

June 10, 2019 Town Council Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2019.
- Approved Resolution No. R-10-2019 – A Resolution authorizing the installation of “Two Hour, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., M-F” signs along the northeast side of the 10300 block of Kensington Parkway, which will replace the existing “One Hour, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.” signs.
- Approved Resolution No. R-11-2019 – A Resolution authorizing the extension of an existing contract with NZI Construction Corporation for resurfacing certain Town streets.

Town Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Furman; Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, Hill-Zayat, and Rollins; 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.

The Town Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2019 were reviewed and approved following a grammatical correction. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Council

Council Member Rollins asked if the Town could temporarily place delineator flex-posts at the intersection of University and Farragut while the State reviews the request for the plug.

Mayor Furman suggested waiting 60 days since the State Highway Administration noted that they plan on having a solution installed this summer.

Mayor Furman noted that she is working with Nicole Bourgea on a sketch design for a proposed mural at 10405 Montgomery Avenue (Dr. Ho, DDS’ property) and is also working with Public Works Supervisor, Jason Swain, on a carved bench at St. Paul Park, which would depict a bear.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman noted that Spring Bilingual Montessori School has requested a reimbursement for the new video monitoring system installed at their facility, which also monitors St. Paul Park for the Town. Mr. Hoffman stated that the Town purchased the previous video monitoring equipment, which recently needed to be replaced, and Spring Bilingual has requested to be reimbursed for the \$1,587 cost.

The Council concurred to reimburse Spring Bilingual Montessori School \$1,587 for the cost of the video monitoring system at St. Paul Park.

Council Member Hill-Zayat reported that Invisible Fence has a program that provides protective masks for dogs if caught in a fire; is researching a Bike Share program through Montgomery County that would require bikes to be docked in a designed space; and presented a flyer for Sustainable Maryland for the Town’s consideration.

Council Member Rollins noted that Food Truck Nights will continue the first and third Thursdays of the Month and include Denizens Brewing Company.

Mayor Furman congratulated Council Members Bartram and Crimmins on their re-election to the Town Council; noted that while the annual Organizational Meeting will still be held prior to the Council Meeting in July, the areas of responsibility will not be assigned until August, as Council Member Hill-Zayat will not be available for the July meeting; thanked Julie O'Malley, Gary Ditto, and the Kensington Historical Society for the successful 125th Anniversary event at Kensington Cabin Park; noted that 1784 Capital Holdings has filed a revised application with Montgomery Planning for the proposed Kensington Square Self Storage project at 10619 Connecticut Avenue, and that the Town will be sending a letter opposing the conditional use plan; installation of the pavilion at St. Paul Park is scheduled to begin the week of June 24th; the parking structure at 10400 Connecticut Avenue is currently being repaired and the Town has confirmed that the renovation was reviewed by a civil engineer; thanked Council Member Rollins and Kensington Can! for a successful Paper Airplane Day; and noted the following upcoming events: Movie Night on June 22nd; Cycling in the Park on June 30th; and the 25th Annual Bike Parade on July 4th.

Mayor Furman noted that her daughter, Caitlin, was attending her last Council Meeting as a resident of the Town, as she will be moving to Miami for her next assignment with the United States Coast Guard.

Mayor Furman noted that she would like the Council to consider adopting Montgomery County's alcohol regulations and suggested having a representative from the Department of Liquor Control at the July meeting.

The Council agreed to review adopting the County's alcohol regulations.

The Mayor reported that she received a complaint with regards to recycling collections at the Kensington Train Station and found out that MTA does not collect the recycling and requested that the Town's contractor collect the recycling.

The Council concurred to have the Town's contractor, Ecology Services, collect recycling at the Train Station.

Council Member Rollins suggested adding a recycling tote to help with the volume of recycling.

Julie O'Malley questioned whether the recycling volume was due to the Farmers Market.

