Avenue. Public Works is straightening street signs and painting yellow lines in areas to indicate no parking.

7. Council Dialogue

Council Member Chester asked when the last meeting of her term would be, and the mayor reported it would be June.

There was no additional dialogue from Council members.

8. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Gant attended a meeting with the County Sheriff about crime in the County and there will be plans for further outreach to communities on a quarterly basis. There is more dialogue with the County Executive's office about DPIE operations which are steadily improving. Mayor Gant and Mr. Barnes attended a reception held by Chesapeake Bay Trust which has provided many grants to the Town. PGCMA is taking part in monthly health and wellness sessions offered through Kaiser Permanente and recommends Council explore for their well-being and to potentially push out to the community. Mayor Gant gave Happy Mother's Day greetings.

9. Adjournment

At 7:55 pm Mayor Gant asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and into a Closed Session to discuss personnel matters related to non-elected personnel after Town Attorney Deloach reminded the Mayor you must state the reason. The Town Administrator was invited to attend the session.

Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Johnson to adjourn the meeting, not returning to regular session after the closed session.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

Averi Gray, Town Clerk