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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**Conducted via Livestream**

**Monday, November 13, 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  
Eli Glazier, Multimodal Transportation Planner Coordinator - Montgomery County  
Planning Department  
Robert Bryant, Recording Secretary

**RECORDING**

Recording of this meeting may be found at:  
<https://www.regionalwebtv.com/village-of-friendship-heights> ; the reference time on the recording time is noted for each topic.

**CALL TO ORDER (0.10)**

The November 13, 2023 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CONVENE**

- Presentation by Eli Glazier, Multimodal Transportation Planner Coordinator at the Montgomery County Planning Department

- o Comments/questions from the public to Mr. Glazier
  - Roger Cochetti
  - Bradley Hardy
  - Mike Dorsey
  - Patricia Canessa
- Chairman’s comments (34:39)
- Comments from the public to the Council (45:00)
  - o Kathleen Kester
  - o Al Muller
  - o Roger Cochetti
  - o Mike Dorsey
  - o Paul Brown
  - o Cameroon Moody
- Comments from the Council (1:00:01)
- Mayor’s Announcements (1:11:00)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (1:15:00)**

- **Ms. Solt moved, Mr. Schaeffer seconded approval of the amended minutes from the Council’s Public Session held on Monday, October 16, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT (1:19:00)**

**VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT (1:26:00)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (1:30:00)**

**OLD BUSINESS (1:36:25)**

- Adoption of mission statement for Council Ad Hoc Committee on Development
  - o **Mr. Mezey moved, Ms. Solt seconded adoption of the mission statement for the Ad Hoc Committee on Development. The motion carried unanimously.**
- Adoption of mission statement for Council Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change and Environment

**NEW BUSINESS (1:50:00)**

- Discussion/vote on proposals for staff compensation study
  - o **Ms. Solt moved to amend the motion passed on August 21st, 2023, concerning the issuance of an RFP by striking the term ‘revision,’ striking the term ‘September 30th,’ and inserting ‘November 30th,’ and by striking the term ‘October’ and inserting ‘December;’ Ms. Tyler seconded the motion. Six voted in favor, Mr. Mezey opposed. The motion passed.**
- Discussion/vote on proposal from Securitas to provide pay increase for Village security guard
- Discussion/vote on use of Rothstein Scholarship reserve funds
  - o **Mr. Schaeffer moved, and Ms. Solt seconded a motion to close out the Rothstein Scholarship account and spend an amount equal to the current account balance to be used for defibrillator training for residents or staff. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Discussion/vote on Council comments on Wisconsin Avenue Development Plan
  - o **Ms. Solt moved, and Mr. Mezey seconded a motion to adopt the amended comments. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Discussion/vote on mission statement and recommendations from the Public Safety Committee

**o Ms. Tyler moved, and Ms. Solt seconded the motion to adopt the mission statement and recommendations from the Public Safety Committee as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT (2:52:00)**

**Ms. Tyler moved, Ms. Solt seconded adjourning the November 13, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:52.**

Respectfully Submitted:

 12/18/2023  
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Martha Solt, Council Secretary