

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Session Minutes
Wednesday April 11, 2018 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 6:25 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Police Captain Billy Sullivan, Administrator, Rod Barnes, Town Clerk, Shantay Dabney and Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Layne Bee and Bennett-White
Nays: None
Motion carried.

3. Public Comments:

a. Jeremy Weiss, 4500 57th Ave. with Bladensburg Community Center presented to the Mayor and Council activities and programs that are available at the Center.

b. Hilary Chester, 4809 51st Ave. provided information to Mayor and Council regarding an information session for residents in fear of being deported (losing their protected status). She outlined several dates when various nationalities are subject to deportation.

c. Mr. Doyle, 4204 Emerson Street reported that cars are not obeying the four ways stop at 52nd Avenue and Decatur Street and he would like the Police Department to provide more enforcement.

d. Victorine Abban of 52nd Avenue asked the Council to consider having a Spring Festival for the children of Edmonston since the Spring Festival and Egg Hunt had to be cancelled due to weather.

4. Special Presentations:

a. Presentation of the proposed FY 18- 19 Town of Edmonston Annual Budget- Mr. Rod Barnes, Town Administrator presented the budget.

5. Old Business:

a. There was a discussion of the need for repair of Decatur Street between 51st Place and 51st Avenue. Mr. Barnes reported that the Town Engineer is working on specifications to bid the repair work between the two streets. WSSC will not be disturbing this area when they start the water main replacement in late 2018 or early 2019. It is anticipated that bids will be received in May with the work completed shortly thereafter.

6. New Business:

a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the work session meeting held on March 6, 2018 were presented. Council Member Layne Bee moved, second by Council Member Johnson to consider the Town Council work session minutes from March 6, 2018.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee
Nays: None
Motion carried.

b. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the Town Council Regular Meeting on March 14, 2018 and the closed session held on March 14, 2018 were presented.

Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to consider the Town Council minutes on March 14, 2018 and the closed session minutes from March 14, 2018.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- b. The consideration of award of bid for a 3-year auditing contract to the low bidder, Lindsey Associates for the Town's Annual audit services at a cost of \$9,800 for 2018, \$9,992 for 2019 and \$10,280 for 2020. Council Member Turberville moved to award the bid to Lindsey & Associates. Motion died for lack of a second. Council Member Layne Bee moved to consider the bid for a 3 year auditing contract to the higher bidder, Weyrich Cronin & Sorra. Councilmember Bennett-White seconded to award the 3-year auditing services to Weyrich Cronin & Sorra.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Bennett-White, Layne Bee

Nays: Turberville,

Motion carried.

- c. Finalize the Chesapeake Bay Trust grant for the Green Streets, Green Jobs with the approval of the following bids:

1. Change Order to Professional Lawn Maintenance to construct 2 additional rain gardens on Crittenden at a cost of \$8,600. (Paid by Grant Funds)
2. Approval to purchase 3 signs from Signs by Tomorrow at \$4,631.00. The signs match the Town's rain garden signs located throughout the Town (paid by Grant funds). Councilmember Bennett-White moved, seconded by Council member Johnson to approve the change order to Professional Lawn Maintenance and approval to purchase 3 signs from Signs by Tomorrow.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Turberville,

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

- d. The consideration of a policy resolution requiring the introduction to the Town Council prior to the final hiring of potential Town employees that are being hired by the Town Administrator was presented. Councilmember Layne Bee moved, seconded by Councilmember Turberville to consider the policy resolution.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Turberville,

Abstain: None

Motion carried

- e. The consideration of offering the Prince George's County Public Schools Summer Food Service Program 2018 in Edmonston was presented. Motion died

7. **Police Report:** Captain Sullivan distributed the monthly Police Reports

8. Council Dialogue

- a. Councilmember Layne Bee mentioned that Delegate Alonzo Washington invited the Mayor and Council to walk in the Hyattsville Day parade on Saturday. Councilmember Layne Bee reported that Mrs. Donata Bryan reported a suspicious person on Taylor Road. She expressed concern about potential vandalism in that area. She also reported that the side of Ms. Durham's house on 49th Avenue needs attention.
- b. Councilmember Turberville reported a significant amount of trash along 52nd Avenue and Decatur Street where the bamboo is located. Councilmember Turberville also recommended meeting with Town of Riverdale Park Code office to discuss the condition of the house closest to the trail.

- c. Mr. Barnes reported that Bates Trash is changing the date of yard waste on May 15th, 2018. Collection date will remain the same until the 15th. The new day will be Mondays. Trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday, recycling on Friday, and bulk pickup on Wednesdays.
- d. Mayor Gant reported that the Maryland Black Mayors will be providing a scholarship to an Edmonston student. The Town Administrator is raising funds from local businesses. Mayor Gant also discussed the current climate surrounding school shootings and would like to give elementary/middle school children an opportunity to express the way they feel. She also reported that PGCMA will be held on April 19, 2018 at City of District Heights.

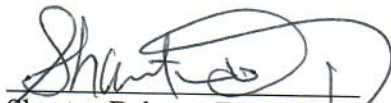
9. Adjournment:

- a. A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. was made by Councilmember Layne Bee, seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Layne Bee, Turberville, Bennett-White

Nays: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.


Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk


Tracy R. Gant, Mayor