

VILLAGE COUNCIL

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Conducted via Livestream

Monday, October 16, 2023

A video of the meeting can be found at:

<https://www.regionalwebtv.com/village-of-friendship-heights>

ATTENDEES:

Bobby Pestronk, Chairman
Martha Solt, Secretary
Roy Schaeffer, Treasurer
Melanie Rose White, Mayor
Paula Durbin, Parliamentarian
Michael Mezey
Cheryl Tyler
Julian Mansfield, Village Manager
Jason Goldstein, Assistant Village Manager
James Lee, Forecaster & Demographic Research Specialist - Montgomery County
Planning Department
Robert Bryant, Recording Secretary

RECORDING OF MEETING (:05)

Recording of this meeting may be found at:
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CALL TO ORDER (0:22)

The October 16, 2023 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION – JAMES LEE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S CENSUS UPDATES FOR THE VILLAGE at

https://friendshipheightsmd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Friendship_Heights_Village_demographics_2021-V2.pdf (0:22)

Questions posed to Mr. Lee from residents:

- Afsaneh Mirfendereski (43:33)
- Prem Garg (45:23)
- Tino Calabia (48:17)
- Afsaneh Mirfendereski (52:00)

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (54:46)

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS (58:00)

Questions and comments posed to the Council include:

- Afsaneh Mirfendereski (1:00:52)
- SaliAnn Kriegsman (1:04:03)
- Tino Calabia (1:06:25)
- Roger Cochetti (1:07:49)
- Dan Dozier (1:11:20)
- Andria Brian (1:13:36)

Comments from the Council:

- Councilmember Michael Mezey (1:17:24)
- Treasurer Roy Schaeffer (1:21:16)

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (1:23:26)

SECRETARY'S REPORT (1:25:56)

Ms. Solt moved, Ms. Durbin seconded approval of the amended minutes from the Council's Public Session held on Monday, September 11, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Solt moved, Ms. Tyler seconded approval of the minutes as presented from the Council's Communications Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 18, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (1:27:00)

Ms. Durbin recommended the Finance Committee consider dropping the Rothstein Scholarship and reallocating the funds as the program has been dormant for many years.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (1:32:00)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (1:33:58)

Community Advisory Committee (CAC): Council members were encouraged to review the committee's report in the meeting packet.

Council Communications Committee (CCC): Secretary Solt reported, during their meeting held on Monday, September 18, 2023, the CCC discussed questions to be included in the upcoming quality of life survey and the concept of office hours.

OLD BUSINESS (1:34:46)

Discussion and Vote – Ad Hoc Council Committee on Development: Ms. White moved, Mr. Schaeffer seconded creating an Ad Hoc Council Committee on Development;

appointing Mr. Pestronk as Chair; and appointing Ms. Tyler and Mr. Mezey as members of the ad hoc committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Vote – Ad Hoc Council Committee on Climate Change and Environment (1:44): Mr. Mezey moved to create an Ad Hoc Community Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Environment, with one Council liaison appointed, with the creation of the committee widely broadcast, seeking participation from community members. Ms. White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Vote – Community Advisory Committee Appointment: Ms. White moved, Ms. Durbin seconded the appointment of Dr. Al Muller, Stephanie Clipper, and Prem Garg as members of the Community Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (1:51:49)

No matters of New Business were raised.

ADJOURNMENT (1:52:00)

Mr. Mezey moved, Ms. Tyler seconded adjourning the October 16, 2023 Council Meeting at 8:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

 11/28/2023
Martha Solt, Council Secretary