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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2019

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Carolina Zumaran-Jones, Parliamentarian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; and 6 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 Council held work sessions on Thursday, January 10, and Monday, January 22, for the purpose of interviewing two candidates for the Village Council vacancy.

The Council's 2018 Annual Report will be distributed to residents at the end of January. It will include the Proposed Budget for fiscal 2020.

The February and March Council meetings will include public hearings on the Proposed Village Budget for fiscal 2020.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of December 10. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending December 31, 2018, and introduced the Proposed Budget for fiscal 2020, which is based on a proposed tax rate of 4 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, the current rate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from the Community Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on January 9 and discussed the following:

- (1) The absence of mechanical problems with the flags in Humphrey Park, which now fly at the highest level.
- (2) A report on trash accumulating behind Brighton Gardens, now under investigation by the Village manager.
- (3) The unauthorized removal of branches from a tree on North Park, also under investigation by the Village manager.
- (4) The Committee's opposition to the County's program of dockless vehicles (electronic bikes and scooters) for the Village.
- (5) The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights: Ms. White reported that the CCCFH met on January 16 and discussed the following:

- (1) The presentation by Andrew Friedson, our new County Council member, which has been rescheduled for February.
- (2) The January 31 deadline for Montgomery County residents to vote on proposed improvements to the Capital Crescent Trail Crossing. Ms. White will forward the link upon request.
- (3) The suggestion by Hans Riemer, County Council member, that the County relax rules applicable to the rental of accessory dwelling units. The CCCFH will continue to follow this issue.
- (4) The next meeting will be the third week of February at 8:00 p.m. at the little house in Westmoreland Hills in Bethesda. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion/vote on the Village Council vacancy: After interviewing Michael Mezey and Marcos Carvalho, the two candidates interested in filling the vacancy for the remainder of the term, the Council elected Michael Mezey, who received four votes, with one member having voted to leave the position vacant. The nomination must be forwarded to the County Council for final approval. Council elections will be held in May. Details will appear in the newsletter.

Discussion/vote on request from Montgomery County to participate in the proposed expansion of pilot program for electronic bicycles and electronic scooters: The Council chose not to participate in the program, citing concerns with pedestrian safety and sidewalks too narrow for parking the vehicles. No further action is needed.

Discussion/vote on proposal to repair leak at Village Center: Mr. Mansfield reported that Triad Waterproofing submitted a revised proposal priced at \$10,500 and reflecting a more detailed scope of work and offering a lifetime warranty. A bid solicited from Multiservices General Contractor cost \$8,475.25 with work under warranty for one year. Staff recommended awarding the job to Triad.

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve the proposal from Triad Basement Waterproofing, Inc. to repair the leak at the Village Center at a cost of \$10,500. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Update on Village bulletin board/signage: In view of recent guidance from legal counsel as a result of Mr. Dorsey's concern regarding specifications for the purchase of a new bulletin board and signage, staff will request permission to use Art Display's specifications in its solicitation for proposals.

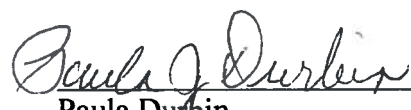
NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin