



WORKSESSION
January 26, 2023
7:30 PM

Minutes

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm via Zoom.

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

Town Attorney: Jason DeLoach

Staff: Town Administrator – Dylan Galloway, Assistant to Town Administrator -Priscilla Matthews, Public Works Director – Steve Brayman, Town Accountant - Mike Lightfield, Town Clerk – Giselle Richards, Communications Specialist – Tonya Jones

Pledge of Allegiance and Flag:

1. **Tropicana Restaurant** – Restaurant is pursuing beer and wine license. The owner and Attorney informed the Mayor and Council of their upcoming hearing with the liquor board and requested support from the town.
2. **Redistricting** - Mr. Fairfax updated Mayor and Council with a recap of the previous meeting and presented an updated plan. Next steps are for Mayor & Council to decide on a plan to proceed with. The council is considering Plan A3.
3. **Traffic Monitoring Ordinance 2023-01** – Mayor Munyeneh introduced Ordinance 2023-01 and asked Council to complete 3rd reader at another work session to get the process moving forward.
4. ***3rd Reading of Ordinance 2022-07 Homestead Tax Credit** – Councilmember Nettles-Simpson completed 3rd reader of Ordinance 2022-07. This ordinance adds a new chapter to the town code. The new chapter is Chapter 30.
Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-07 made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2nd by CM Dalaker.
Approved unanimously.
5. **Black History Month Proclamation** – Read by Mayor Munyeneh. The proclamation will be updated to include Ward 1's first black council member and the naming of the first town structure to be named after an African American (New pavilion)
6. **Gas powered lawn equipment discussion.** – CM Watson communicated the asks of concerned residents.



1. What is the possibility of including funds in the budget to assist with phasing out leaf blowers for the town's public works department?
2. What can we do to incentivize residents to purchase electric vs. gas powered equipment?

CM Dalaker wanted to reiterate that what is being proposed is not a ban on gas powered equipment. What is being proposed is to encourage residents to help to reduce environmental and noise pollution.

7. **Bike Trail update-** Town Administrator Galloway will provide an update to the Mayor and Council

8. **58th Place and Newton St Update** – CM Nettles requested for county to provide a streetlight at this location but they are not willing to proceed because its not on county property. Due to the low lighting, crime is committed here. CM Nettles requests that the town purchase and install a streetlight at this location.

Mayor Munyeneh stated that the town administrator has the authority to purchase and will proceed with the installation. The cost is under the threshold needed for council approval.

9. **Town Administrator Update –**

- Good news!—the County Historic Preservation Commission is tentatively scheduled to approve forwarding the nomination at their meeting of February 21, 2023.
- Narcan Training is scheduled for Staff and Community for March 30 at 6pm. Watch News and Announcements for how to register.
- Update on Columbia Park Rd, we received a response from the state indicating that they are waiting on a response from the county public works to finalize the stoplight issue.

10. **Update by CM Fry & Garces Regarding Cheverly Station Apartments –**

11. **CM Garces** – CM Garces stated that residents are upset that parking spots were taken away on Oak St on their side of the streets.

CM Fry stated that per Cheverly Station Apartments, every resident that is on the lease has the ability to request a parking spot on the apartment parking lot.

CM Garces has met with the new security guards who are now patrolling. Has 10 complaints and is directing them to the new management who has been more responsive and being more accountable for repairs/resident concerns.



Flooding and the clean up of it is currently the main issue.

Mayor Munyeneh recommends having another meeting with management to discuss future requests and keeping a good working relationship with them.

12. Review of February Town Meeting Agenda and Future Requests -

- 2nd Reader of Ordinance 2023-01
- Extended Chief's report
- Financial update
- Audit update
- USPS representative to attend meeting.
- Stop sign at 63rd St update.
- Amazon, UPS, and FedEx representatives
- Request for updating of Town Park field -CM Garces
- Request for updating lighting at Town Park field to allow playing after dusk- CM Fry
- Request to have outreach to the residents of Forest Rd to update them regarding Ely Building construction- CM Dalaker
- Request for new floor for floor in town hall gym – CM Nettles
- Talk to the school board regarding ability to use Hoyer building & field- CM Fry
- Street light at Parkway and Arbor St needs to be updated due to darkness.
- Crestlawn Ave project update from the county- CM Dalaker
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13. Motion to adjourn at 10:02 pm made by CM Nettles. 2nd by CM McCann

Approved unanimously.