

Town Council Summary from the July 11, 2016 Organizational & Town Meeting

Organizational Meeting:

- Council Members McMullen and Rollins were sworn in prior to the Organizational Meeting.
- Council Member McMullen will serve as Mayor Pro Tem.
- The Mayor and Council discussed areas of interest and were assigned to the following Committees:
 1. **Auditing Committee** - McMullen
 2. **Board of Elections** - Rollins
 3. **Ethics Commission** - Bartram
 4. **Greenscape Committee (Parks and Trees)** - Rodriguez and McMullen
 5. **Development Review Board** - Rodriguez and Bartram
 6. **Design Guidelines Task Force** - Disbanded
 7. **Historic Preservation** - Rollins and Furman
 8. **Traffic Committee** - McMullen and Bartram
 9. **Events Committee** - Rodriguez
 10. **Facilities Liaison** – Rollins

Town Council Meeting:

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2016.
- Extended the existing contract with Maier Warner, Public Relations, through August 31, 2016, until a new scope of work can be presented at the August 8th Council Meeting.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-10-2016** - A Resolution to revise the membership of the Development Review Board (DRB) and to confirm /re-confirm appointments made by the Mayor.

July 11, 2016

Organizational Meeting 6:35 p.m.

Council Members McMullen and Rollins were sworn in prior to the Organizational Meeting by Mayor Furman.

Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen, Rodriguez, and Rollins, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present.

Sean McMullen was nominated to serve as Mayor Pro Tem by the Council. See Council Actions.

The Mayor and Council discussed Town Committees and areas of interest. The following areas of interest were assigned:

Auditing Committee - McMullen

Board of Elections - Rollins

Ethics Commission - Bartram

Greenscape Committee (Parks and Trees) - Rodriguez and McMullen

Development Review Board - Rodriguez and Bartram
Design Guidelines Task Force - Disbanded
Historic Preservation - Rollins and Furman
Traffic Committee - McMullen and Bartram
Events Committee - Rodriguez
Facilities Liaison – Rollins

Town Meetings were set for the 2nd and 4th Monday as needed.

Council Actions

Council Member Bartram moved to nominate Council Member McMullen to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 7:06 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

July 11, 2016

Town Meeting 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen, Rodriguez, and Rollins, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed. Mayor Furman announced her son would be returning from Qatar at the end of July following six months of temporary duty.

The Minutes from June 20, 2016 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Furman suggested changing the format of Council Reports to allow a general conversation about topics and items the Council would like to discuss instead of just noting specific events and Committee meetings attended.

Council Members Bartram and Rodriguez discussed live streaming Town Meetings and possibly using an ipad at the August 8th meeting as a trial.

Town Manager Daily suggested contacting Montgomery Municipal Cable (MMC), and the Town's Attorney prior to live streaming a Council Meeting.

Mayor Furman stated that she is looking into the possibility of an artist painting a mural on the M&T Bank façade that faces Howard Avenue, following the suggestion by a Town Resident. The Mayor also noted that she, along with Council Member Rollins, will be organizing a meeting with the owner of Antique Village to discuss aesthetic improvements to the property.

Council Member Rollins suggested funding an award program to encourage commercial property owners to improve upon their existing landscape and facades. Mr. Rollins also noted the poor condition of the Safeway parking garage and asked if the Town could contact the Manager. Mayor Furman suggested that Council Member Rollins devise a plan for an award program to be

presented at a future Council meeting.

From the Town Manger and Staff

Town Manager Daily stated that the Town was awaiting a new scope of work from Maier Warner, Public Relations, and suggested that the Council extend the existing contract through August until a new contract could be presented at the next meeting. See Council Actions.

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey stated he supports video recording Council Meetings, as the Town already provides an audio recording; supports the idea of giving an award for the most improved business, along with noting the worst business with regards to an award program suggested by Council Member Rollins. Mr. Gaffey also noted that Savannah's had closed and the property was looking for a new lessee.

Council Member Rollins questioned whether it would be possible for Maier Warner to help find a new lessee at Savannah's in order to find the appropriate restaurant for the Town.

Mayor Furman stated that the Town would reach out to both Maier Warner and to the property owner, Steve Harris, to see what we can do from an economic development standpoint.

Sharon Scott questioned whether closed captioning was necessary for a live broadcast of Town Meeting; welcomed the new Mayor and Council; and requested the owners of the clock shop on Armory Avenue be contacted about the building's appearance.

Dr. Campbell questioned whether the Maier Warner scope of work was a public document; suggested the Council consider "No Parking" signs on the west side of Kensington Parkway (access) between Frederick Avenue and Kent Street, which is too narrow for a vehicle to pass when cars are parked on both sides.

Council Member McMullen and Town Manager Daily stated they would review the parking concerns along Kensington Parkway at a Traffic Committee Meeting.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman provided Dr. Campbell a copy of Maier Warner's scope of work.

Peter Fosselman thanked the Town staff, Council, and Residents for the party that was thrown for him following his service in office, and was appreciative to everyone who attended from the Kensington community; stated his support for renewing the contract with Maier Warner, and noted that their scope of work does include economic development aspects, which would allow them to work with Mr. Harris to find a new restaurant tenant; advised the Council to discourage chain restaurants; commended the Town staff on the new gateway entrance signs; suggested that a live stream of Council Meetings may require additional requirements through ADA compliance; and stated he continues to work with the State Highway Administration (SHA) in an effort to complete the Connecticut Avenue bridge improvements, which will include faux stonework and possibly a mural. Mr. Fosselman also encouraged the Mayor and Council to

ensure that the Summit Avenue extension project stays within the County's CIP budget.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-10-2016 - A Resolution to revise the membership of the Development Review Board (DRB) and Confirm/Re-Confirm Appointments made by the Mayor was presented.

Mayor Furman stated that although there have been no development plans submitted thus far, the anticipated development of the Town through the Kensington Sector Plan will require the DRB, and she appreciated former Mayor Fosselman agreeing to Chair the Committee, as his professional credentials will benefit the Committee.

Council Member Rodriguez noted two corrections to Resolution No. R-10-2016, to include: updating his address and correcting the year in which Paul Sexton's term ends in 2017. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the Minutes from the June 20, 2016 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to extend the existing Maier Warner contract through August 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-10-2016, as amended, to confirm/re-confirm appointments to the Development Review Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.