

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022, Via Teleconference

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Police Chief Gibson.

2. Review Agenda:

- i. June 8, 2022, Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - ii. June 8, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - iii. June 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Council reviewed minutes indicating no changes needed.

- b. The consideration of a proposal from Pennoni for a traffic study of the 46th Avenue Industrial Park including Lafayette Place and Taylor Road; use of controlled access installations to limit/deter truck traffic in residential neighborhood; restricting truck traffic/parking on specified streets; 46th & Decatur St. intersection improvements; and pedestrian access to the Hyattsville Art District at a cost of \$75,054.00. (ARPA Funds).

Pavan Velpuri/Pennoni provided an overview indicating the study will include data collected during school year and at times when not in session. Estimated 90-day period of study with detail reporting of findings and specific long- and short-term recommendations for budgeting and planning purposes. Council asked that study address ways for connectivity to Hyattsville and expanded uses in the industrial areas. Also, noteworthy, safety solutions at Kenilworth for pedestrian traffic. Council indicated the hiring of area engineer firm with a working knowledge of this area funding appears reasonable.

- c. The consideration of resolutions 2022-R-01 and 2022-R-02 supporting the Town's grant application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for continuing the "Edmonston Beautiful" program for seniors and low-to-moderate income residents and the renewal of a façade improvement program for local businesses. Council expressed wanting to continue with this program.

3. Other Business:

Mayor Gant has reached out to County legislature to hold a meeting with residents about stormwater management issues and solutions and recommends neighboring Riverdale take part also.

Council requested the results of the Opto-Traffic study to be sure there is objective data to warrant moving forward with a contract to install a speed camera on Kenilworth Ave. Chief Gibson indicated he would provide that

information to Council. Attorney Ferguson reiterated that the contract language under review for an opinion by the State Attorney's office to be certain it complies with state regulations.

Town Administrator Barnes queried to move September's work session to same day as the regular council meeting to which Council agreed. Some residents are requesting that Council discuss initiating a quiet zone in parts of the town.

Chief Gibson reported that today is Officer Shepherd's last day with the Edmonston Police Department. Sergeant Young too, has moved on to the Bladensburg Police Department. Salary was a factor in their decision to leave. Council reminded Chief that Shepherd needs to reimburse the Town as his contract stated should departure occur before a 3-year period. Chief Gibson discussed the upcoming Police National Night Out. Council asked Chief Gibson about the use noise meters to which he replied that all officers were trained and using the devices. Results of the meters' use is being added to the monthly stat report.

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4. Adjournment
Mayor Gant adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

Averi Gray, Town Clerk