

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 12, 2023 (Via Zoom Teleconference)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:09 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. Public Hearing
 - a. The mayor opened a Public Hearing for input on the proposed FY23-24 annual budget. Town Administrator Rod Barnes outlined the proposed budget. The mayor and staff are working on reducing expenditures to balance the budget. The mayor closed the public hearing.
 - i. The consideration of introduction of Ordinance 23-OR-03 adopting an annual budget and setting the property tax rate and business personal property tax rates for FY23-24 was presented.

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Turberville to approve Ordinance 23-OR-03 adopting the FY23-24 annual budget and setting the property tax rate and business personal property tax rates.
Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion Carried
5. Old Business
 - a. The final consideration and approval of ordinance 23-OR-01 amending the town's Code of ordinances, Chapter 285 concerning Property Maintenance addressing exterior paint peeling, chipped and/or discolored paint.

Council Member Johnson motioned, seconded by Council Member Turberville to approve ordinance 23-OR-01 on final consideration.
Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion Carried
5. New Business
 - a. Minutes
 - i. March 7, 2023, Work Session Meeting Minutes

- ii. March 8, 2023, Regular Session Meeting Minutes
- iii. March 14, 2023, Work Session Meeting Minutes
- iv. March 28, 2023, Work Session Meeting Minutes
- v. March 28, 2023, Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Council Member Johnson motioned, seconded by Council Member McCauley, to accept the minutes for all meetings in March as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- b. The consideration of the approval of the Police Department's plan to paint the right-of-way designation from 4819 Buchanan to 5052 Buchanan to enforce parking was presented by Acting Chief Beale.

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Chester, to approve the Police Department plan to enforce parking and improve the traffic flow on Buchanan Street.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- c. The consideration of a contract with J.O.M. Painting to remodel the Police Department's half of the Garage for \$23,350.00. (ARPA Funds) was presented.

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve contracting J.O.M. to remodel the Police Department's half of the Garage space in the amount of \$23,350.00.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- d. The consideration of award of bid to Alcoa Concrete, Edmonston to repave Crittenden Street in the amount of \$96,900 (CDBG Grant).

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to award the bid to Alcoa Concrete for repaving of Crittenden Street.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- e. The consideration of proposal for Buchanan Street Engineering Services for the Prince Georges County Stormwater

Management/CBT grant to Ecosite, Inc. in the amount of \$45,000. (PGC/CBT Grant)

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to move forward with engineering services for the Buchanan Street Stormwater/CBT grant.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

f. The consideration of proposal of award of bid to Professional Lawn Maintenance Services to construct rain gardens on Hamilton Street in the amount of \$72,713.75 (PGC/CBT Grant) was presented.

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to award the bid to Professional Lawn Maintenance Services for the construction of eight rain gardens on Hamilton Street as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. Police Department Report (Police and Code Enforcement) – Acting Police Chief Beale reported 2 stolen cars, 4 thefts from autos and a motorcycle theft at Fountain Park on March 14th between 2-3 a.m. Code Compliance has noted ten municipal infractions and fourteen home/business inspections. Acting Chief Beale is exploring software from a company (Lexipol) which provides updates on state policies as it relates to general orders. Town Council discussed the pros and cons of the system and suggested representatives from Lexipol join a future Council meeting to discuss the program in more detail.

7. Town Administrator Report (General Government and Public Works) – Town Administrator Barnes reported on the success of the Easter event and mentioned other upcoming Spring events. He indicated upcoming WSSC work replacing water pipes on Decatur Street between 46th and 48th Avenue and the sidewalk project on 52nd Avenue to Crittenden is still being reviewed by the State Highway Administration.

8. Council Dialogue

Council Member Chester asked if the Council could provide a letter of support for the Railway Safety Act bill. Mayor Gant suggested Council Member Chester add to a future meeting agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Johnson expressed concern about stolen cars at Fountain Park and asked if security at the apartments had contacted

Edmonston Police. Acting Chief Beale indicated security at the Apartment is keeping him informed of activities.

Council Member McCauley and Council Member Turberville had no additional comments.

9. Mayor's Comments- Mayor Gant suggested that the Council stay informed about the new MML Director's initiatives that might be of interest and benefit the community.

11. Adjournment

At 8:22 Council Member Turberville moved, seconded by Council Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

Averi Gray, Town Clerk