

July 19, 2021 Work Session, 5:00 pm

Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, Engle, and Hill-Zayat; Town Manager Hoffman; and Assistant to the Town Manager Marini were present. Clerk-Treasurer Engels was necessarily absent.

The Mayor and Council discussed areas of interest and were assigned to the following Committees and liaising roles:

Standing Committees:

- Auditing Committee - Conor Crimmins and Bridget Hill-Zayat
- Board of Elections – Darin Bartram
- Ethics Commission - Nate Engle
- Greenscape Committee – Jon Gerson (Chair) and Tracey Furman (Co-Chair)
- Development Review Board – Conor Crimmins (Chair) and Darin Bartram (Co-Chair)

Volunteer Committees and Working Groups:

- Traffic Committee – Briget Hill-Zayat (Chair) and Nate Engle (Co-Chair)
- Pedestrian and Bicycling Access & Safety Working Group (PBASWG) will be combined with the Traffic Committee and the combined Committee will be renamed.

A representative from the Montgomery County Climate Action Plan will be invited to the September meeting to provide an overview of the Plan.

The Council discussed the County's Bikeshare and micro-mobility programs and previous concerns over the dockless program. A representative from MCDOT will be invited to the October meeting to discuss advancements with the program and what flexibility the Town may have in joining the programs on a pilot basis.

An informational survey to determine the interest to allow 16 and 17-year-olds, along with lawful permanent residents, to vote within Town Elections will be sent out to all registered voters in September. Council Member Bartram will provide the draft language for the Town Attorney's review.

The Council concurred to provide space at the weekly Farmers Market for an ExploreKensington table that would provide information and literature for all Town businesses.

The new emergency notification system, TextMyGov (TMG), was discussed. Assistant to the Town Manager Marini will be the main point of contact for sending out any notifications, along with the Town Manager and Mayor. The Council discussed developing a list of emergencies that will be reviewed by the Council before implementation.

Town Manager Hoffman noted that the Town has yet to receive any funds from the American Rescue Plan and they are working with the Maryland Municipal League to determine if the funds may be used for storm water management. The Town has until December 2024 to commit to use the funds and December 2026 to spend any committed funds.

Mayor Furman suggested that an ad-hoc committee review with the Town staff areas where the funds could be used.

Council Member Crimmins moved to close the meeting at 6:33 pm in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(8) of the General Provisions Article to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Council Member Hill-Zayat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to adjourn the closed meeting at 6:45 pm and return to the Work Session. Council Member Engle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town's Design Guidelines were discussed, and Council Member Engle suggested providing a set of designs for streetscapes and lighting plans for developers to help provide guidance. The PBSAWG will work on developing preferred designs.

The Work Session ended at 6:50 pm.