Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2025
Via Teleconference

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., and teleconference attendees were Council Members Betsy McCauley, Kony Serrano-Portillo, John Johnson, and Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averi Gray, and Police Chief Eric Beale.

2. Review of the agenda for the November 12 Regular Town Council Meeting:

   A. Minutes
      I. The minutes from the October 8 Town Council work session.
      II. The minutes from the October 8 Regular Town Council meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

a. There was a review of the final approval of Ordinance 25-OR-07 amending the ordinance prohibiting parking a mobile home travel trailer in driveways, lots, or the streets to include prohibiting living in the trailer.

NEW BUSINESS

a. The Town Administrator presented the proposed draft of a 3-year license agreement with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the use of the Edmonston Recreation Center.

Town Administrator Barnes shared items in the agreement, which include:

- Fee structure remains as is for all rentals
- Edmonston will pay a yearly fee of $5K,
- Edmonston will cover utility payments and minor building maintenance
- Edmonston's Police Department will oversee policing
- Two additional one-year extension options are available
- MNCPPC will inspect the facility annually and provide for capital improvements

Town Attorney Jason DeLoach has reviewed the agreement.

3. There was a brief discussion about assistance to residents during the federal government shutdown and elimination of federal food programs. Edmonston is sharing with the community resource information from the County and State on social media. Victory Grace church continues to provide its Saturday food giveaway from Town Hall. The town is partnering with Pastor Rouse, a local clergyman, for a Thanksgiving Basket giveaway and Mayor Gant has arranged a turkey basket giveaway with another entity.

4. The Town Administrator gave an update on the progress with renovations to Town Hall ($300,000 Bond Bill). Town Administrator Barnes met with a Gordian Company for a design/build project. Initial design thoughts are as follows :
    - Remove the Code Compliance office to open space in the Council chamber.
    - Move the bathrooms (one with a shower) forward and move the kitchen toward the Police conference room, which will be enlarged.

5. There was a discussion of the continuation of the Food Compost door-to-door collection ($5,508 Cost to FY25-26 Annual Budget).
   Town Administrator Barnes indicated the cost to continue the program after funding ends on November 30 is $27/per customer, but with increased enrollment, costs will be lower. Mayor Gant would like to continue the program as is because of the government and S.N.A.P. food program shutdown.

6. Review of the first quarter FY25-26 annual budget and end-of-year projections. Town Administrator Barnes indicated that budget revenues are projected to be on target. However, the camera is lower than anticipated, and the Red Light Camera has yet to be installed. Ticket repayment expected at $25K is below $15K.The Police Department is looking at the potential of adding stop sign cameras at Decatur and 52nd and 49th Avenue. An evaluation of the business and real estate taxes is suggested. The town is still paying workers' compensation for a former public works staff member. There will be no further Police Department hires, even with the two vacancies. The reserve funds will increase to $500K from grant reimbursements.

7. Reminder: Applications for Ward 1 Council Member are now available at Town Hall. Deadline for return is November 15.

8. Adjournment. At 8:05 p.m., Council Member Turberville motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.
   Vote:
   Ayes: Turberville, McCauley, Serrano, Johnson
   Nays: None
   Motion Carried

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Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

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Averi Gray, Town Clerk