

Town Council Summary from the December 12, 2016 Town Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2016.
- Approved Resolution No. R-15-2016, as Amended - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to adjust the parking limitation from one (1) hour to two (2) hours along the 10300 block of Kensington Parkway. *The Council removed reference to parking on Wheatley Street and will revisit the issue at the January Council meeting.*
- Approved Resolution No. R-16-2016 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to purchase a Kubota SSV75HC skid-steer loader from Gaithersburg Equipment Company, and to sell a John Deere 2155 farm loader and a Kubota F-2400 tractor.

December 12, 2016

Town Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen, and Rollins, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member Rodriguez was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2016 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Furman acknowledged that the Council had received a report by the Town's Audit Committee for Fiscal Year 2015-16, and thanked the Committee members for their service.

Council Member McMullen reported that the Traffic Committee convened December 6th and noted the following: 1) the second speed hump was installed along the 10300 block of Armory Avenue; 2) the Committee discussed traffic calming for the intersection of Baltimore, Prospect, and Washington Streets, and recommended that additional feedback from the Residents was necessary prior to installing a speed hump; 3) the Committee recommended reinstalling the "No Parking" signs along the west side of the 3400 block of Wheatley Street as a temporary measure until permit parking by local businesses could be addressed; 4) the Committee recommended amending the existing parking limitation from one (1) hour along the 10300 block of Kensington Parkway to two (2) hours, following a request by a local business.

Mayor Furman read, on behalf of Council Member Rodriguez, his report that the Events (6:00 pm) and Greenscape (7:00 pm) committees will convene on December 19th; he thanked the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD), along with the Town staff, for their efforts during the Christmas Tree lighting, and noted that the Menorah lighting will be held on December 24th, beginning at 3:00 pm.

Mayor Furman recognized the Kensington Shopping Center for their recent landscaping improvements, and noted that the patrol bikes for the Montgomery County Police had been in operation, following a contribution by the Town, along with Sam and Judy Splaine in memory of their daughter, Christina.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman noted that the electrical and sign permits for Ayoub Carpet & Rugs were still pending with the County, and that there were no immediate updates at this time.

Council Member Bartram suggested imposing an operational requirement on the signage lighting, retroactively, if the property owner does not use a timer for the signage lighting.

Town Manager Daily reported that there had been thefts from approximately 20 unlocked vehicles along Frederick Avenue the previous evening. The Montgomery County Police are investigating and reminded Residents to lock their vehicles. Mr. Daily also noted that he would contact the owner of Ayoub Carpet & Rugs to discuss installing a timer for the sign.

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey informed Residents of the last full super moon and the upcoming Geminid meteor shower.

Sigrid Doherty thanked the Mayor and Town staff for helping with the Veterans event.

Leslie Olson reminded the Council that Prestige Auto still had lights that were flashing, and encouraged the Council to review future signage distance requirements from Residential properties.

Harley Higgins thanked the Mayor and Town Council, along with the Kensington Historical Society, for hosting the Veterans lunch.

Joseph Campbell commended the Town on the current leaf collection; inquired about the time-frame of the vehicles thefts along Frederick Avenue; and noted that although not a Town park, he witnessed a dog attack at Kensington Cabin Park between a leashed and unleashed dog.

Jack Gaffey confirmed that the vehicle thefts were at approximately 12:30 am.

Tim Weir asked whether there was a set schedule for the bike patrols, if the Town was paying for the patrols, and whether there was any focus from the police towards violent crimes.

Mayor Furman stated that there is no set schedule for the bike patrols, as it will depend on a number of variables, including weather, and that the bike patrols are being deployed through MCP's general coverage and are not included within the Town's funding for additional coverage.

Town Manager Daily stated that the priority of the additional police coverage that the Town pays for is to enforce traffic restrictions; however, this could be modified if requested. Mr. Daily also stated that he would request statistics pertaining to crime within the community and is also

collecting data for possible State Legislation on monitoring time restrictions.

Conor Crimmins asked whether the Town benefits from citations written by the Montgomery County Police.

Town Manager Daily confirmed that the Town does not receive any funds from tickets issued by the Montgomery County Police for moving violations.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-15-2016 – A Resolution to authorize the Town Manager to restore the “No Parking Anytime” signs on the west side of Wheatley Street between Plyers Mill Road and Oberon Street, and to change the parking limitation on Kensington Parkway, adjacent to Flinn Park, from one (1) hour to two (2) hours was presented. See Council Actions.

Council Member McMullen stated the Traffic Committee recommended the “No Parking Anytime” signs be reinstalled on the west side of the 3400 Block of Wheatley Street as a temporary solution until permit parking can be addressed.

Philip Kirlew, Production Manager with SERVPRO, was present to explain his company’s current parking situation, and to confirm that a number of his employees do park on the neighboring streets. Mr. Kirlew stated that he has purchased parking permits from the Town; however, he was informed that no additional permits are available at this time.

Leslie Olson stated that Residents at the Traffic meeting were amenable to permit parking on the west side of Wheatley, and also suggested that SERVPRO contact Pepco about possibly using their adjacent lot for parking.

Town Manager Daily suggested that there are three businesses spaces within the Metropolitan lot not being used, in which SERVPRO could purchase a permit.

The Mayor and Council discussed restoring the “No Parking Anytime” signs along Wheatley Street and concurred on waiting to take action until a final solution could be reached with regards to possible restrictions on parking. The references to Wheatley Street will be removed from Resolution No. R-15-2016.

Resolution No. R-16-2016 – A Resolution to authorize the Town Manager to purchase a Kubota SSV75HC skid-steer loader from Gaithersburg Equipment Company, and to sell a John Deere 2155 farm loader, and a Kubota F-2400 tractor was presented. See Council Actions.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman explained that the skid-steer would greatly assist the Public Works Crew with snow removal and landscaping projects. Moreover, Mr. Hoffman explained that the pricing for the equipment was through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), instead of a typical municipal bid, which would require the Council to bypass our formal bid process. Council Member Rollins questioned whether skid-steer was large enough and could be used for sidewalks.

Town Manager Daily explained that the skid-steer would be capable to assist on the Connecticut Avenue sidewalks; however, a snow storm similar to the January 2016 storm would still require additional contractors.

Joseph Campbell clarified the total price listed on the Resolution for the skid-steer was \$40,522.43, which includes the NJPA pricing and the trade-in value of the two other pieces of equipment. Mr. Campbell also questioned the necessity of bypassing the bid process.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman stated that the reason for bypassing the formal bid process was because there were no existing bids for the Kubota skid-steer to piggy-back off of, and the staff found the NJPA pricing to be competitive.

Council Member Bartram agreed with accepting the pricing from NJPA; however, he suggested local prices also be checked for competitiveness on future purchases.

Council Member McMullen noted that the alliance of PTA's within the Walter Johnson Cluster would be submitting a letter to the Board of Education and Superintendent Smith to request that the County secure land for two (2) future elementary schools and one (1) middle school prior to the approval of development plans for the White Flint 2 project, Rock Spring Master Plan, or the WMAL site.

Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-15-2016, as amended by removing references to the "No Parking" signs on Wheatley Street until further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-16-2016 authorizing the Town Manager to purchase a Kubota SSV75HC Skid-Steer Loader from Gaithersburg Equipment Company and to sell a John Deere 2155 Farm Loader and A Kubota F-2400 Tractor. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:35 pm. The motion passed unanimously.