

## **November 18, 2025, Town Council Meeting Summary**

(held in person and by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2025.
- Approved the Work Session Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2025.
- Acknowledged receipt of the Audit Committee’s Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 (FY25).
- Approved **Resolution No. R-17-2025** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing the Town Manager to accept the proposal from Playground Specialists, Inc., to install the PlaySpec Rainbow, pour-in-place (PIP), surfacing at St. Paul Park.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-21-2025** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing the Town Manager to accept the proposal from Shannon-Baum Signs for the refabrication of the existing Antique Row sign at the intersection of Connecticut and Howard Avenues.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-22-2025** – A Resolution of the Town Council of Kensington Confirming the Appointments of John Blick and Paul Sexton to the Development Review Board (DRB), which were made by the Mayor.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-23-2025** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month in Kensington, Maryland.

### **Town Council Meeting November 18, 2025, 7:00 pm, held in Person and by Zoom Video Conferencing**

Mayor Furman; Council Members Crimmins, Engle, Lichter, and Sparker; Town Attorney Ferguson (by Zoom Video Conferencing); Town Manager Hoffman; Assistant Town Manager Marini; and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2025, and the Work Session Meeting Minutes from October 31, 2025, were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

### **From the Mayor and Town Council**

Members from Boy Scout Troop 8 were present to work on their communication merit badge.

### **State Highway Administration (SHA) Letter**

Council Member Sparker reported that the Town sent a letter to Administrator William Pines, State Highway Administration (SHA), requesting additional public and traffic safety improvements be made along University Boulevard in response to the recent fatalities within the corridor; and he participated with Council Member Engle in the 2025 “Ride for Your Life” in memory of James Anderson.

Council Member Engle noted the SHA letter is also to express lack of action by SHA from previous discussions; along with Council Member Sparker and Dan Langenkamp, they wrote an opinion

piece for Bethesda Today on pedestrian safety, “To walk or not to walk?”; and a community meeting with the District 18 Delegation and SHA will be held at Newport Mill Middle School on December 17 at 7:00 pm.

### **Montgomery County Public Schools – Board of Education – Woodward Boundary Study**

Council Member Crimmins reported a letter was sent to Julie Yang, President with Montgomery County Board of Education, providing comments from the second round of the proposed Woodward Boundary Study; along with Mayor Furman, they had the opportunity at the MML Chapter Meeting to meet with Dr. Taylor, Superintendent MCPS, and discuss the boundary analysis and programming studies; and a third round of maps will be coming out at the end of the month.

### **Audit Committee Report**

Town Manager Hoffman acknowledged the receipt of the Audit Committee report accepting the Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, and thanked the Audit Committee, Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson; and the financial statements are available on the website.

### **Explore Kensington at Antique Row sign for Howard Avenue**

The Mayor and Council reviewed the updated branding language, Explore Kensington at Antique Row, for the existing Antique Row sign at the intersection of Connecticut and Howard Avenues.

Margaret Goldsborough, representing Kensington Antique Row Merchant Association, supported the proposed renderings of the new Antique Row sign in the yellow and green color scheme; and suggested improvements in the planting beds along the brick wall on Howard Avenue.

The Council concurred to move forward with the updated branding language on the sign in the yellow and green color scheme along with hooks installed for the banner placement.

### **From the Town Manager and Staff**

Town Manager Hoffman reported the trial for the case regarding the existing covenants, between the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers, and Grain Millers International Union, 10401 Connecticut Avenue v. Town of Kensington (C-15-CV-25-001743), has been scheduled for the last week in June, 2026; the closing date for the acquisition of 10415 Montgomery Avenue (M&T Bank Drive-Thru) will be on December 18, 2025; milling and paving of Hadley Place, Kensington Parkway and St. Paul Street is scheduled; a community meeting was held regarding the upcoming storm drain project on St. Paul Street.

### **Kensington Crossing HOA – Land Acquisition**

Town Manager Hoffman presented the draft contract for the purchase of Parcel A, west of Silver Creek between Plyers Mill and Oberon street, from the Kensington Crossing HOA, and he noted Article 7 of the contract includes additional obligations to the HOA from the Town; the proposed sale price is \$45,000; and the Town is planning to establish a garden park.

Town Attorney Ferguson stated approval of the final contract and adoption of an ordinance will be required from the Council to acquire the property.

The Council concurred to move forward with the draft agreement with the conditions in Article 7.

### **Public Appearances**

Joe Campbell stated the Walktober signage was well done; noted the importance of addressing speed cameras in the letter to SHA, requested an update on the permanent crosswalk plans at Littledale and Kensington Parkway and the graffiti removal on the pedestrian bridge at Kensington Cabin Park.

Town Manager Hoffman stated a permanent thermoplastic crosswalk will be installed at Littledale and Kensington Parkway.

### **Mayor and Council Reports**

Council Member Sparker thanked everyone for participating in the Walktober event; the request for information and for proposals for the parking study will be going out; and he will check with MTC PBAS to provide additional engineering firms.

Council Member Lichter reported the Parking Task Force updated the map to direct visitors to public parking lots which will be added to the website; the Greenscape Committee members supported the final plans for Ernest Memorial Park; Sustainable Kensington is working on Sustainable Maryland recertification and will be working on education and outreach to encourage more participation by Residents in the food waste program; and volunteers are needed for the Town Menorah Lighting on December 14.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations**

**Resolution No. R-17-2025** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Authorizing the Town Manager to accept the proposal from Playground Specialists, Inc., to install the PlaySpec Rainbow pour-in-place (PIP) surfacing at St. Paul Park was presented. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Hoffman stated Town Staff will continue to work with Playground Specialists to obtain pricing for equipment to replace the spring riders with the cozy cocoons, install a shade structure, and switch the infant bay swing for a higher back infant swing; and Phase III will be revisited at a later date.

After conducting additional research, the Council supported installing the pour-in-place surfacing during Phase II, and will consider the corked surfacing for Phase III.

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**Resolution No. R-22-2025** — A Resolution of the Town Council of Kensington Confirming the Appointments of John Blick and Paul Sexton to the Development Review Board (DRB), which were made by the Mayor was presented. See Council Actions.

The Council thanked Mark Hudson and Leslie Maxam for serving on the DRB for two terms.

**Resolution No. R-23-2025** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month in Kensington, Maryland was presented. See Council Actions.

### **Council Actions**

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes from October 31, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sparker moved to approve Resolution No. R-17-2025 to accept the proposal from Playground Specialists, Inc., to install the PlaySpec Rainbow, pour-in-place (PIP), surfacing at St. Paul Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lichter moved to approve Resolution No. R-21-2025 Authorizing the Town Manager to accept the proposal from Shannon-Baum Signs for the refabrication of the existing Antique Row sign at the intersection of Connecticut and Howard Avenues with the green and yellow color scheme along with installed hooks for banners. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Engle moved to approve Resolution No. R-22-2025 Confirming the Appointments of John Blick and Paul Sexton to the Development Review Board (DRB), which were made by the Mayor. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lichter moved to approve Resolution No. R-23-2025 Proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month in Kensington, Maryland. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lichter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.