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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2019

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT:

Michael Mezey, Historian.

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 announced the following:

The second and final public hearing on the Proposed Village Operating Budget for Fiscal 2020, scheduled for this meeting, to be followed by the Council's final vote on the budget and tax rate.

An invitation to all residents to attend the annual Community Day celebration on Saturday, April 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Village Center.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of February 11. The motion carried. (5-1-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending February 28, 2019, and introduced the Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2020, which is based on a proposed tax rate of 4 cents per \$100 assessed property value, the current rate.

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

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

Discussion/vote on budget and tax rate for Fiscal 2020:

Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. Durbin seconded to approve the Fiscal 2020 Budget. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the Fiscal 2020 Tax Rate. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- (1) Re-sodding the Village curb ways.
- (2) The report on the latest data from the Village survey. The results will be summarized in the Newsletter. A copy of the report is available upon request. The next meeting will be April 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee of Friendship Heights: Ms. White reported that the Citizens Coordinating Committee met on February 23 and discussed the following:

- (1) additional information regarding the suggestion by Hans Reimer, County Council member, that the County relax rules applicable to the rental of accessory dwelling units; and
- (2) the impact on the County.

The CCCFH will continue to follow this issue. The next meeting will be March 20 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 of exterior wall and sign in Humphrey Park: Further discussion resulted in the Council's consensus not to install an exterior wall and sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion with Metro Transit Police Department: Captain Peter Sepulveda spoke on efforts to address loitering at the Friendship Heights Metro station and responded to questions and concerns from the Council and audience.


Discussion/vote on selection of judges for Village Council election: In accordance with our charter, the Council must appoint judges for the Council election on May 13 to supplement the judges that will be provided by the League of Women Voters. The nominees for Council consideration include County Council member Andrew Friedman (Chief Judge); William Corey, from 4620 North Park; and Ron Irion, from Highland House. All have agreed to serve if appointed.

Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. Cooper seconded, to approve County Council member Andrew Friedman as Chief Judge; William Corey, from 4620 North Park; and Ron Irion, from Highland House, to serve as judges for the Village of Friendship Heights Council election on May 13, 2019. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin