

Town Council Summary from the July 22, 2013 Town Meeting:

- Approved Organizational and Town Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2013.
- Approved Resolution R-12-2013 supporting Rebuilding Together's Application for Fiscal Year 2014 Community Investment Tax Credit.
- Reviewed Petition for Permit Parking and Approved a Residential Permit Parking Program for the 3900 Block of Baltimore Street that would be in effect from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays excluding holidays.
- Waived the Town Hall rental fee for MCCPTA Cluster Coordinators to have a gathering with Maryland State Legislators on August 20th.
- Announced the Labor Day Festival location will be moved back to Howard Avenue.
- Discussed extending a contract with Maier Warner for Public Relations. The Town will continue for the next month under the current contract until the new contract is reviewed. Maier Warner will provide the total cost for an addendum to the contract for an economic development strategy.

July 22, 2013

Town Meeting 7:00 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 was observed for Joshua Haynes, who recently passed away.

The minutes from July 1, 2013 were reviewed and approved.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations – The Maier Warner Resolution was tabled and moved to a discussion item to allow time for the Town Attorney to review the proposed contract.

Resolution No. R-12-2013 supporting Rebuilding Together's Application for the Fiscal Year 2014 Community Investment Tax Credit Program, offered through Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development, was discussed. Lee-Berkeley Shaw, Director of Development for Rebuilding Together, was present; she requested the Town's support of their application to the State to receive tax credits to support their Volunteer Home Repair Program, which includes county-wide safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency repairs made for low income homeowners.

The petition to designate a Residential Permit Parking area on the 3900 block of Baltimore Street was reviewed. Town Manager Daily reported that the required public notice of the review was sent out in the June Journal, and that the Town has not received any objections. He also reported that the individual that triggered the petition was no longer parking on Baltimore.

Dan Murphy, of Baltimore Street, spoke about the situation and stated that many of the residents on Baltimore Street signed the petition for various reasons, to include: concerns over commuter parking from HOC, walk-off parking, and the difficulty of exiting one's driveway due to cars being parked too close to the driveway apron.

The Council discussed the petition, which had requested designating the 3900 block as permit parking, and decided to allow for limited residential permit restrictions between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. These restrictions are comparable to other restrictions placed on residential streets within the Town. The Council requested that staff research a possible ordinance to prevent individuals from occupying their vehicles overnight.

From the Mayor and Town Council – Jennifer Cope, Area Vice President of MCCPTA for BCC, WJ, Wheaton, and Whitman Clusters, requested the drill hall rental fee be waived to hold an event for MCCPTA members and parents to meet with Maryland State Legislators. The Council agreed to waive the fee, provided the necessary insurance was obtained if alcohol was served.

The Mayor and Council discussed extending the contract with Maier Warner to serve as the Marketing and Public Relations representative of the Town. The contract amount of \$34,000 was previously approved within the FY 2014 budget; however, the resolution was tabled in order to review the scope of services, along with looking at an addendum to the contract that would allow Maier Warner to develop and implement an economic development strategy. Council questioned whether the addendum contract could be included within the new scope of work, which would require Town staff to take over Maier Warner's social media campaign. It was determined that staff did not have the time to take over Maier Warner's social media campaign, and that the economic development strategy funds, \$15,000, had already been approved within the FY 2014 budget, in addition to the contract extension with Maier Warner.

The Mayor and Council agreed to extend the existing contract with Maier Warner until Town Attorney Ferguson could review the new contract and proposed addendum. The Maier Warner resolution is expected to be reviewed again in September.

Charlie Maier and Kris Warner of Maier Warner discussed with the Council the lack of business participation with Third Thursdays and agreed to take a secondary role in planning and promoting the monthly event. The Mayor and Council asked that the local business community take a greater interest in the event and also pledged the continued support.

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of continuing Third Thursday as a Town sponsored event, but also suggested the Town should focus its resources towards finding businesses to fill commercial vacancies. Eli Sola-Sole also spoke in support of Third Thursday and hoped that other businesses would rally to keep the event well organized.

The Mayor reported he helped the Ken-Gar community clean out their Community Center to prepare for a grant they received to renovate the center; attended the County Council Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee to discuss tax duplication, the County Council is supportive of making changes which will benefit municipalities; spoke at the Eagle Scout ceremony at Town Hall, which included Residents Jamie Fitzpatrick and Alex Stablow; attended the GROWS (Grassroots Organization for the Well-being of Seniors) event to raise awareness of Aphasia, the loss of the ability to speak; and stated the Town is moving forward with Phase 2 of improvement at the Montgomery Avenue and Kensington Parkway intersection; and Phase 2 of the outdoor tree lighting along Antique Row on Montgomery, Fawcett, and

Armory.

Council Member McMullen reported he attended the successful 4th of July Bike Parade; he will be holding a Traffic Committee meeting in September, and has been approached by Residents to explore initiating a composting collection.

Council Member Furman attended the successful 4th of July Bike Parade; presented photos of other median improvements, and discussed needed median improvements on Connecticut Avenue as well as replacing the fence on the bridge that crosses the CSX tracks.

From the Town Manager and Staff - Town Manager Daily reported he attended a seminar on obtaining grants; the Clum Kennedy brick pathway will be resubmitted for the CPP grant; some POS funds have been allocated to the Town and a required annual request of possible projects will be submitted; the Labor Day Festival will be located back on Howard Avenue; and he will be attending a meeting on tax duplication.

Public appearances – There were no public appearances.

Council Actions:

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2013 Organizational and Town Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to approve Resolution No. R-12-2013 supporting Rebuilding Together's Application for Fiscal Year 2014 Community Investment Tax Credit Program offered through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Neighborhood Revitalization. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to approve Resident Permit Parking for the 3900 block of Baltimore Street in effect for standard hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays excluding holidays. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to waive the fee for an informal meet and greet of PTA members and parent advocates with Maryland State Legislators providing insurance is obtained if alcohol is served. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to continue the current contract for next month with Maier Warner for public relations until the new contract and resolution are reviewed by the Town Attorney and Maier Warner provides the total budget needed for the addendum for an economic development strategy and implementation. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.