From the Town Manager and Staff

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman announced the hiring of Anothai 'Annie' Thoopsamoot as the Town's new full-time Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Thoopsamoot will begin on Monday, June 24, 2019. Mr. Hoffman also thanked Jim Snow, Bill D'Albora, and Tom D'Albora for their service to the Town as part-time Code Enforcement Officers the last few years.

Mayor Furman noted that the Town is currently working on an agreement with Konterra Limited Partnership for the use of the property located at 10450 Metropolitan Avenue. The site will need clearing and grading, a perimeter fence, along with a sidewalk to connect to the existing apron at an estimated cost of \$25,000. The Mayor also noted that Jon Gerson and Jessica Chertow will lead an ad-hoc committee for the dog park.

Chris Kohl asked if the park would provide a separate area for both small and large dogs.

Mayor Furman stated that the existing area would not allow for separate small and large dog areas; however, the ad-hoc committee could review establishing certain times.

The Memorandum of Understanding and fencing contract will be prepared for the Council's review at the July Meeting.

Council Member Rollins questioned the fence quotes and specifically the stated depth of posts, the commencement of work, and the no limit on the delay section.

Town Manager Daily noted that he will be sending a notice to Montgomery County initiating the termination agreement for additional police coverage, as the Town is in the process of hiring two part-time police officers to enforce the Town's vehicle restrictions; and also noted that the storm drains to be included within the recent annexation had been reviewed and cleared by an independent contractor and the report will be available soon.

Public Appearances

David Romeo questioned the difference in responsibilities between the newly hired Code Enforcement position and the part-time police officers; and also asked whether the proposed Dog Park MOU would be for a specific time period.

Mayor Furman explained that the Code Enforcement Officer enforces and issues violations for code infractions, while the police officers have the authority to issue moving violations; and that the Town is proposing a use of the Konterra property for not less than three years.

Jack Gaffey congratulated Council Members Bartram and Crimmins on their re-election and thanked the Town staff and the Kensington Historical Society for the 125th celebration; and suggested having two recycling containers at the train station.

Sharon Scott questioned if a stop bump could be installed at the intersection of St. Paul and Oberon Street in front of St. Paul Park; and noted that signage on the windows and doors at the shopping center on Metropolitan Avenue should be reviewed.

Council Member Bartram stated that the Town may only install a speed hump that meets Montgomery County standards.

Julie O'Malley asked if the Town was planning on working with Chevy Chase View on accessibility issues to Kensington Cabin Park; and requested an update on the HOC parking lot

situation.

Town Manager Daily stated that he discussed the situation with Chevy Chase View's manager and that the Town will be repairing the curb to allow for greater access to the park.

Mayor Furman stated that once HOC relocates, the parking lot will be returned to green space.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations

Resolution No. R-10-2019 – A Resolution authorizing the installation of “Two Hour, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., M-F” signs along the northeast side of the 10300 block of Kensington Parkway, which would replace the existing “One Hour, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.” signs was presented. See Council Actions.

Council Member Bartram stated that the Traffic Committee recommended the change following a request by a local business owner and to allow for greater uniformity along the block.

Resolution No. R-11-2019 – A Resolution authorizing the extension of an existing contract with NZI Construction Corporation for resurfacing certain Town streets was presented. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Daily stated the Resolution was to extend the existing contract for an additional \$525,000 to continue the existing street resurfacing program. Mr. Daily also noted that there is a provision to provide for a price adjustment to reflect the increased price of asphalt under the State Highway Administration's Price Adjustment for Asphalt Binder.

Council Actions

Council Member Rollins moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rollins moved to approve Resolution No. R-10-2019 to authorize the Town Manager to install “Two Hour, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm, M-F” signs along the northeast side of the 10300 block of Kensington Parkway, adjacent to the post office, in lieu of the existing 1 hour parking signs. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to approve Resolution No. R-11-2019 to authorize the Town Manager to extend an existing contract with NZI Construction Corporation for resurfacing additional Town streets. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Hill-Zayat moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.