

## **February 10, 2026, Town Council Meeting Summary**

(held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026, as amended.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-01-2026** – A Resolution of the Kensington Town Council Confirming Appointments made by the Mayor to the Town’s Ethics Commission.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-02-2026** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing a Contract Agreement with Brudis & Associates, Inc., (BAI) for a Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Analysis for the existing Bridge along Kensington Parkway (MK-03) to review for a potential flooding hazard once the stream bed is returned to as-built conditions by WSSC.

### **Town Council Meeting February 10, 2026, 7:00 pm, held 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. A moment of silence was observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026, were reviewed and approved as amended. See Council Actions.

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

#### **10415 Montgomery Avenue**

Town Manager Hoffman stated the Town acquired 10415 Montgomery Avenue from M&T Bank on January 23, 2026, in the amount of \$930,000, to expand public parking options for the Town’s Business District; the Town will be reimbursed \$800,000 by the State through two separate bond bills (23-458 and 23-706), which were redirected to the project following a Prior Authorization request during the 2025 Legislative Session.

#### **WSSC Public Meetings – Silver Creek Sewer Line Project**

Town Manager Hoffman stated that WSSC will be hosting a virtual meeting on February 17, 2026, at 6:30 pm (access to the meeting is available at [wsscwater.com/projectmeetings](http://wsscwater.com/projectmeetings) or by calling 240-800-7929 Phone Conference ID: 762 433 153#) to discuss the Sewer Main Repair Project along Kensington Parkway at Frederick Avenue.

#### **Clum-Kennedy Park Eagle Scout Project Proposal:**

Ezra Barden, Boy Scout Troop 439, presented his scope of work and answered questions on his proposed Eagle Scout Project to install a native pollinator garden in Clum-Kennedy Park.

The Mayor and Council supported the project and requested information on fundraising for the project; and suggested Ezra meet with Jason Swain, Public Works Supervisor, to discuss the plans.

### **Community Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Grant Program**

Al Carr presented the quotes he received from four vendors that would provide Level 2 and Level 3 EV charging infrastructure under Option A, ownership, and requested further direction to proceed with the grant application, due February 25, 2026. He stated the grant would cover the cost of the EV chargers at the M&T lot; the utility cost was uncertain but additional funding may be available through utility incentives; the Town would be under no obligation until the grant is awarded and accepted; and he did not receive any quotes for Option B, the third-party model where the Town would not own the equipment.

Darin Bartram suggested Level 3 chargers and questioned the use of spaces at the M&T Lot.

The Mayor and Council supported the Level 3 chargers and directed Mr. Carr to obtain additional pricing information from Tesla and Lightility for Level 3 chargers at the M&T lot; a special Council meeting will be held if needed to finalize the grant proposal.

### **Starter and Silver Homes Act of 2026 (HB0239/SB0036)**

Town Attorney Ferguson stated the Bill, designed to encourage starter homes, does not accomplish that and takes away municipalities' zoning and local control; and MML and MACO have supported the Bill with amendments to exempt municipalities and counties.

Council Member Crimmins will draft a letter, for Council review, to be sent in time for testimony that incorporates comments and concerns from the Town, other municipalities, MML, MACO, and others.

### **Mayor and Council Reports**

Mayor Furman stated the Greater Kensington Coalition requested the Town participate in the coalition; the Town cannot participate but will be a liaison to the Coalition.

Council Member Sparker reported the Mobility and Traffic Committee/Pedestrian and Bicycling Access & Safety Working Group (MTC/PBAS) has been reviewing legislation before the Maryland General Assembly relating to pedestrian and traffic safety and supports two bills so far, the Bicycle Safety Start and Automated Enforcement Reciprocity. The Council supported sending a letter of support to District 18 delegation.

Council Member Lichter reported she attended the MDOT Safety Forum convened by Secretary Thomson and she reiterated the importance of action on improvements that are low-cost and feasible; the Parking Management Consultant RFP has been posted and closes in early March *Subsequently changed to Thursday, March 12, 2026.*

Council Member Engle reported that he gave testimony at the County Council's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Hearing for the Summit Avenue Extended project.

Council Member Crimmins reported on the Montgomery County School Boundary Study, and that the superintendent has recommended Option B, which keeps the Town entirely together. The proposed plan still needs to be approved by the Board of Education in March.

The next Town Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026. *Subsequently changed to March 18, 2026.*

### **Public Appearances**

Joe Campbell thanked the Town crew for the snow removal; inquired regarding recent work by WSSC at Kensington Parkway and Frederick Avenue; and noted confusion over Ecology's schedule during the snow.

Leslie Olson noted concerns over delivery cars stopping on Connecticut Avenue at Plyers Mill Road and blocking one lane.

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

Town Manager Hoffman provided an update on the storm water project.

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

**Resolution No. R-01-2026** – A Resolution of the Kensington Town Council Confirming Appointments made by the Mayor to the Town's Ethics Commission was presented. See Council Actions.

The Resolution was to reappoint Mike McCurry for a two-year term which will expire April 1, 2028.

**Resolution No. R-02-2026** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing a Contract Agreement with Brudis & Associates, Inc., (BAI) for a Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Analysis for the existing Bridge along Kensington Parkway (MK-03) to review for a potential flooding hazard once the stream bed is returned to as-built conditions by WSSC was presented. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Hoffman stated that WSSC's engineering team has concern about potential flooding of the culvert once as-built repairs are completed to the sewer line and requested that the Town consider increasing the size of the culvert; he also noted that WSSC contacted him about revising the project plans, which may not require the Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) analysis. Council Member Engle requested to attend the meeting to ask WSSC further questions.

### **Council Actions**

Council Member Lichter moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2026, as amended to change "Noyes Children's Library" to the "Department of General Services." The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sparker moved to approve Resolution No. R-01-2026 Confirming the Mayor's reappointment of Mike McCurry to the Ethics Commission for a two-year term. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve Resolution No. R-02-2026 Authorizing a Contract Agreement with Brudis & Associates, Inc., (BAI) for a Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Analysis for the existing Bridge along Kensington Parkway (MK-03) to review for a potential flooding hazard once the stream bed is returned to as-built conditions by WSSC. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lichter moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 pm. The motion passed unanimously.