

Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023, Via Teleconference (ZOOM)

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 Averi Gray, and Acting Police Chief Eric Beale.
2. Margaret Henderson, Lexipol provided a presentation to the Mayor and Council for developing the Police Department's General Orders. Her presentation included the following points:
 - Lexipol works with an agency addressing up to 5-7 policies per week. Software is cloud based and practical for field use.
 - Policy creation by Attorney and law enforcement officials customized specifically for the agency. Model policy samples can be provided.
 - State policy change and best practice are kept up to date and are readily available as a resource.
 - Directed training scenarios available with quiz components to reinforce interpretation of Town policy.
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 - Fee structure: \$20,405.05/first year and annually afterwards at \$4,000. An account Manager is assigned to the agency.

Council Member Chester wanted to ensure that the Council is directly involved in the decision making on policy change.

Council Member Turberville indicated it was helpful to know the make-up of the consulting team writing policy to ensure we are operating with progressive policies and practices. She wants sample policies shared and is glad application training is available.

Council Member McCauley is glad to know that policy templates can be provided and modified to fit the needs of the Town.

Mayor Gant noted the LGIT board is supportive of Lexipol, commenting that it is a good and streamlined program.

3. Pennoni Traffic Engineers presented the 46th Avenue Traffic Study. Kim Adams, Bryan Young, James Gray and Doug Kennedy presented the results of the 46th Avenue traffic study and recommendations to the Council. The following was noted.
 - Peak traffic flow is typically higher during the a.m./p.m. to and from work hours and between 1-2pm noting 5-10 heavier trucks turning at Taylor Street.
 - It is recommended that the connectivity to Route 1 is an issue Hyattsville and Edmonston should continue efforts collaboratively through possible grant funding. It will be a complicated and expensive

endeavor given that areas' grading of the road construction and non-ADA compliant sidewalk.

- The option presented for solving traffic issues include creating a cul-de-sac at Lafayette and Ingraham separating residential and commercial vehicles or one-way traffic signage with enhanced police enforcement. Dead ends at Gallatin and Hamilton can be created at 46th with barriers with messaging to the community and businesses a vital part to implement.

Council Member McCauley would like to explore redirecting truck traffic off Decatur and onto Buchanan.

Mayor Gant complemented the presenters report.

4. Review Agenda

a. Minutes

- i. April 12, 2023, Work Session Meeting Minutes
- ii. April 12, 2023, Regular Session Meeting Minutes
- iii. April 12, 2023, Closed Session Meeting Minutes

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

b. The introduction and approval of ordinance 2023-OR-04 amending the FY22-23 annual budget was presented for discussion.

Administrator Barnes reported Town expenditures at 3-million worth of expenditures with 2.7 million already accounted for. For accuracy, projects completed in May will be added for precise revenue projections for budget amendment. The Council agreed to delay budget adjustment to the June Council meeting.

c. The consideration and approval of a cooperation agreement with Prince George's County on behalf of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development was reviewed. Administrator Barnes indicated that the agreement allows the Town to participate in grant funding opportunities. The Council agreed to present for approval.

d. The consideration and approval of Resolution 2023-R-02 to support the Town of Edmonston's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Sustainable Communities Community Legacy Grant Applications was discussed. Administrator Barnes reported grants provided through DHCD include Edmonston Beautiful, Façade improvement for businesses, Big Belly bins and strategic planning projects. The Council agreed to present for approval.

e. The consideration of approval to subscribe with Lexipol for updating and maintaining the Police Department's General Orders and Mental Health Wellness Check. The Council agreed to present for approval.

5. At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Gant adjourned the Work Session meeting.

Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

Averi Gray, Town Clerk