

**Town Meeting**  
**Monday July 19, 2017**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Municipal Building**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order** -- 8:00 pm

**Roll Call** -- Mayor Muhammad; Council President Kennedy II; CW Smith-Barnes; CM Barnes; CW Brownson; CW Hines & CM McLaurin all were present.

**Moment of Silence** --

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Approval of Agenda** -- motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CM McLaurin to adopt the agenda as amended; all were in favor.

**Approval of Minutes** -- None were available for review at the time of the meeting.

**Public Period:**

Mrs. Spears on Arapahoe Terrace; would like to know what the Town is doing about the Police Department presence within the Town. She stated there is no presence from them. She said, it's not her job to police her block. She went on to say people sell drugs and make loud noises and it's not safe anymore. Her block is a dead end and not many people are home during the day.

Mrs. Ware on Ottawa St.; suggest that we emphasize in the Town newsletter about ordinances in town about loud music and noises after 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Ware on Ottawa St.; would like to know besides construction building permits issued, is the Town ensuring that building codes are being met. He also suggests that the board review and approve or deny the application of residential buildings.

Resident on Choctawa Dr.; would like to know what the Town is doing about out-of-state tags. She is the only one on her block with Maryland tags. Also how and when are we going to enforce car park rules for cars that are parked for weeks without being moved?

Mr. Murphy on Pitt Ln; was told that he needed a permit for construction done on his property. After purchasing a permit for 6 months, he was given a citation a week later from the code enforcement for having construction debris on his property.

**Council Report** --

Ward I -- CW Smith-Barnes -- No Report; CM Barnes discussed parked cars with covers over them and not being able to see license plates. Also why code enforcement can't write citations for parked vehicles.

Ward II -- CW Brownson -- Discussed on the new building permit application (Table to next meeting).

Ward III -- CW Hines -- Motion to terminate Mr. Jessie Holt of Olympic Sport, seconded by CM Kennedy II, to terminate Jessie Holt of Olympics for Life Sports and Education Foundation Inc., from the Town Tennis Program effective June 29, 2017. Vote (7) yes; (0) no; motion passed

Ward III – CM McLaurin – No Report

Mayor – Mentioned Forest Heights Day is coming up. She would like each ward member let their residents know about the meal tickets and no tickets will be passed out at the park.

**Legislation –**

**Resolution 52-17** -- Motion by CM Kennedy II, Authorize the purchase of an 12X12 foot Cedar wood Gazebo from Costco Seconded by CW Hines, the board authorization for the Town Attorney to draw the appropriate paper work and award the base bid from Costco in the amount of \$1,399.00 from line item 8045 (Community Garden) of the FY 2018 Budget. Vote (7) yes; (0) no; motion passed.

**Resolution 55-17** -- Approving and authorizing the part time employment of Mr. Anthony Reese as Ombudsman of the Speed Camera; motion by CW; seconded by CM; vote (7) yes; (0) no; motion passed

**Resolution 53-17** -- To transfer equipment from the Deputy Chief's Police Vehicle to the new Police Vehicle. Motion by CM Kennedy II hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to procure the services described in sales estimates (quote # 170551Q) of Brekford, in the amount of \$3,140.00, Seconded by CM McLaurin. Vote (6) yes; (1) no; motion passed

**Closed Session** – (9:15 pm) motion by CM Kennedy II to go into a closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the Town has jurisdiction under State Government Article Section 10-508(a) #1(i) and (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals on the closed meeting form; seconded by CW Hines; vote (7) yes; (0) no; motion passed.

Persons present for the closed session were: Mayor Muhammad ; Council President Kennedy II; CW Smith-Barnes; CM Barnes; CW Brownson; CW Hines; CM McLaurin; Town Attorney; Town Administrator; Town Clerk Bonita Anderson; Acting Clerk Sherletta Hawkins; Acting Chief Mitchell and Mr. Khari Grooms.

**End closed session** – motion by CW Brownson; seconded by CM Kennedy II

**Back in session** — 9:45 pm

**Resolution 54-17** -- Approving and authorizing the hiring of Mr. Khari A. Grooms as a full time police officer with the Forest Heights Police; motion by Mayor Muhammad ; seconded by CM Hines; vote (6) yes; (1) no; motion passed.

**New Business** – Swearing-In Ceremony – Introduction and swearing-in of Mr. Khari A. Grooms.

**Adjournment** – 10:09 pm; motion by CW Smith Barnes; seconded by CW Hines; all were in favor; motion passed.

Submitted by Acting Town Clerk Sherletta Hawkins