



Town of Garrett Park
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Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

Town Council Meeting: 11 December 2017

Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Benjamin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Councilmembers Paczkowski, Wegner and Welch. Also present were Town Manager Swearingen, three Town residents and Ed Lincoln representing the Bugle. The Mayor noted that the attendance of three Councilmembers constituted a quorum, so the Council could conduct business.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

Presentations by Residents: Gideon Kantor requested that the Council approve an ordinance which would not permit the demolition of houses in Garrett Park except in cases where the building is dangerous. Mayor Benjamin explained that we currently require a review by the Historic Preservation Committee, a public hearing and action by the Council on demolition requests. Unfortunately, under state law the Town has no legal authority to prevent demolitions, so it could not adopt an ordinance reflecting Mr. Kantor's suggestion.

Resident Chris Keller noted that the Town's variance process as carried out is in some cases different from the Code. Mayor Benjamin asked Councilmember Welch, who is the liaison to the Land Use Committee, to review the variance ordinances and the procedures to determine disparities and make any needed recommendations for adjustments to the Town Manager or to the Council, as appropriate.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting were approved as presented without objection.

Action:

- Introduction of Ordinance 2018-1, the FY 2018 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. Town Manager Swearingen presented the proposed mid-year adjustments which include a revenue adjustment of an additional \$153,862; no changes to expenditures; and the addition of the \$153,862 to the Capital program in the Streets and Roads, Technology and Capital Planning areas. Councilmember Wegner moved the introduction of the FY 2018 Mid-Year Adjustment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Welch and approved unanimously. The introduced ordinance is attached to these minutes.

Town Manager Report: The Town Manager provided a financial report for November. The Manager's Report is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: Mayor Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gene Swearingen".

Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer