

Town Council Summary from the August 11, 2014 Town Meeting:

- Approved the Town Organizational Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2014.
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- Announced that a work-session will coincide with the Public Hearing on August 25th with regards to the proposed changes with the Sign Ordinance, Ordinance No. O-02-2014.
- Approved sponsoring and waving the fee for the Thanksgiving Eve Dance hosted by the Nighthawks.
- Adopted Resolution R-12-2014 - A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute a contract with Maier Warner for public relation services.
- Adopted Resolution R-13-2014 - A Resolution granting a Sign Variance for 10810 Connecticut Avenue, Kaiser Permanente.

August 11, 2014

Town Meeting 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed for Don Whisman and Art Steklow whom both passed away recently.

The minutes from the July 7, 2014 Organizational and Town Meeting were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

The Mayor reported the next phase of the **Connecticut Avenue** improvement project is underway, to include: a new median, plantings, and replacing the chain link fence with wrought iron like fencing over the CSX bridge. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is funding the project. Council and Staff worked diligently to negotiate these changes. The **47th Annual Labor Day Parade** will be held on Monday, September 1st, beginning at 10 am; and the **new barrier and landscaping** at the end of Kaiser Place has been completed.

Council Member Sexton reported that the Wheaton - Kensington Chamber of Commerce will be participating in the Labor Day Parade and encouraged all local business owners to participate as well and to visit the Chamber's booth during the Festival.

Council Member Furman unveiled a final rendering of the town directional map, which may be viewed at Town Hall during Paint the Town. She also thanked Eli Sola-Sole and stated Maier Warner will be marketing the map.

Council Member McMullen reported that the Traffic Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:30 pm to address parking concerns along Fawcett Street and Howard Avenues, in addition to a speed hump request on Calvert Place; mentioned that the Nighthawks will again be playing the Town Dance the night before Thanksgiving; and also noted that 10234 Carroll

Place was before the HPC and will provide for a courtesy review before the Town.

Council Member Bartram suggested re-directing a few of the Town's additional coverage hours with the Montgomery County Police from traffic enforcement to night patrols; noted that Frankly Pizza had opened along Armory Avenue; and thanked the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department with their cooperation on the traffic control issues at Connecticut Avenue and Plyers Mill.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-12-2014 – A Resolution to extend a contract with Maier Warner for public relation services was presented to the Council. The contract was discussed during the July 7th Council Meeting, which includes the annual fee for public relation services, marketing of the new directional map, direct mailings, new Safeway window banners, and an upgrade to the ExploreKensington.com website. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-13-2014 – A Resolution in favor of a Sign Variance at 10810 Connecticut Avenue (Kaiser Permanente) to exceed six (6) feet in height and 50 total square feet due to grade issues along Connecticut Avenue. The request for a Variance was presented at the July 7th Council Meeting. There were no public comments. See Council Actions.

Ordinance No. O-02-2014 – It was noted to the Mayor and Council that the proposed amendments to Chapter VI of the Town Code “Signs and Commercial Regulations” will be held on Monday, August 25th, with a Council work-session to follow to discuss the proposed amendments.

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey mentioned that a number of astronomical events were currently taking place, to include the super moon and a meteor shower. He stated that the meteor shower would best be visible after midnight. Eli Sola-Sole asked if the Town had any regulations with regards to the use of bicycles on sidewalks. The Mayor stated that he would look into any possible County or State regulations, but the Town does not have any specific regulations against the use of bicycles on our public sidewalks.

Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the Minutes from the July 7, 2014 Organizational Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve the Minutes from the July 7, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to waive the associated rental fees for the Nighthawks at the annual night before Thanksgiving Town Dance. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-12-2014 to execute a contract

with Maier Warner for public relation services. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-13-2014 to grant a Sign Variance at 10810 Connecticut Avenue (Kaiser Permanente) for a total sign area to be no greater than 66 square feet and 11 feet in height. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.