

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023, Via Teleconference (ZOOM)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Hilary Chester, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averil Gray, and Acting Police Chief Eric Beale.
 - a. The introduction of police officer candidates was completed. Police Officer candidates Brandon Jackson and Andrea Durant-Smith were presented to the Council.

At 5:36 Council Member McCauley moved and seconded by Council Member Chester to go into a closed meeting to discuss personnel matters.
Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion Carried

At 5:55 Council Member McCauley moved and seconded by Council Member Johnson to end the closed session meeting and return to the work session.
Vote: Ayes: Chester, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion Carried

2. Review Agenda

- 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

There were no comments or suggestions for edits to any of the meeting minutes.

- b. 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.
Town Council agreed to move forward with the ordinance as is.

- c. The consideration of the approval of the Police Department's plan to paint the right-of-way designation from 4819 Buchanan to 5052 Buchanan in order to enforce parking. (Acting Chief Beale presenting). Acting Chief Beale proposed that enforcement begin with allowing cars to park for a short term for quick service, drop-off, or pick-up. After notice to area businesses, a 30-day warning period and hours after 9:00 or 10:00 pm, remaining cars in the right-of-way will be towed. ATTC and Robey's were the suggested companies to use for towing. Council Member McCauley suggested using yellow paint to designate no parking.
- d. The consideration of award of bid for PY46 CDBG Crittenden Repaving. (CDBG Grant Funds) was presented. Town Administrator Barnes recommended awarding Alcoa Concrete for repaving Crittenden as they provided a bid within the budget out of three companies that submitted proposals.
- e. 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. Acting Chief Beale and Town Administrator Barnes discussed the plan to finish the space making it more functional for the storage of evidence, weapons, uniforms, and meetings. Council Member Chester asked how this renovation work differs from that of Town Hall and Administrator Barnes suggested to revise estimates because of Garage work.
- f. The Mayor will conduct a Public Hearing for input on the proposed FY23-24 annual budget.
 - i. The consideration of introduction of Ordinance 23-OR-3 adopting an annual budget and setting the property tax rate and business Personal Property Tax rates for FY23-24 will also be presented for approval.
- g. 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) will be presented. Administrator Barnes indicated the grant covers a portion of the Town's engineer design work and construction.
- h. 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 discussed. Administrator indicated the grant covers the cost

for the planting of 8 rain gardens on Hamilton Street using more floral plantings in the residential area.

- i. Review of Spring Events – Administrator Barnes shared information about the April 15th rain garden planting/workshop led by Nature Forward; Earth Day clean-up & 100 tree giveaway event at Eco City Farms on the 22nd and election on May 1st.

At 6:54 p.m., Mayor Gant adjourned the Work Session meeting.

Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

Averi Gray, Town Clerk