



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: 08 June 2015

Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Benjamin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Council members Chantry, Flynn, Schulp, Wegner and Welch. Several town residents and Chris Keller representing the Bugle also attended.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Presentations by Residents: There were no presentations by residents.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 11, 2015 Council meeting were approved as submitted without objection.

Action:

Demolition Request for 4508 Strathmore Ave. Councilmember Welch presented the request to the Council and led a discussion of the demolition and a description of the new house to be built on the property. Mr. Fred Eisenhart of Wormald Development presented the proposed new house plans to the Council and answered questions of the Council members as well as members of the audience. Councilmember Welch moved approval of the demolition with the following stipulations: Wormald will wait two weeks before beginning the demolition, and, during that two-week period, the Garrett Park Historic Preservation Committee will be allowed to enter the house to take pictures. Councilmember Wegner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Technical Modifications to rules on Public Information Act. Mayor Benjamin presented recommended changes to the Town's current rules on the Public Information Act approved by the Town Council in March, 2011. The proposed changes include removing the title "Clerk" throughout the document and replacing it with "Town Manager", removing the specific fees associated with the copying and certifying copies of public records and replacing those fees by authorizing the Town Manager to determine those fees based on the actual cost.

After discussion the Council made additional wording changes to the document and required that the Town Manager develop a formula for determining the cost of fees and post that information on the Town Website. Councilmember Wegner moved the adoption of the technical modifications to the rules of the Public Information Act; Councilmember Schulp seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion: Councilmember Welch reported on the status of the Town Hall renovation project. She reported that the review of the Balodemus Report on the renovation was still being reviewed and that she intended to form a small advisory committee to work with her to develop a range of options for the renovation and development of the Town Hall building.

Closed Session: The Town Manager requested that the Council go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Councilmember Wegner moved to go into closed session; Councilmember Flynn seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Town Manager's Report: The Town Manager provided a summary on the status of the budget through May and reported on other items of interest.

The Budget Report and the Manager's Report are attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: Mayor Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 9:38 PM



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Swearingen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer