

June 7, 2022, Town Council Meeting Summary

(held in Person and by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2022, and the Special Town Meeting of June 1, 2022.
- Announced the results from the June 6, 2022, Town Election: Tracey Furman was re-elected as Mayor; Nate Engle was re-elected to the Town Council; and Ann Lichter was elected to the Town Council.
- The Town Organizational Meeting was scheduled for July 11, 2022, at 5 pm, which will be followed by the Town Council Meeting at 7 pm.
- Resolution No. R-15-2021 - McLean Controls contract for the Town offices was amended from an amount not to exceed \$16,600 to an amount not to exceed \$17,900.

Town Council Meeting June 7, 2022, 7:00 pm, in Person and by Zoom Video Conferencing

Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, Engle, Hill-Zayat, Town Manager Hoffman, Assistant to the Town Manager Marini, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

The Minutes from the May 9, 2022, Town Council Meeting and the June 1, 2022, Special Town Council Meeting were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council

Town Election Results

The results from the June 6, 2022, Town Election were announced: Tracey Furman was re-elected as Mayor; Nate Engle was re-elected to the Town Council; and Ann Lichter was elected to the Town Council.

Mayor Furman thanked Jon Gerson for his candidacy and his time and effort for the election.

Town Council Meetings

Mayor Furman stated that the format of Town Meetings will rotate between hybrid (in-person with a virtual option) and all virtual; the format schedule will be set at the Organizational Meeting. The Organizational Meeting was scheduled for July 11 at 5 pm, followed by the Town Council Meeting at 7 pm.

Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Hill-Zayat stated she was honored to have represented a participatory Town.

Mayor Furman and Council Member Bartram will be attending the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference at Ocean City in June.

Council Member Crimmins provided information regarding registering upcoming kindergarteners by June 30 to allow for proper teacher allotments.

Council Member Engle reported there will be a Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group (PBASWG) meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm; and noted that the Town has decided not to apply for the Kim Lamphier Bikeways Grant proposal to study the feasibility of connecting the bicycle and walking path from the Marc Station to the Purple line and Capital Crescent Trail. Due to staffing concerns, the County could not take the lead on the grant application at this time; other funding sources will be identified.

Mayor Furman thanked the Council for supporting National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 3 and noted the turn out by residents for the vigil at Flinn Park; thanked the Board of Supervisors of Elections members: Martha Deale, Spencer Harrill, and Robin Watson for their time involved in the Election; received a thank you for the Town's support for SB14 Sustainable Maryland program fund; noted that she had the opportunity to speak with Michael Paylor regarding the Summit Avenue extension delay, and he will see if he can get the project moved up within the County CIP; and noted the following upcoming events: Juneteenth Event on June 18, July 4th Bike Parade, KHS concert series each Saturday, and Chamber Music in the Circle on July 30.

The Mayor and Council discussed the importance of the Summit Avenue Extended project, including the economic impact the project would have along Summit Avenue.

Council Member Bartram stated that he would contact our district planner with Montgomery Planning, Atul Sharma, to see if a visual could be developed to highlight the economic opportunities, in addition to redevelopment along the project area, to encourage residents to get involved.

From the Town Manager and Staff

Town Manager Hoffman stated Resolution No. R-15-2021 was approved in October 2021, to upgrade the HVAC control system in the Town Offices; however, due to material cost increases the contractor's pricing had increased and the Resolution needed to be amended to address these costs. Town Manager Hoffman requested that a Motion be made to amend Resolution R-15-2021, to state that the project costs shall not exceed \$17,900 from the previous amount which was not to exceed \$16,600. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Hoffman reported that the Veranda and Parapet Project is on schedule and the main entrance at Town Hall should open in early July; Bethesda Chimney is repairing the chimney at Town Hall in order to install a new water heater for the building; and the Town's street contractor has begun milling Armory Avenue, Fawcett Street, and Lexington Street, and paving should be completed within two weeks after the milling.

Public Appearances

Jack Gaffey thanked Council Member Hill-Zayat for her service and thanked everyone who ran in the Election; and noted there will be a full supermoon on June 14 and the summer solstice on June 21.

Ann Lichter thanked the Election judges, along with Nate Engle and Jon Gerson for making the Election a civil process; and stated she is interested in exploring more ways to get residents registered and engaged in voting.

The Mayor and Council thanked Council Member Hill-Zayat for her service on the Council.

Council Actions

Council Member Engle moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve the Special Town Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to amend Resolution No. R-15-2021 to adjust the total contract price from an amount not to exceed \$16,600 to an amount not to exceed \$17,900 due to material cost increases. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Hill-Zayat moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. The motion passed unanimously.