

January 14, 2026, Town Council Meeting Summary

(held in Person and by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025.
- Approved the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026.
- Acknowledged a Closed Session was held on January 5, 2026, pursuant to State Government Article §3-305(b)(7), “Closed Session”, to consult with the Town Attorney to obtain legal advice.

Town Council Meeting January 14, 2026, 7:00 pm, held in Person and by Zoom Video Conferencing

Mayor Furman; Council Members Crimmins, Engle, Lichter, and Sparker; Town Attorney Ferguson; 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 of December 10, 2025, were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

The Closed Session Minutes of January 5, 2026, were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council

Closed Session – January 5, 2026

The Mayor and Council held a Closed Session on January 5, 2026, pursuant to State Government Article §3-305(b)(7) “Closed Session”, to consult with the Town Attorney to obtain legal advice regarding Case No. C-15-CV-25-001743, BCTGM v. Town of Kensington.

BCTGM V. Town of Kensington (Case No. C-15-CV-25-001743)

Town Attorney Ferguson stated a Tolling Agreement and Preservation of Discovery Rights and Obligations has been prepared to dismiss the case without prejudice between the Bakers Union and The Town of Kensington. This will preserve any litigation that has been completed so far; the restrictive covenants will remain in place; and any interested developers in the property will follow the Town’s normal process of development review.

WSSC Public Meetings – Smart Meter Pilot Program and Silver Creek Sewer Line Project

Town Manager Hoffman stated that the Town will be hosting a Public Meeting in coordination with WSSC to discuss their Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Smart Meter Pilot Program on January 21, 2026, at 7 pm, by Zoom Video Conferencing; and the Town is also coordinating an additional Public Meeting with WSSC to discuss the Silver Creek Sewer Line Project, in which the date and time will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

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

Council Member Crimmins reported that in the current options proposed within the Woodward Boundary Study, the entire Town maintains the same articulation for North Bethesda Middle

School and Walter Johnson High School. The Superintendent's recommendations are due to the Board of Education in February. The Town sent a third letter on January 9 to reiterate the important considerations regarding the Boundary Study and High School Programming.

Noyes Children's Library

Mayor Furman stated the Department of General Services has accepted a contract for the full scope of the improvement project. They have enough funds except for some unknown costs, but there are still funds committed from the Maryland Home and Garden Pilgrimage and the Noyes Foundation; the Town may allocate some funds in the FY27 budget to help with furnishings and equipment.

Joe Campbell questioned how the Town's donations to the Foundation are being used.

Town Manager Hoffman stated the total donations from the Town are \$90,000 which went to the Foundation's general fund.

Community Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Grant Program

Council Member Lichter stated Sustainable Kensington has been looking at ways to bring sustainability to the Town and identified a program for EV charging.

Al Carr gave a presentation on the Community Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Grant Program which would provide funding for Level 2 and Level 3 charging infrastructure at certain locations in the Town.

Marshall Presser suggested Level 3 Chargers and the option where the Town is not responsible for maintenance of the chargers.

The Council asked Al Carr to proceed with talking to vendors to get pricing, installation and maintenance information for EV charging infrastructure to inform the development of the grant application.

The Council discussed the options provided and concurred to pursue the grant for Option B, third party owner/operator, where the Town would be a site host and partner with the operator of the equipment. The deadline for the grant application is February 25, 2026.

Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Sparker stated the District 18 Delegation/SHA community meeting on December 17, 2025, was well attended and SHA committed to installing a traffic light at St. Paul Street and University Boulevard; the study will take approximately nine months; he is reviewing sidewalk initiatives in Town; MTC-PBAS provided information to improve pedestrian routes for the House and Garden Pilgrimage; and noted the backstop at St. Paul Park needs repair.

The Council concurred to repair the back stop and review it further for long-term improvements or removal when addressing Phase 2 or 3 at St. Paul Park.

Council Member Lichter reported new trees will be planted to replace the trees removed at Ernest Memorial Park as part of the new design; the Parking Task Force met and a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parking Study will be sent out; and Sustainable Kensington met and is applying for Sustainable Maryland bronze level recertification.

Council Member Engle stated Sustainable Kensington is planning targeted outreach to survey and inform Residents to double the amount of food waste collection in Town by July; a contest will also be held for free counter toters; and they are reviewing whether the Town can receive back the digestate.

Council Member Crimmins reported on three draft bills in the Governor's legislative package that may impact the Town, which include the Maryland Transit and Housing Opportunity Act, Starter and Silver Homes Act of 2026, and the Housing Certainty Act of 2026.

Mayor Furman stated the Town has donated \$1,000 to the James Anderson Memorial Fund.

The next Town Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

From the Town Manager and Staff

Town Manager Hoffman reported that the Town will be closing on 10401 Montgomery Avenue, the M&T Drive Thru property, next week; noted that the St. Paul Street storm drain project is moving forward and that inlets on Madison Street and Decatur Avenue have been installed; WSSC will be undergoing a long-term project in Town replacing four miles of water line south of CSX rail crossing and east of Connecticut Avenue; and that the Day of the Book Festival will not be held this year, the Town may take over this event as a Town festival in 2027 which will be reviewed in the budget process.

Public Appearances

There were no Public Appearances.

Council Actions

Council Member Engle moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve the Confidential Closed Session Minutes and Public Minutes from January 5, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. The motion passed unanimously.