Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2025
Via Teleconference

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m., and teleconference attendees were Council Members Kony Serrano-Portillo, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, and Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averi Gray, and Police Chief Eric Beale.

2. The Council reviewed with the UMD Class the development of the proposed park at 51st & Decatur. Dr. Deni Ruggeri's Landscape class at UMD through the PALS (Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability) program is collaborating with Edmonston to design park space throughout the Town. The PALS group will attend Town events to gather input from the community on elements they want in the park.

3. Review of the agenda for the October 8 Regular Town Council Meeting:

   A. Minutes
      I. The minutes from the September 2 Town Council work session.
      II. The minutes from the September 10 Regular Town Council meeting.

   There were no edits to the minutes provided by the Town Council.

   OLD BUSINESS:

   a. The final consideration and approval of ordinance 2025-OR-08 establishing garage sale requirements was discussed. Chief Beale and Town Attorney Deloach reviewed language that includes costs, restrictions, and penalties for those conducting a retail business sale of goods without registering with the appropriate mobile license fees. For a typical yard sale, registration is the only requirement.

   b. The final consideration and approval of ordinance 2025-OR-07 amending and prohibiting parking a mobile home travel trailer in driveways, lots, or the streets to include prohibiting living in the trailer was reviewed.

   The Town Council wants to adjust the language in the ordinance to include "any vehicle" to clarify that it is not just trailers as cited in the ordinance.

   c. The consideration of the final consideration and approval of ordinance 2025-OR-06 amending the Town's visitor pass requirement on the cost of a replacement pass was reviewed.

   Chief Beale proposes that households receive one pass if the home has a driveway and two passes if there is no driveway. If the pass is lost or stolen, homeowners must report it to the County, get a case number, and

share that information with the Edmonston Police Department. There will be a replacement fee for the pass

d. The consideration of agreement with the University of Maryland PALS program ($10,000 contribution) had been previously discussed.

The Town Council agrees to vote in moving forward with a contribution to the UMD PALS program.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **RedSpeed Maryland is legally obligated to implement all provisions of HB 182, including the new tiered penalty schedule and operational requirements, across all client jurisdictions beginning on the effective date. The new law supersedes any pre-existing local fine policies or operational procedures. All RedSpeed Maryland systems, citations, and operations will be updated to reflect these statutory changes by October 1, 2025.** The introduction of ordinance 2025-OR-09 amending the Town's speed camera requirements will be presented.

The Town's ordinance will be adjusted to match the new tiered state structure of fines that went into effect on October 1st.

B. Consider the appointment of a hearing officer for parking ticket violations.

The Town Council decided to table this item and address it at the November meeting.

4. The council reviewed the first quarter of the FY25-26 annual budget. Administrator Barnes indicated that the reserve fund, which was $700K, has decreased to $50K. However, grant reimbursements of approximately $500K will restore the reserve fund, and a report on the fiscal year projection will be shared at the November meeting. MNCPPC has established a new lease agreement for the use and management of the Recreation Center, which spans a three-year term with an option for two additional one-year extensions. It will be presented for consideration and approval at the November meeting.

5. National Night Out and Trunk or Treat Event Update – Chief Beale provided an update for this event. The event will take place from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Rec Center field, featuring games, a train, a maze, a pumpkin patch, a DJ, and food.

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

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Averi Gray, Town Clerk