

Town Mayor/Council Workshop
Town Meeting – 8:00 pm
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Municipal Building

Meeting Minutes

Call to order– 8:05 pm

Roll Call – Mayor Muhammad; CM Barnes; CW Brownson; CM Kennedy II; CM McLaurin; CW Hines; CW Smith-Barnes (telephone conferencing) 7 were present for a quorum.

Moment of Silence –

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

Approval of Agenda – Motion by CM McLaurin; seconded by CM Kennedy, II to amend the agenda to move closed session behind legislation; all were in favor but CW Brownson; motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 5, 2017 approved with amendments

Oath of Office: Corporal Frank Campbell was promoted to Staff Sergeant and sworn by in Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad.

Corporal Brandon Gunter was promoted to Staff Sergeant and sworn by in Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad.

Officer Ronald Govan Jr. was promoted to Corporal and sworn in by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad.

Public Period – Mr. Pete on Mohican Dr. said he received a \$200-dollar ticket for a commercial vehicle even though when he registered the vehicle with MVA the vehicle was under 10,000 pounds and there was not a commercial fee charged. He would like to know who determines when a vehicle is commercial and why no warning was giving. Also, there are plenty of commercial vehicles in the Town that have not been ticketed. Mayor Muhammad asks Chief Mitchell if he would speak with Mr. Pete.

Mr. Ware on Ottawa St. asks if the Town is doing anything with the out-of-state tags. There have been cars parked in town with out-of-state tags for over a year. Also, we need to let people know that your cell phone connects with the emergency services in the area code of your phone number not where your bill sent; so, if your phone is 202 it goes to DC emergency which could delay receiving help if you live in Maryland. Mayor Muhammad asks Chief Mitchell to consider the out-of-state tags.

Mrs. Kuny would like to let the Public Works Director know that Mr. Melvin has been doing a wonderful job with the park near Henry’s Soul Food. Mayor Muhammad asks Mrs. Kuny if she could put it in writing.

Legislation – Resolution 72-17 with the State Highway Administration (“SHA”) allowed the Town of Forest Heights (the “TOWN”) through an Agreement and Supplement Letter of Agreement (“SUPPLEMENTAL LOA”) for the distribution of salt and/or aggregate for winter storm events.

motioned by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Hines to waive the reading; all were in favor; motion passed; motioned by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Hines to adopt Res. 72-17; discussion; vote (6) yes; (1) no; motion passed.

Resolution 73-17 -- with Authorizing Purchase of a Trailer through the Truck’n America was tabled until October 2, 2017.

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Ordinance 04-17 to amend section 15.3.2 parking and Traffic of the Town ordinance doc, by changing, amending, renaming or readopting certain provisions of said article including section 15.3.2. (Parking and Truck Restrictions) to move the prohibition from parking on an unpaved area of a residential lot that is one acre or less in size.

motioned by CM Barnes; seconded by CM Kennedy, II to waive the reading; all were in favor; second reading motioned to adopt Ordinance 04-17; after discussion council agreed to defer passing which would allow the council to check out unpaved area in the Town. Vote (4) yes, (2) no; motion passed.

Motion by CM Kennedy, II; second by CW Brownson; all were in favor to table Resolution 74-17 through 78-17, related to 606 Modoc Drive for a Special Meeting to be held on September 27, 2017.

Closed Session – (9:34 pm) motion by Mayor Muhammad 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 and Section 10-508(a) #7 to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter on the closed meeting form; seconded by CM Kennedy, II; vote (6) yes; (0) no; motion carried.

Persons present for the closed session were: Mayor Muhammad Council President Kennedy II; CM McLaurin; CW Smith-Barnes; CM Barnes; CW Brownson; CW Hines; Town Attorney; and Town Clerk.

End closed session – motion by CW Brownson; seconded by CM Kennedy II; all were in favor

Back in session – 10:45 pm

Resolution 79-17 to terminate employment of Laverne E. Haefele motion by CM McLaurin second by CW Brownson vote (4) yes, (3) no; motion passed.

New Business – CM Robert Barnes discussed the incident at Town community card games event that he hosted the first and third Friday of each month at the Town Hall. While playing cards one of the residents had a heart attack. Two of the ladies attending the event proceeded to do CPR while calling 911. It took 15 minutes for someone to come because the call went to DC emergency station. The paramedics said that the two ladies saved the woman's life. CM Barnes suggested we place a hardline telephone line upstairs for emergencies and four defibrillator kits, along with providing all staff, Mayor and Council a CPR and First aid class. Mayor mentioned that anyone attending an event at the Town must sign a waiver that doesn't leave the Town liable. CW Brownson mentions that she is AED and CPR Certification.

Adjournment – 11:05 pm

Sherletta Hawkins
Submitted by Town Clerk