Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2026

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Michelle Bonilla, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averi Gray, and Police Chief Eric Beale.

2. The Mayor and Council reviewed the agenda for the March 11 Town Council Regular Meeting

A. Minutes

i. The minutes from the January 6 Town Council Closed Session meeting.

ii. The minutes from February 11 Town Council Regular Session meeting.

The Council did not comment on the March 11 agenda or minutes from the January or February meetings.

B. The consideration of the introduction of ordinance **NO. 2025-OR-11 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EDMONSTON AMENDING THE TOWN CHARTER TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 432 "VEHICLE SPRAY PAINTING AND REFURBISIHING SERVICES ON VEHICLES" TO REGULATE COMMERCIAL SPRAY PAINTING AND REFURBISHING SERVICES FOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWN.**

The Council discussed compliance and enforcement of air quality regulations for auto body shops in the town and wants to amend the ordinance to prohibit all vehicle painting in residential areas too. Also, the Council discussed fines and penalties agreeing on the following.

- Change the fine to $2,500 for first offense, $5,000 for second offense and revocation of business license.
- Notification to Property Owner and potential fine of $1,000
- Add a prohibition for painting in resident garages or on the property. A $5,000 fine potentially and if renter, the revocation of rental license Owner fined $1,000. If owner occupies, filing a potential lien on the property if unpaid.

C. The Town is required to provide the State with an approved Investment Policy. The Town Administrator drafted a policy using the Town of Bladensburg's as a model. A copy will be provided prior to the regular town council meeting.

D. The consideration of Joint Resolution 2026-01 **A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF**

BLADENSBURG AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EDMONSTON ESTABLISHING A COORDINATED ANNEXATION STRATEGY FOR THE EDMONSTON ROAD CORRIDOR AND ADOPTING A PROCESS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION.

The Council discussed potential expansion areas, including commercial entities and residential properties, while emphasizing the importance of intergovernmental cooperation.

3.Year-in-Review 2025 - Town Administrator Barnes provided a comprehensive report on the various community initiatives, successful events, and achievements in Edmonston for calendar year 2025. He highlighted collaboration with the University of Maryland, a bond bill success for park development, a revamped Unity Rally, recognition for the town's rain garden program and the newly established Port Town CDC.

4. Proposed FY26-27 Budget Overview – Revenues – Council decided to review the budget for discussion at the March 10 work session meeting.

5.Closed Session (If required) PLEASE **STATE PURPOSE AND WHO IS ATTENDING.**

6.Adjournment. At 9:10 pm Council Member Betsy McCauley was motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Bonilla, McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

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Averi Gray, Town Clerk