

Town Council Summary from the October 10, 2016 Town Meeting

- Held a Closed Session with the Town Attorney to discuss a legal matter.
- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2016.
- Approved a letter to Nancy Navarro, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Chair, opposing any change to the 15 percent discount on the Development Impact Tax for Transportation and Public School improvements granted to any development within 1/2 mile of the Kensington MARC station.
- Approved a \$500 sponsorship for the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Rock N' Roll event.
- Postponed Action on Ordinance No. O-02-2016 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter IV, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 2, "Parking", Section 4-201, "General Parking Restrictions", to prohibit commercial vehicle parking on Town rights-of-ways until the January 9, 2017 Town Meeting.

October 10, 2016

Town Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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

Council Member McMullen motioned to move to a closed session to discuss a legal matter with the Town Attorney at 6:30 p.m. See Council Actions.

Council Member Rodriguez motioned to adjourn the closed session at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Council reconvened the regular meeting beginning at 7:15 p.m. Town Attorney Ferguson was necessarily absent for the remainder of the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2016 were reviewed and approved, as amended to correct a typographical error. See Council Actions.

Sean Gaiser, GIGS Studio, was present to request Town sponsorship of the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Rock N' Roll to be held at Warner Park on October 29th. Mr. Gaiser stated the event responds to the needs of the community and expected an attendance of approximately 2,500. The event will feature a pumpkin derby, among other activities, and was requesting a donation to help with costs, along with the use of the Town's tables and chairs.

Council Member Rodriguez suggested a donation of \$500 and encouraged Mr. Gaiser to send a letter during the budget process for any future sponsorship requests. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Furman presented a letter to the Town Council to be sent to County Councilmember Navarro, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Chair, opposing any change to the 15 percent discount on the Development Impact Tax for transportation and public school improvements within ½ mile of the Kensington MARC station. Mayor Furman stated that the Development

Impact Tax discount is an incentive to help encourage developers and should not be changed.

Council Member McMullen stated that the letter to Councilmember Navarro was discussed in the closed session, and suggested adopting the letter, with the notation that the Town did not receive notification of the proposed change, and that any future items that may affect the Kensington Sector Plan be brought to the Town's attention in advance. See Council Actions.

Council Member Rodriguez reported that the Events Committee met on September 29th and discussed possible improvements for next year, to include: the pace of the parade, extending the festival to along Armory Avenue to Howard Avenue, and reviewing the Town's policy on distributed material by parade participants.

Council Member Rodriguez reported that the Greenscape Committee met on October 5th and discussed the following: improving sidewalk maintenance; formulating a process for dedicating trees and benches within Town Parks; the lighting of the honeylocust trees along Howard Avenue; identifying a possible location for a Town rose garden; reviewed certification requirements for Montgomery County's Weed Warrior program; and expressed support for murals throughout the Town.

Mayor Furman stated that she and Town Manager Daily met with a muralist to discuss possible locations, M&T Building and Kensington Shopping Center, along with possible design aspects.

Council Member McMullen reported that the Traffic Committee met on September 22nd, where they first met onsite at Dupont Avenue to discuss the possible location of speed hump(s). Due to some opposition, the Committee decided to request a formal petition from the Residents. The Committee also discussed the intersection of Calvert and Washington Streets, and recommended adding an addition speed hump along Armory Avenue, following a petition by Residents.

Mayor Furman stated that all traffic related matters, including speed humps, will need to go to the Traffic Committee for recommendation prior to the Town Council.

Council Member McMullen confirmed the Town would reimburse the coordinator of the Frederick Avenue block party for the required insurance.

Mayor Furman stated that the current policy is to reimburse residents for the required insurance rider when alcohol is provided; however, since there is an increased number of block parties, the Council will need to review the policy in the near future.

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey stated he enjoyed the Frederick Avenue block party and thanked those involved; suggested that the trees on Howard Avenue be lit from the top down to avoid light pollution; and suggested a mural be considered for the backside of the Metropolitan Avenue warehouses that parallel the CSX tracks.

Mayor Furman stated that she did not believe CSX would give permission to access this area.

Joseph Campbell noted the failed utility patch on Frederick Avenue and requested that it be repaired.

Town Manager Daily stated he would continue to pursue the repair with Washington Gas.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Ordinance No. O-02-2016 – to Amend Chapter IV, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 2, "Parking", Section 4-201, "General Parking Restrictions", to prohibit commercial vehicle parking on Town rights-of-way was presented for adoption.

Council Member McMullen stated the Ordinance was discussed with the Town Attorney during the closed session, and the Council concurred to postpone any further consideration until January 2017. See Council Actions.

Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to close the Council Meeting to obtain legal advice at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the closed session and move back into the open session at 7:00 p.m. See Closed Meeting Form.

Council Member McMullen moved to approved the Town Meeting Minutes from the September 12, 2016 Town Meeting, as amended to correct a typographical error. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to approve a \$500 sponsorship to the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Rock N' Roll event on October 29th. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve a letter to Nancy Navarro, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Chair, opposing any change to the 15 percent discount on the Development Impact Tax, with the notation that the Town did not receive notification of the proposed change, and that any future items that may affect the Kensington Sector Plan be brought to the Town's attention in advance. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. O-02-2016, to Amend Chapter IV, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 2, "Parking", Section 4-201, "General Parking Restrictions", to prohibit commercial vehicle parking on Town rights-of-way until the January meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:19 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.