

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Carolina Zumarán-Jones, Parliamentarian; Alexandra Kielty, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 15 residents.

ABSENT:

John R. Mertens, Vice Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNCIL:

The Council heard questions and concerns from members of the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. White made the following announcements:

The Village Council Personnel Committee had met in closed session on May 29 at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the Maryland General Provisions, to review staff evaluations and recommend staff salaries for FY2019.

Primary Elections would be held Tuesday, June 26. Polls would be open at the Village Center from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Our annual Independence Day celebration would take place at the Village Center on Wednesday, July 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Council had approved the Village survey, which would be mailed to residents the following week. The deadline to return the survey is August 15.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Cooper seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of May 14 and the closed session minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 29. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending May 31, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Mr. Dorsey reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on June 6 and discussed the following:

- (1) The dumpster left on South Park, which has now been removed.
- (2) The traffic lights out of sync on Willard Avenue causing backups;
- (3) Safety concerns regarding taxi cabs parked on Willard Avenue in front of Lia's to be referred to the Transportation Management District Advisory Committee, along with concerns about traffic lights.
- (4) Tulips in Humphrey Park; and
- (5) Signage on Willard Avenue.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights: Ms. White reported that the CCCFH met on May 16 and discussed the following: (1) The update on the Westwood Shopping Center Property; and (2) Presentation of mini-series on Village History. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 20 at 8:00. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Page Park: Mr. Mansfield reported that WSSC and the plumber have completed their portion of the infrastructure. The irrigation contractor is scheduled to begin installing the irrigation system the week of June 18. Battery-operated control boxes will eliminate the need for electrical power. Residents should expect disruption during the installation. Mr. Mansfield circulated renderings of the proposed planting. Bids will be available for Council review at the July 9 meeting. Staff has received one proposal to remove the dying birch tree, at the Council's instruction, and are awaiting a second. A dispenser with bags for

removal of new dog waste has been installed. Following a brief discussion on the current ban on pesticides in Page Park, staff was asked to report at the next meeting after consulting our landscape contractor

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of proposed amendment to Village by-laws: Ms. Cooper and Ms. Durbin introduced two versions of proposed amendments to the Village by-laws to clarify Village hiring policies. This amendment would replace Article VI, Section 1. Pursuant to Article IX of the by-laws, proposed amendments must be introduced at one meeting but cannot be voted on until the next meeting. A brief discussion followed. The Council recommended that the two versions be coordinated and reintroduced at the July meeting.

Discussion/vote on Elizabeth Scull and community service awards to be presented July 4: Ms. White reported that traditionally on July 4, the Council presents the Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award and she made a recommendation.

Ms. White moved, Ms. Cooper seconded, to approve former Congresswoman Morella as recipient of the Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award. The Council approved the motion by unanimous consent.

Discussion/vote on presentation of the Community Service Award on July 4, to be made public pending notification of the nominee.

Ms. White moved, Ms. Kielty seconded, to approve Ms. Barbara Taubin as recipient of the Community Service Award. The Council approved the motion by unanimous consent.

Discussion/vote on proposal from Gali Service Industries for a 3 percent increase in the cost of the contract to maintain the Village Center, which would provide for raises in compensation for maintenance staff:

Ms. Zumaran-Jones moved, Ms. Kielty seconded, to approve the proposed increase in cost of the contract with Gali Service Industries in order to fund a 3 percent increase in salaries of the maintenance staff. The Council approved the motion by unanimous consent.

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. White seconded, that the Council enter into closed session pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provision Article, Section 3-305(b)(1), to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body

has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. The Council approved motion by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Durbin
Secretary