

Town Council Summary from the November 13, 2017 Town Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2017.
- Approved Resolution No. R-17-2017 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council Proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month in Kensington.
- Approved Resolution No. R-18-2017 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to purchase a Ford F-350 from Apple Ford, LLC, and to sell an existing Ford F-250 truck as no longer needed for public use.
- Approved Resolution No. R-19-2017 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing an Amendment to the existing Town of Kensington Defined Benefit Plan by changing the date a participant may receive their benefits following separation, from the first day of the Plan Year following the separation of employment, to as soon as administratively feasible following separation of employment; and to designate certain officials of the Town as Trustees.

Town Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Furman; Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, McMullen, 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 for Tina Perez's mother who passed away.

The Town Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2017 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council

Mayor Furman announced the following upcoming events: 14th Annual Town Dance featuring the NIGHTHAWKS will be held November 22nd, with proceeds benefiting Bethesda Help and the 20895 Hunger Free Zone; the Town Office will be closed on November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving and American Indian Heritage Day; Antique Row's Holiday Open House will be held on December 1st from 7 pm – 9 pm; the Town Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 3rd, 5:30 pm; and the Town Menorah Lighting will be held on December 12th, 6:30 pm.

The Mayor noted that Council Member Rollins will testify before the Montgomery County Delegation with regards to the Town's proposed State Alcohol legislation; Car Wash Coffee has delayed their opening until March 2018; met with the new property owners of 10619 Connecticut Avenue to discuss property maintenance concerns and future development possibilities, which were noted to be a few years away; noted that the new lights along Howard Avenue were installed; requested that the Greenscape Committee consider implementing incentive programs for businesses; and requested that the FY19 Budget include funds to help the Warner Circle Group with creating brochures.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman updated the Mayor and Council on violation notices sent to the Kensington Shell Gas Station and noted that he and the Town Manager will be meeting the SHA to discuss a number of topics on the 28th.

Council Member McMullen reported that he is waiting for the results from the Woodward High School Study Group and noted that MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith has recommended the reopening of Woodward within his FY19 Budget.

Council Member Rollins noted that he will be gathering additional information and design concepts for the proposed pavilion at St. Paul Park.

Council Member Crimmins reported that he attended the October Annexation Committee meeting and that they are currently gauging the interest of the property owners with respect to annexation.

Mayor Furman noted that the proposed annexation involves 35 single family homes between Perry Avenue and University Boulevard, along with a few commercial properties, which are already within the Walter Johnson School District.

Council Member Bartram noted that the Development Review Board (DRB) met with Bruce Levin, MAC Reality Advisors, for a proposed redevelopment project at 3906 and 3910 Knowles Avenue. Mr. Bartram explained that the DRB expressed concerns with regards to the project, specifically with parking, and that Mr. Levin was receptive to working with the community on our concerns.

Public Appearances

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of requiring adequate parking with any future development project, and recommended Kensington Art Theatre's Bridges of Madison County.

Al Lacey requested that the intersection at Fawcett Street and Mitchell Street be reviewed for stop or yield signs to help slow traffic, as it is unsafe for pedestrians to cross.

Joseph Campbell requested clarification on the work being done at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Howard Avenue, and asked about the leafing schedule.

Town Manager Daily stated that SHA will be installing pavers to help differentiate the 'Do Not Block the Box' zone from the rest of the intersection; and noted that the Public Works Crew will be collecting leaves through the week of December 11th and that there are no designated zones as the Crew monitors the entire Town daily.

Julie O'Malley announced that the Kensington Historical Society will be hosting Dr. Edward Lengel for a presentation of the American Doughboys during World War I on November 14th.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations

Resolution No. R-17-2017 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month in the Town was presented to highlight municipal government and the services they provide. There was no public comment. See

Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-18-2017 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to purchase a Ford F-350 Truck from Apple Ford, Inc. and to sell an existing Ford F-250 truck as no longer needed for public use was presented. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman stated that the Town continues to update our existing fleet with more appropriate equipment to handle our provided services, and the larger F-350 was necessary to handle the weight of the salt spreader and larger snow accumulations.

Resolution No. R-19-2017 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing an amendment to the existing Town of Kensington Defined Benefit Plan to permit participants who have terminated employment to receive benefits via a cash lump sum as soon as administratively feasible, and designating certain officials of the Town as trustees was presented.

Joseph Campbell questioned why the Resolution was necessary.

Town Manager Daily explained that the amendment to the Defined Benefit Plan changes the distribution date for a separating employee from the first day of the plan year (July 1st) to as soon as administratively possible, following an employee's departure that has not yet reached retirement age; the amendment also updates the trustees listed on the Plan.

Council Actions

Council Member Rollins moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rollins moved to approve Resolution No. R-17-2017 – A Resolution proclaiming November as Municipal Government Works Month in the Town of Kensington. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-18-2017 - A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to purchase a Ford F-350 truck from Apple Ford, Inc., and to sell an existing Ford F-250 truck as no longer needed for public use. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen move to approve Resolution No. R-19-2017 – A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to pursue amendments to the existing Defined Benefit Plan to permit participants who have terminated employment, prior to normal retirement age, to receive benefits sooner than the first day of the plan year and designate certain trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rollins moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 9:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.