Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kerns at 7:05 pm.

In attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Council Members: Farrish, Pooley, White, and Bee, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Chief of Police Walker and Town Clerk Michelle Rodriguez.

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM White. Agenda approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerns reports:

- You may have noticed there has been work going on, on several of our streets. Some of the work is because WSSC is in the process of inspecting several drain pipes that had been previously identified as too small for the amount of water that it goes through them. Washington Gas is another culprit in making some holes as well. The gas company will also be working on replacing some gas lines. Both agencies were informed well in advance about our plans to revitalize our streets. We requested for them to inform us of any major construction plans, before we invest in repaving our street.

  At the time, neither company came back with a response, and the town proceeded to pave and now they are tearing up the streets. We will be in touch again with both agencies to ensure that the repairs be done adequately and to our specifications. Areas that have been affected are 49th Ave, 52nd Ave, Crittenden St. and Decatur.

- Earlier today there was another power outage. This was due to a truck striking a pole and knocking out some wires at 49th Ave. The outage affected most of the town; Pepco responded promptly to the situation.

- We received a letter of appreciation from the Maryland House of Delegates, Environmental Committee in reference to their recent visit on September 17th.

- On Thursday, October 10th will be the PGCMA meeting in Berwyn Heights as well as a meeting to discuss the Kenilworth project in Cheverly.

- The Port Towns Legislative Meeting will be October 29th in Colmar Manor.

- Last Sunday was the Edmonston Community Day (Block Party) event at 47th Ave. The event was a great success thanks to the hard work of Council members Bee and White. The council members went door to door and personally distributed flyers inviting residents. Great job!

- Port Town Day was on September 21st; although I wasn't able to attend I was informed that the Town was very well represented. I want to express our greatest appreciation to CM Farrish, Chief Walker and Clerk Rodriguez for being on the committee and making the event a success.

- Edmonston Day is still on track for this upcoming Saturday. We will have a meeting late Thursday afternoon to see how the weather conditions are. We will inform every one, once the determination has been made.

Council Report:

CM Pooley:

- Informs that the next meeting of the Edmonston Green Team will be on Thursday October 10th from 7-9 pm, at the town hall.
- Mentions that although she has been out of town, she has noticed several people attending the fitness class at the Rec. Center.
- The Town has completed all requirements for the Sustainable Maryland certification; the award will be given during the MML Fall Conference later this month.
- Atha board meetings: all plans for the big celebration on 2014 are full speed ahead. Several activities have been programmed for the bicentennial celebration, many that are cyclist friendly.
- Has noticed that the base of several lamps on Decatur Street seem to be cracking- would like for someone to revise.
- Mentions that on the bike trial where the work on the levee was preformed a stop sign was taken out and has yet to be reinstalled. This is a danger for both cyclists and motorist alike.
- Wasn't able to attend the Block party, but did hear great feedback from residents who attended.

CM Bee:

- Mention that the 1st annual Edmonston Block party was a huge success. We had a great turnout from many residents as well from council members and employees from some of our neighboring towns. Met several long time residents. The feedback from residents was that they were happy with town services and would like for the event to repeat next year. She expressed her gratitude to the chief and all staff who participated putting the event together.

CM White:

- Also expresses her gratitude to Chief Walker, the Police department and Rocio for their hard work during the event. It was nice to meet residents. She estimates that over 100 people attended.

CM Farrish:

- Mentions that the Edmonston party was more than a block party it was a Town event. She was able to see how all departments worked together with council to make the event happen. She also expresses her gratitude towards Cm Bee and White for walking around though out the town and inviting residents to the event.
- Mention that Port Towns Day was a success as well. Chief Walker and Michelle were very active on the committee. Lt Governor Brown, County Executive Baker, County Council member Will Campos among others.
- The PGCMA Legislative dinner is scheduled for November 14th, at the Newton White Mansion- Cost is $60 per person.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio informs:

- Attended a meeting with Community Legacy and MDE with all the Port Towns to discuss the grant request to be submitted for a street sweeper and trash/ recycling barrels for all 4 towns.

  The town will be submitting an individual project as well. We will be requesting to have all lights within the Town hall replaced with LED efficient lighting.

- We are still awaiting payment on previous project- Bioretention ponds on Lafayette. It seem as with the changes at the Port Towns CDC- it has been overlooked. We will be reaching out to the new director – MS. Cecile Spence for assistance in seeking payment.

- Had a discussion with our bank – TD Bank. They have informed me that the bank is not interested in providing the funding for the addition. They are encouraging us to go after a bond, which is more costly to the town than a loan.

Tiberio informs that he will be reaching out to other banks such as SunTrust and PNC for a loan.

- We have submitted the tax differential form for the next year.

- Prince Georges County Department of Public Works has been doing several test holes though the town to inspect the different storm lines. One of the major problem areas is the storm drain on the corner of 51st and Decatur. That drain is clog with roots that are impairing the free flow of rain water; this causes that corner area to flood.

- We have been trying to contact someone with authority at WSSC, to talk to them about getting our road fix appropriately, as it was before the water break on Decatur, but still no luck.

- Starting January 1st yard waste must be placed in bags. Notification of this new order was sent to the town and will be included in the newsletter.

    - CM Bee mentions that she had been asked by our residents why doesn't the Town move the Police Department to the old School on Decatur Street.
        - Tiberio informs that the building has an owner and it is rented out to different business.
        - Mayor Kerns also mentioned that he would like to keep both departments under one roof.
    - CM Farrish indicates that she would like to have a copy of the CDBG grant to be submitted, well as copies of other granted previously submitted.

Police/ Code Report

- Chief Walker and Mayor Kerns proceed to swear in Mr. David L. Young, as an Edmonston Police Officer.

- Chief gives and explains police/ code reports.

- Walker mentions that a survey was done on the school buses traveling on Taylor Rd. towards Riverdale Park. The surveys revealed that bus were traveling at speed, although it may seem as if they are speeding, but it can be because the time of day, and the size of the bus. It was also discovered that a large amount of school buses use that route, we may want to consider asking the school board to reroute the buses.

Public Comments

Ms. Cheryl Moran, MNCPPC:

Informs the Town of ongoing events at the Riverdale park community center open to all, and would like to establish something similar in town for Edmonston Residents.

Action Items for Legislative Meeting

1. *Introduction of new redistricting plan for election wards in accordance with Supreme Court ruling: "one man, one vote" as further defined in Charter resolution CR-13-01. Motion Introduced*

2. *Introduction of new traffic regulations regarding vehicles over five ton limit on Decatur Street and describing new routing for vehicles arriving and leaving industrial area of Edmonston. Motion Introduced*

3. *Approval of Crittenden Street project for CDBG 40. Motion to approve made by CM Pooley and second by CM White. Vote 3 in favor 1 opposed.* Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

4. *Motion to approve speed humps on 48th Avenue. Motion to approve made by CM Farrish and second by CM Bee.* Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

Approval of legislative meeting minutes for the month of September 2013. *Motion to approve made by CM* Pooley *and second by CM* Bee. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business

New Business:

No new business

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish @ 8:55pm
Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.