

## **Town Council Summary from the January 13, 2014 Town Meeting:**

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2013.
- Merchant and business owner parking concerns were referred to the Traffic Committee which will meet on February 4, at 7 p.m.
- Acknowledged Receipt of the Town Audit Committee's Report for Fiscal Year 2012-13.
- Discussed the status of projects including a municipal parking district, sign ordinance, Town map, Design Guidelines, Silver Creek, Kensington Parkway Clean Up, Street Lights, and Improvements to Connecticut Avenue median.
- Approved Resolution R-01-2014 opposing the Amendments to the Public Benefits Points and Categories of the CRT Zone in the County Zoning Ordinance.
- Approved Resolution R-02-2014 confirming the appointment of Jack Gaffey to the Ethics Commission.
- Approved Resolution R-03-2014 confirming the appointments of Spencer Harrill, Jenny Smith, and Robin Watson to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

### **January 13, 2014**

#### **Town Meeting 7:05 p.m.**

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member McMullen was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed to keep Jean Thompson and the family of Jack Jones in our thoughts and prayers.

The minutes from December 16, 2013 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

**From the Mayor and Town Council** – The Traffic Committee meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The Mayor reported he received a letter from the Maryland Historical Trust on their inspection of the Armory and found the property well maintained; the Mayor thanked facilities manager, Shirley Watson, for her care of the building.

Council Member Furman reported that the Design Guidelines subcommittee will meet to review the proposed guidelines before the entire committee meets and reports back to the Council in March, she presented a draft version of the new Town map highlighting businesses, which should be ready for distribution at the Day of the Book; she will be serving on the Day of the Book committee, and will be attending the January 25<sup>th</sup> Kengar Ken-Gar Community Center dedication.

Council Member Sexton reported he attended 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday and it was a wonderful event and thanked Dennis McCurdy for encouraging the Holy Redeemer School Choir to perform.

**Public Appearances** – Al Lacey requested the dumpster at Safeway be cleared; George Buckwalter stated the dumpster at Ayoub Carpet is overflowing and needs to be emptied; Sally Shaffer discussed parking concerns of merchants who received warning notices for parking along Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street, she explained the merchants have always been able to coordinate parking and manage it themselves, and stated there is a lack of parking spaces for

merchants and employees between 3740 and 3748 Howard Avenue; she suggested parking permits similar to the permits Residents receive, and also expressed concern over four hour parking not being long enough for customers to shop and dine; Eric Durland noted the water main break in Wheaton flooded into Silver Creek, which resulted in increased sediment in the Creek; and George Buckwalter stated the flood plain area at Silver Creek is wide enough to have containment ponds.

The Mayor suggested since the issue was not on the agenda, merchant concerns over parking be referred to the Traffic Committee first and then be put on a Town agenda for an upcoming meeting. He requested any concerns or suggestions be emailed to the Town for discussion at the upcoming Traffic Committee meeting.

The Mayor led a discussion on the following topics: **Municipal Parking District** – a concept included within the Sector Plan needs to be further evaluated and researched, as Town Manager Daily stated that there were some obstacles with shared parking agreements; the Traffic Committee will discuss at their next meeting. **Sign Ordinance** – changes have been submitted to Town Attorney Ferguson for review in an effort to clarify the existing regulations; however, changes will be minor as to not hinder the removal of all current pole signs by September 2014. **Silver Creek** – Town Manager Daily will meet with County Engineers to discuss further solutions to the flooding; the Kensington Parkway cleanup will continue in the early spring and will be discussed at a future Council meeting; Park and Planning will be invited to discuss environmental concerns, along with overgrowth at a future meeting. **Green Committee** – continues to be developed and will be tasked with reviewing landscaping, open spaces, and recreation areas; volunteers are still needed. **State Legislation** – Delegate Carr has proposed the County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act to allow local authorities to purchase their street lights; this will be discussed at a future meeting. **Connecticut Avenue** – improvements will continue this summer with the paving of Connecticut between Warner Street and Jones Bridge Road, along with median improvements, to include plantings, decorative pavers, and replacing the chain link fence over the railroad bridge.

The Mayor acknowledged receipt of the Audit Committee's Report.

Resolution No. R-01-2014 opposing the amendments to the Public Benefits Points and Categories of the CRT Zone in the County Zoning Ordinance was discussed. The Mayor noted Resolution No. R-17-2013 was passed on October 21<sup>st</sup> opposing various changes in CRT Zone. Since that Resolution, there have been a few amendments to the CRT, thus requiring a second Resolution to oppose any changes from the approved master plan. An email was acknowledged from Julie O'Malley requesting opposition to Nancy Floreen's proposal, adding additional height to buildings through additional MPDU's, be added to the Resolution. The Mayor and Council concurred it was not necessary to add additional language since the Resolution already opposes any changes. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution R-02-2014 appointing Jack Gaffey to the Ethics Committee was presented. There was no public comment. See Council Actions. Jack Gaffey was sworn in to the Ethics Commission.

Resolution R-03-2014 appointing Spencer Harrill, Jennifer Smith, and Robin Watson to the Board of Supervisors of Election was presented. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

**Council Actions:**

Council Member Furman moved to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve Resolution No. R-01-2014 opposing the amendments to the Public Benefits Points and Categories of the CRT Zone in the County Zoning Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to approve Resolution No. R-02-2014 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Jack Gaffey to the Ethics Commission for a two year term. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to approve Resolution No. R-03-2014 confirming the Mayor's appointments of Spencer Harrill, Jenny Smith, and Robin Watson to the Board of Supervisor of Elections. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.