

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 2019

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; John R. Mertens, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Carolina Zumarán-Jones, Parliamentarian; Michael Mezey, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and 10 residents.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mr. Dorsey introduced Dr. Michael Mezey, whom the Council appointed to fill the late Alex Kielty's unexpired term.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNCIL:

The Council heard questions and concerns from members of the audience. As a result of concerns regarding loitering in the Friendship Heights metro station, staff was asked to invite a WMATA representative to attend a Council meeting to address the issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. White made the following announcements:

The County confirmed Michael Mezey's appointment to the Village Council to serve out the unexpired term of Alexandra Kielty. He will succeed her as Council Historian and will serve on the Capital Improvements Committee.

The agenda included the first public hearing on the Proposed Village Operating Budget for Fiscal 2020. A second public hearing on the Proposed Budget will be held on March 11.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Cooper seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of January 22. The motion carried. (7-0-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending January 31, 2019, and introduced the Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2020. The Budget is based on a proposed tax rate of 4 cents per \$100 assessed property value, which would maintain the current rate.

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and tax rate for fiscal 2020:

Mr. Dorsey opened the floor for comments from the public on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2020. The public was invited to comment as recognized by the chair. Speakers were limited to three minutes and could not cede time to another individual.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from the Program Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on January 23 and discussed the following:

- (1) Program activities: Movies, the trip to the Greenbrier and suggestions for other trips.
- (2) Publishing online the page of the newsletter dedicated to youth activities, given limited print space.
- (3) The proposal by young residents to host a diaper drive in honor of Meghan Markle, which would benefit the Greater DC Diaper Bank benefiting low-income families.

The next meeting was to be announced the following week.

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on February 6 and discussed the following:

- (1) The need to trim hedges in Humphrey Park.
- (2) The role of volunteers in the community.
- (3) The Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2020, the annual report and the Village survey, whose data will be distributed within a few weeks.
- (4) Confirmation that Council meetings are open to the public.

The next meeting will be March 6 at 5:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of Village bulletin board/signage: Per the Council's request, Mr. Mansfield reported that the staff had approached Art Display for permission to use its specifications in a solicitation for proposals, for which Art Display is asking \$1,200. Bids submitted in response would be presented to the Capital Improvements and Communication Committees by the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/vote on proposal from League of Women Voters:

Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. Zumaran-Jones seconded, to approve the proposal from League of Women Voters to manage the Village of Friendship Heights 2019 election of Council members on May 13 at a cost of \$3,200 plus expenses. The motion carried. (7-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin