

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Conducted via Livestream

Monday, January 8, 2024

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

Michael Mezey

Cheryl Tyler

Vacant, Parliamentarian

Julian Mansfield, Village Manager

Jason Goldstein, Assistant Village Manager/Chief Innovation Officer

RECORDING OF MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER (00:01.53)

- Presentation by Atara Margolies, from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, on results of the Friendship Heights Urban Design Study (02:19)
 - Questions from the public to Ms. Margolies:
 - Barbara Woodall (49:06)
 - Prem Garg (50:13)
 - Roger Cochetti (52:38)
 - Alfred Muller (55:25)
- Chair's announcements (1:00:46)

- Comments from the public to the Council
 - Michael Dorsey (1:07:15)
 - Roger Cochetti (1:09:50)
 - Cameroon Moody (1:13:29)
- Comments from the Council (1:17:00)
- Mayor's announcements (1:17:13)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1:18:01)

- Public session minutes of the December 11 Council meeting. **Ms. Solt moved, Ms. Tyler seconded approval of the amended minutes from the Council's Public Session held on Monday, December 8, 2023. The motion carried.** (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Solt, Schaeffer, White, Mezey, Tyler.)

TREASURER'S REPORT (1:19:50)

- Monthly summary

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (1:28:23)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (1:32:58)

- Report of Council Public Safety Committee meeting of January 4; report of Council Communications Committee meeting of January 4

OLD BUSINESS (1:35:20)

- Discussion of broker for Village-owned Red House property at 4608 North Park Avenue (1:35:32)
- Discussion/vote on additional nominees for the Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change and Environment; designation of Council liaison to committee (1:52:32).
 - **Mayor White moved to appoint Christine Knauer to the committee, Mr. Mezey seconded. The motion carried.** (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Solt, Schaeffer, White, Mezey, Tyler.)
 - **Mayor White moved to appoint Emmanuel D'Silva to the committee, Ms. Tyler seconded. The motion carried.** (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Solt, Schaeffer, White, Mezey, Tyler.) **Mayor White appointed Ms. Solt as liaison to the committee.**
 - Discussion/vote on Public Information Act Policy (2:01:43) **Ms. Solt moved to adopt the new Public Information Act Policy, Mayor White seconded. The motion carried.** (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Solt, Schaeffer, White, Mezey, Tyler.)
- Discussion/vote on draft request for proposals for parking enforcement/security services (2:05:50)
 - **The Council expressed consensus to authorize issuance of an RFP for parking enforcement services.**

NEW BUSINESS (2:14:00)

- Discussion of Village shuttle bus service and contract (2:14:05)
- Discussion/vote on security camera policy (2:33:26) – **Ms. Solt moved, Ms. White seconded the adoption of the proposed security camera policy. The motion carried.** (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Solt, Schaeffer, White, Mezey, Tyler.)
- Data use agreement with George Washington University (2:35:04) - **Chairman Pestronk moved, and Ms. Solt seconded, that the Council approve the data use agreement, pending review by the Village attorney and making any changes necessary, and to authorize the Village Manager to sign it. The motion carried.** (For: Pestronk, Solt, Schaeffer, White, Mezey, Tyler.)

ADJOURNMENT (2:40:00)

Mr. Mezey moved, Ms. White seconded adjourning the January 8, 2024 Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

 

Martha Solt, Council Secretary