

October 7, 2019 Work Session and Town Council Meeting

- Held a Work Session to discuss language and possible restrictions for State Legislation to adopt Montgomery County's alcohol regulations.
- Approved the Closed Session Minutes from August 14, 2019.
- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2019.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-18-2019 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to install "4 Hour, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, M-F" signs on the east side of Carroll Place and the west side of Montgomery Avenue adjacent to 10237 Carroll Place (Noyes Children's Library).
- Adopted Resolution No. R-19-2019 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council to allow the establishment of a Dog Exercise Area and provide regulations for its use.

Work Session October 7, 2019, 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, Hill-Zayat, and Rollins; Assistant Town Manager Hoffman; and Clerk – Treasurer Engels were present. Town Manager Daily was necessarily absent.

The Mayor and Council discussed adopting Montgomery County's alcohol regulations and potential language and restrictions for the proposed State Legislation.

The Council discussed removing geographical, food ratio, and operational hour restrictions to be consistent with County regulations; however, they noted that they would like to keep advertising restrictions. The Council concurred that they wanted to allow two-day alcohol permits for street festivals along Armory and Howard Avenues.

Council Member Hill-Zayat will provide additional information on the types of licenses and what they entail for the October Work Session.

Town Meeting October 7, 2019 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Furman; Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, Hill-Zayat, and Rollins; Assistant Town Manager Hoffman; and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Town Manager Daily was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. The Town Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2019 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

The Closed Session Minutes from August 14, 2019 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Council

County Council Member Evan Glass provided an update from the Montgomery County Council and discussed legislative priorities. Mr. Glass informed the Town of his proposed Housing Impact

Fairness Act bill, which would generate money for affordable housing and school construction by closing an existing loophole where newly rebuilt homes do not pay an impact fee.

Dog Park

Mayor Furman noted that the Dog Park Committee had met and are awaiting for the perimeter fence to be installed; presented the proposed signage for the Park; discussed an art project for the existing cement pillars; and stated the official name of the Park will be the Kensington Dog Run.

Greenscape Committee

Mayor Furman stated that the Greenscape Committee met to review the landscape plan for Clum-Kennedy Park; and discussed the Howard Avenue banners and proposed artwork.

Traffic Committee Update

Council Member Bartram reported that the quick curb has been installed at the intersection of University Boulevard and Farragut Avenue; noted that staff will place the radar recording device on Farragut Avenue to compare data prior to the installation of the quick curb to determine if a second speed hump is necessary; requested that staff continue to monitor parking along Fawcett Street in review of the proposed bump out; the existing location of the time restrictions on the north side will be reviewed following the annexation; a list of Police/Code Enforcement priorities will be prepared by the Committee for Council review; and noted that the Committee recommended adding parking restrictions around Noyes Children's Library due to ongoing commuter parking concerns (see Council Actions).

Council Member Hill-Zayat and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman noted that the Town has hired three Montgomery County Police Officers to enforce the Town's traffic regulations. The Officers will share an aggregate of 24 hours per week and will begin the week of October 14, 2019.

Council Member Crimmins noted that the draft Development Review Board (DRB) Guidelines have been updated based on the Council's comments and that he will be sending the revised draft back to the Council for additional review.

Council Member Bartram noted that he and Council Member Crimmins met with two of the plaintiffs in the Knowles Manor Senior Housing lawsuit against the Planning Board. The plaintiffs are seeking concessions from the developer, including \$250,000 for the Town for traffic enforcement, along with amending the location of the proposed lay-by lane. Mr. Bartram continued by stating that there were more appropriate ways for the plaintiffs to express their concerns during the public process before the Planning Board and Town instead of filing a lawsuit and holding up the project.

Council Member Rollins stated that the lawsuit sets a precedent for future development projects within the Town.

Council Member Hill-Zayat noted that the Town should be able to accept a settlement offer and that determining a legitimate cause of action is not within the purview of the Council.

Council Member Rollins noted overgrowth obstructing the street name sign at the intersection of Metropolitan Avenue at Kensington Parkway; requested that the train station parking lot be restriped and that the ornamental grasses be cut; and noted activity at St. Paul Park and clarity of existing park regulation signs.

Mayor Furman noted that she will be working with staff to update the signage at all of the Town's parks.

Council Member Crimmins asked if the Town should close Farragut Avenue in addition to Perry Avenue for Scary Perry.

Council Member Bartram will meet with Residents on October 20, 4:00 pm, to discuss the closure.

The Mayor and Council thanked the Code Enforcement Officer and Public Works Crew for their continued efforts and detailed weekly reports.

Mayor Furman reported that she is exploring an advisory group to discuss alternative uses of the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) building on Detrick Avenue following their relocation in 2022; noted that she met with County Executive Elrich, along with Jason Gerson, Friends of Warner Circle, to discuss the proposed redevelopment of Warner Mansion; has been delivering door-hangers to Residents for the 2020 Town Directory; noted the following upcoming events: MML Fall Conference on October 13th and 14th; MML Chapter Meeting on October 17th; Modena Reserve Ground Breaking on October 22nd; Council Work Session on alcohol and commercial signs on October 28th; and Committee for Montgomery Legislative Breakfast on December 13th.

Council Member Crimmins noted upcoming MCPS meeting to discuss the Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) and Walter Johnson (WJ) joint school capacity study results, which will be held at Ashburton Elementary School, October 14th, 6:00 pm.

The Mayor and Council set the November Town Council Meeting for November 18, 2019, 7:00 pm.

Public Appearances

Julie O'Malley noted the upcoming Kensington Historical Society (KHS) meeting October 8th, 7:00 pm, which will feature a talk on Josiah Henson.

Jack Gaffey noted the upcoming Draconid Meteor Shower on October 8th.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations

Resolution No. R-18-2019 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to install “4 Hour, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm, M-F” signs on the east side of Carroll Place and the west side of Montgomery Avenue, adjacent to 10237 Carroll Place (Noyes Children's Library), was presented. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-19-2019 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council to allow the Establishment of a Dog Exercise Area and provide Regulations for its use was presented. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman noted that an Ordinance enforcing the regulations of the Dog Exercise Area, along with additional amendments to Chapter VII, “Public Health, Safety, and Conduct”, Article V, “Animals” will be introduced at the November Council Meeting.

Council Actions

Council Member Hill-Zayat moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to adopt Resolution R-18-2019 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to install “4 Hour, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm, M-F” signs on the east side of Carroll Place and the west side of Montgomery Avenue, adjacent to 10237 Carroll Place (Noyes Children’s Library). The motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Hill-Zayat moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.