

Town Council Summary from the September 29, 2014 Town Meeting:

- Approved the Town Council Minutes from August 25, 2014.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-14-2014 – approving an easement between Konterra Limited Partnership and Ayoub Carpet Service for the use the Konterra parking lot on Metropolitan Avenue.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-15-2014 - approving a sign variance for 3711 Plyers Mill Road.
- Held a work-session following the Town Council Meeting to discuss amendments to Chapter VI of the Sign Code, Ordinance No. O-02-2014.

September 29, 2014

Town Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen and Sexton, Town Attorney Ferguson, 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 Kensington Resident Abraham Frank, who passed away recently.

The Minutes from the August 25, 2014 Town Meeting and Work Session were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Fosselman thanked the coordinators and volunteers for the Labor Day Parade and Festival, along with the Montgomery Art Association for organizing Paint the Town. He also thanked the organizers of the Kensington 8K Race and their donation to the Walter Johnson cluster of schools; he attended the MML Conference in Annapolis, and also attended the MML County Chapter meeting with Town Manager Daily to discuss tax duplication.

Council Member Bartram thanked the many volunteers for the recent Town events, and also thanked the National Capital Trackers for the Train Show.

Council Member McMullen stated the Traffic Committee met and discussed Traffic calming on Calvert Street; they proposed clearing brush to increase visibility, adding an additional speed hump if space permits, and repairing or relocating the existing speed hump; this will be added to the agenda in October for Council approval; The Committee also discussed parking issues for business owners along Howard Avenue; the committee suggested a separate parking permit for commercial owners with a \$25 annual fee that would allow them to park at the train station lots; this will be added to the agenda in October for Council approval. The Council also discussed enforcement and educating the business owners on public parking available at Town Hall.

Council Member Furman will be setting a date for the Greenscape Committee meeting to discuss possible shade solutions for the concert area within Howard Avenue Park.

Council Member Sexton thanked Gary and Diana Ditto for sponsoring the Train Show.

The next Town Meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014.

A work session will follow the Town Meeting in the conference room to discuss amendments to Chapter VI "Signs and Commercial Regulations" of the Town Code. The work session is open to the public.

The Mayor noted the Town is cosponsoring, along the Kensington Service Station, a Car Show on Saturday, November 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Town Hall parking lot.

The Mayor noted a letter was received from a Resident on Armory Avenue regarding speeding and bypass traffic on Armory. Council Member McMullen will discuss it at the next Traffic Committee meeting.

From the Public –

Eli Sola Sole mentioned that additional parking enforcement is needed and suggested 24 hour enforcement along Howard and Fawcett.

Al Lacey stated that a utility sign continues to remain along Howard Avenue even though the project has been completed. Mr. Lacey also suggested that the location of the speed trailer be moved along Howard Avenue.

Ginger Aker, owner of Gene's Costumes, requested approval to place an inflatable pumpkin sign on the roof of her building. Ms. Aker was asked to remove the sign last year in accordance with a County law. Town Attorney Ferguson stated that the Town has spoken with the County and we believe the pumpkin is exempt as a seasonal decoration. The Town will allow the pumpkin to be placed for no more than 30 days, as a seasonal decoration.

Dr. Campbell stated that there was a large pile of roots leftover along the access area of Kensington Parkway and questioned whether NZI Construction, the Town's contractor, was mitigating damage to Town trees. Mayor Fosselman stated that the Town will contact NZI to discuss the pruning of the roots. Dr. Campbell also requested that a brick paver crosswalk be installed at the existing crosswalk leading into Kensington Cabin Park along Kensington Parkway.

Jack Gaffey stated that the white stop bar at Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place needs to be re-painted.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-14-2014 to approve an easement agreement between Konterra Limited Partnership and Nabel Ayoub involving the Konterra parking Lot was discussed. Mr. Ayoub was present and explained that the easement was necessary as part of Ayoub Carpet Services proposed addition, as the County Code requires a distance of ten feet between his building the parking lot, which is owned by Konterra. Town Attorney Ferguson explained that because the

Town has a license agreement with Konterra, we are required to approve the easement agreement. The Council discussed the resolution and determined that the dumpster, currently located on the south side of the property, should be moved to the east side of the property where it will be appropriately screened. The Resolution will be amended to add this. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-15-2014 to grant a sign variance for 3711 Plyers Mill Road was discussed. Mr. John Aravanis requested the variance at the August 25th Council Meeting following an alteration to the existing sign, which required the sign to come into compliance with the Town's current sign regulations. The sign is currently 64.5 square feet in area and the Town Code only allows monument signs to be 50 square feet. There was no public comment. See Council Action.

Council Actions –

Council Member Sexton moved to approve the Minutes from the August 25, 2014 Town Meeting and Work Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adopt Resolution R-14-2014 to approve an easement agreement between Konterra Limited Partnership and Nabel Ayoub involving the Konterra Parking Lot, as amended to include the dumpster relocation and screening. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adopt R-15-2014 to grant a total area sign variance for 3711 Plyers Mill Road. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Work Session 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen and Sexton, Town Attorney Ferguson, Town Manager Daily, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present.

The Mayor, Council, and Town staff discussed the proposed amendments to Chapter VI "Signs and Commercial Regulations" within Ordinance No. O-02-2014. Specifically, the regulation of monument signs, a-frame (sidewalk) signs, and possible regulation of certain materials and lighting aspects were discussed.

Town Attorney Ferguson agreed to prepare a revised draft of the Ordinance for the Council, which will be reviewed.

The work session was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.