Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Via Teleconference

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Review of the agenda for the September 10 Regular Town Council Meeting:

    A. Minutes
        I. The minutes from the July 9 Regular Town Council meeting. No edits were suggested for the minutes.

    B. The consideration of the introduction of an ordinance establishing garage sale requirements. Chief Beale proposed providing a permit to allow garage sales on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at a cost of $150 consistent with mobile vendor licenses. This measure would be enforced through citations and fines. Council wants an approach that distinguishes those who are selling merchandise like a retailer, requiring necessary permits and those who are selling items from their home. The language in the ordinance will be tweaked to also address cost and notification process.

    C. The consideration of the introduction of amending the ordinance prohibiting parking a mobile home travel trailer in driveways, lots or the streets to include prohibiting living in the traveler. Edmonston is experiencing this issue and is addressing it with an amendment supported by the Council.

    D. The consideration of the introduction of an amendment to the Town's visitor pass requirement on the cost of a replacement pass. Chief Beal proposes eliminating the current paper parking pass for a more durable one that will cost $150 to replace it if lost. The Council suggest a lower cost for the first replacement and a higher cost if misplaced a second time.

    E. The consideration of the appointments to the newly formed BCCE Port Towns Collaborative. (Mayor Gant & Citizen at-large). The Board will consist of nine members, two from each community. It is recommended that Mayor Gant and a Citizen-at-large will serve from Edmonston. The Board cannot allow more than 50% of its Board to be Council Member to maintain a non-profit status.

F. The consideration of adding a speed bump at 4921 49th Avenue (Requested by Jona Elson). Council supports a speed bump placement if other residents on 49th agree.

G. The consideration of agreement with the University of Maryland PALS program ($10,000 contribution). The collaboration with UMD should be a beneficial investment for the Town.

H. The resignation of Council Member Kony Serrano Portillo effective November 1, 2025. She is recently engaged and is moving to Chicago.

3. Request by Mr. Bill Johnson for a Quiet Zone designation of Lafayette Place from Taylor Road to Ingraham and the placement of a flashing NO TRUCKS sign at the intersection of Lafayette Place and Taylor Road.

4. Report on Grant to erect 10 murals on Buchanan Street telling the history of Edmonston. The themes are below: (Rose Jaffe artist) ($49,000 Grant – Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development)

    i. First Mayors,
    ii. Car Manufacturing
    iii. Flooding
    iv. Centennial
    v. Environment (2)
    vi. Cultural
    vii. Homes
    viii. Adam Plummer
    ix. Veteran's

5. Report on upcoming Mayor's Workshop and 6th Annual Unity Rally – September 20. A workshop from 2 pm– 5 pm has been added and will cover the following: Knowing Your Rights is dealing with law enforcement; Drug Education and Domestic Violence and Dating Conventions.

6. Recognition of our America in Bloom Community Champion, Frieda Parks

7. Adjournment. At 8:59 p.m. Mayor Gant adjourned the work session meeting.

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Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

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Averi Gray, Town Clerk