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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE  
COUNCIL**

**Conducted via Livestream Monday,**

**February 10, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:**

Melanie Rose White, Mayor  
Bobby Pestronk, Chairman  
Daniel Ahr, Vice Chairman  
Martha Solt, Secretary  
Roy Schaeffer, Treasurer  
Michael Mezey  
Cheryl Tyler  
Julian Mansfield, Village Manager  
Jason Goldstein, Assistant Village Manager/Chief Innovation Officer

**RECORDING OF MEETING**

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 (00:00:03)**

- Items Deferred from January 13 Council meeting:
  - Old Business (00:01:04)
    - Discussion/vote on changes to Village by-laws (00:01:43)

**Councilmember Mezey moved, Mayor White seconded, to adopt Proposals 1 (to change the title) and 10 (to drop the reference to the bulletin board).**

**The Council agreed by consensus to vote on the two proposals separately.**

**Proposal 1: to amend the title of the Village Bylaws by striking the words “And The Hills” to read “By-Laws of the Friendship Heights Village Council Elected Governing Body for the Special Tax District of the Village of Friendship Heights, Montgomery County, Maryland.” (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: none)**

**Proposal 10: To amend Proposal 10 of the proposed By-law amendments:**

- **To add “and post on the village website and via other communication methods” and strike “as well as posted on the Hubert H. Humphrey Friendship Park Bulletin Board.” (Article IV Section 1)**
- **To add: “Village website and via other communication methods” and strike “Hubert H. Humphrey Friendship Park Bulletin Board” (Article IV Section 4)**
- **To add “Village website” and “Village website and via other communication methods” and strike “Hubert H. Humphrey Friendship Park Bulletin Board” and “northwest corner of the intersection of The Hills Plaza and South Park Avenue (Article VI Section 2).**

**Councilmember Solt moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to amend the motion as follows:**

- **To add “a meeting notice and agenda shall be posted online or published by other means.” (Article IV Section 1);**
  - **To add “posted online or published by other means” and strike “posted on the Hubert H Humphrey Friendship Park Bulletin Board.” (Article IV, Section 4)**
  - **To add “permanently posted online” and later, “official announcements shall be posted online or published by other means.” (Article VI, Section 2). (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: none)**
- Discussion/vote on Parks and Grounds Committee recommendation regarding Committee charter (21:28)

**Councilmember Ahr moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to adopt the proposed Parks and Grounds Committee Charter. (For: Ahr, Mezey, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: Schaeffer, Solt; Abstain: none)**

o New Business (00:25:33)

- Discussion/vote on providing bonuses for off-duty MCPD officers (25:36)

**Councilmember Tyler moved, Mayor White seconded, to provide bonuses to 11 off duty Montgomery County police for work performed during the last year totaling \$9,000. (For: Mezey, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: Ahr, Schaeffer, Solt; Abstain: none)**

- Response to comments on off-duty Police report (38:12)
- Chair's announcements (46:22)
- Village Manager's report (54:12)
- Comments from the public to the Council (01:05:41)
  - **Al Muller**
  - **Santanu Basu**
- Comments from the Council (01:10:14)
- Mayor's announcements (01:13:58)

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (01:17:01)**

- Public session minutes of **January 13, 2025 Council meeting**

**Councilmember Solt moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Council meeting. (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: none)**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT (01:17:39)**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion/vote on proposal from League of Women Voters to run Village Council Election (01:29:26)

**Councilmember Mezey moved, Councilmember Tyler seconded, to adopt the proposal from the League of Women Voters to run the Village election in May 2025 for \$11,000. (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: none)**

- Discussion/vote on nomination to serve on the Community Advisory Committee (01:33:18)

**Councilmember White moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to appoint Paul Brown to the Community Advisory Committee (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: none)**

- Discussion/vote on nominations to serve on the Transportation Management District Advisory Committee (01:36:41)

**Councilmember White moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to recommend Julian Mansfield as the Council representative to the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee. (For: Mezey, Tyler, White; Against: Ahr, Schaeffer, Solt, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: none)**

**Councilmember White moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to recommend Paul Brown as the resident representative to the Montgomery County Transportation Management Friendship Heights District Advisory Committee. (For: Mezey, Tyler, White; Against: Ahr, Schaeffer, Solt, Pestronk; Abstain: none)**

**Councilmember Schaeffer moved, Councilmember Solt seconded, to recommend Efi Pagitsas as the resident representative to the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee. (For: Ahr, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: Mezey)**

- Discussion/vote on recommendation from Personnel Committee regarding staff salaries (01:55:38)

**Mayor White moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to increase the salary of four individuals (Julian Mansfield: \$6,200; Jason Goldstein: \$1,750; Donna Bryant: \$12,500; Bryan Hudzina: \$4,900) by half the amount recommended by the compensation consultant effective July 1, 2025. (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: none)**

- Discussion/vote on recommendation from Public Safety Committee to hire off-duty Police Officers (02:06:19)

**Councilmember Tyler moved, Councilmember Ahr seconded, to refer the topic of hiring Off-Duty Police Officers to the Public Safety Committee (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: none; Abstain: none)**

- Discussion/vote on recommendation from Parks and Grounds Committee for signage in Village parks (item removed)

- Discussion/vote on revisions to Village Investment Policy (02:08:23)

**Councilmember Mezey moved, Councilmember Tyler seconded, to refer the proposed Investment Policy to the Finance Committee (For: Ahr, Mezey, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: Schaeffer, Solt; Abstain: none)**

**Councilmember Solt moved, Councilmember Schaeffer seconded, to rescind the Investment Policy (For: Schaeffer, Solt; Against: Ahr, Mezey, Tyler, White, Pestronk)**

- Discussion/vote on parking policy (02:18:14)

**Councilmember White moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to refer the parking policy to the Public Safety Committee (For: Mezey, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: Ahr, Schaeffer, Solt)**

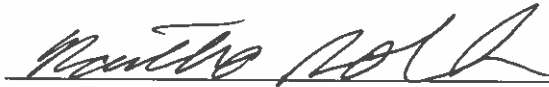
- Discussion/vote on analysis of security options (2:21:24)

**Councilmember Tyler moved, Councilmember White seconded, to refer the parking policy to the Public Safety Committee (For: Mezey, Tyler, White, Pestronk; Against: Ahr, Schaeffer, Solt)**

**ADJOURNMENT (02:25:10)**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Martha Solt, Council Secretary