



**TOWN MEETING
February 9, 2023
8:00 PM**

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm

In attendance: Mayor Munyeneh, Vice Mayor Fry, Council Members Nettles, Watson, McCann, Dalaker, Garces

Town Attorney: Jason Deloach

Staff: Assistant to the Town Administrator -Priscilla Matthews, Public Works Director Steve Brayman, Chief Carl Miller, Town Clerk Giselle Richards,

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda: by CM McCann seconded by CM Dalaker.
Approved unanimously.

Consent agenda removed.

Move to move letter of support for Tropicana to number 13 on the agenda pending update from attorney made by CM Nettles. 2nd by CM Watson

Resident Input-

- Ethan Sweep from Congressman Glenn Ivey's office introduced himself as the community liaison and offered support.
- Murry Williams House committee chair for PCAB advisory board introduced herself and offered support and invited anyone interested to reach out.
- Christopher -Ward 5 – Would like the town to evaluate the town park field for safety and any updates that would help.
- Mr. Todd Ward 1 – wanted to thank the town for their work to remedy the water woes on Laurel Ave



- Felicia Brown – Also thanking the town for working on water woes. Also, would like to know how to get the site number included based on the letter sent.

Committee Reports

- Recreation Council – N/A
- Green Infrastructure Committee – Sheila Salo –
 - February is the Great Backyard Bird Count. Encourages residents to participate. www.birdcount.org The Green Infrastructure Science Committee is also hosting nature hikes to coincide with the Great Backyard Bird Count.
- Cheverly Day Committee – CM Watson – Cheverly Day Committee is in the beginning stages of planning 2023 Cheverly Day. www.cheverlyday.com for more information. Volunteers needed.
- Planning Board – Mayor Munyeneh –
 - Mr. Forman the representative for 5801 Arbor Street attend meeting to discuss request from owner wanting to keep current tenant. A list of better suited tenants was provided to them to comply with the code.
 - No updated on Claybrick Road project.
 - Discussed meeting with SHA and the county regarding Columbia Park Rd problems. The syncing of the lights was approved by the county and PEPCO
- Board of Elections – Robin Kay-
 - Election is coming up on May 1, 2023, 7am-8pm
 - Petitions, voter registrations Forms are available online, in person.
 - Nomination Petitions are due March 17th
 - Mail in ballot request forms are available online or in person: Due April 24, 2023
 - Voter registration with the state is due by April 1
 - Voter registration drives: 3/4/23 @ Cheverly Station Apts, 3/25/23 @ Boyd Park
 - Working on process to provide voter registration data to candidates.
 - Still need one additional election supervisor

Presentation-

- **Water Task Force** - Emily Clifton of LID Center presented the task force and how it can help residents by providing guidance on how to complete the letter and share their water woes.



- **2nd Reader of Traffic Monitoring Ordinance 2023-01** - Mayor Munyeneh read Ordinance 2023-01
- **Ecosite Contract Renewal** – Director Brayman presented an updated contract to renew and continue working with Ecosite.
 - Requests for council to approve a 2-year contract instead of a 1-year contract.
 - CM McCann requests a scope of work. Director Brayman stated that it's more of an open contract for Mr. Clarr to work on various projects with the town within the price of the contract.
 - Town Administrator Galloway recommends the council go with 2-year contract.
- **LIDC Contract Renewal** - Director Brayman presented an updated contract to renew and continue working with LIDC.
 - Director Brayman would like council to consider renewing this contract for 2 years.
 - Town Administrator Galloway recommends the council go with 2-year contract.
 - Town Administrator Galloway recommends that the council adopt both Ecosite and LIDC contract.

Motion to amend LIDC contract for 2 years made by CM Dalaker. 2nd by CM McCann. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Ecosite and LIDC contract for 2 years made by CM Dalaker. 2nd by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

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- **Town Administrator Report –**
 - Town submitted a fact sheet for public works building for \$3million from the general assembly.
 - Met with MDE regarding Booms and smells to schedule another community meeting. Will post once scheduled.
 - MML Summer conference is coming. Asks Mayor and council to let town clerk know if you plan to attend.
 - Ms. Yvonne White presented an update regarding the Cheverly Youth Council and upcoming events.

Move to adopt town administrator's recommendation to consider an increase in council member compensation to \$7,000 for council members & \$8,500 for mayor via an ordinance and to have the compensations reviewed every 5 years by staff made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2nd by CM



Garces. **Yes** – CM Nettles-Simpson, CM Dalaker, CM Garces, CM Fry. **Opposed** CM Watson, CM McCann 4-2

Motion to table previous motion made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2nd by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

- **Police Report** – Chief Miller gave monthly report.
- **Public Works Report** – Director Brayman provided an update on the Department of Public Works.

Motion to send a support the letter as long as Tropicana has reached out to Radiant Valley homeowners association made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2nd by CM Fry

Representative from Radiant Valley President Smalls came to oppose the letter of support for a liquor license for Tropicana from the town due to various issues/concerns surrounding Tropicana owner.

Town administrator requests that the council remain mute regarding Tropicana until he conducts and investigation on the allegations that President Smalls has brought forth.

- **Review of February work session agenda and future requests**
 - Redistricting on March town meeting
 - Council compensation discussion and 1st reader
 - Traffic Safety around St Ambrose & Spellman Elementary on Joslyn St
 - CM Garces requests PEPCO representative regarding meter readings
 - Oxford properties update – Closed session
- **Mayor and Council Announcements –**
 - CM Dalaker – Ward 4 Civic association meeting on 3 Mondays open to members of all wards but only Ward 4 members may vote.
 - CM McCann – St Ambrose spaghetti dinner 2/22/23
 - Mayor – Women’s Club & CAACO Black History Event 2/25, State of Cheverly address on 3/6/23

Adjourn motion to adjourn at 10:57 pm by CM Watson. 2nd CM McCann. Approved unanimously.