

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 9, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (Via Zoom Teleconference)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Hilary Chester, John Johnson and Betsy McCauley, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averil Gray, and Police Chief Elliott Gibson Sr. Council Member Sarah Turberville was absent.

At 5:41 p.m., a motion to move 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 was made by Council Member McCauley and seconded by Council Member Chester. The specific purpose was to meet Police Officer Candidate Peter Shepherd.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley and Johnson

Nays None

Motion carried

At 5:56 p.m., a motion to end the closed session and resume the work session was made by Council Member McCauley and seconded by Council Member Chester.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley and Johnson

Nays None

Motion carried

2. Agenda Review

The Council reviewed the agenda for the Regular Town Council meeting which included.

- a. Report from Prince Georges' County Board of Education District 3 Board Member Pamela Boozer-Strother.
- b. Juneteenth Proclamation
- c. The final consideration of ordinance 2021-OR-02 to appropriate and adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2021-22. Administrator Barnes added that per agreement by Town Council, \$18K had been moved within the budget to accommodate work by a social media strategist. Mayor Gant opened the floor for questions or discussion.
- d. The final consideration of Ordinance 2021-OR-03 to amend the FY20-21 annual budget. Administrator Barnes noted the primary change deals with the lease purchase of the body cam/taser and the house on Hamilton Street that was demolished.
- e. The consideration of approval of the following minutes:
 - i. Virtual Work Session Meeting minutes May 12, 2021
 - ii. Virtual Regular Council Meeting minutes May 12, 2021

There were no suggested edits for minutes from the above referenced meetings.

- f. The consideration of contract of agreement with Ecosite, Inc. for the engineering services for the CBT 2021 Gallatin Street Rain Garden grant in the amount of \$42,203.00.
3. Review Policy for Opening the Edmonston Recreation Center July 15, 2021. Town Attorney Ferguson is adding language into the contract that deals with COVID liability and protocol. Chief Gibson has written a security policy with protocols and practices to follow. As a measure to help guard against the spread of COVID, a fee for sanitizing of the Recreation Center will be passed onto renters in the amount of \$100. Modifying the Center's rental hours is yet to be determined.

It was proposed that in-person Town Council meetings resume in September after the August break to which Council Members agreed. Upcoming events mentioned were the August 3rd Police Department's "Night Out", a Hispanic Festival September 18th and Unity Festival October 9th.

4. The Work Session meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

Averi Gray, Town Clerk