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

Town Council Meeting: 14 November 2016

Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Benjamin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Council Members Chantry, McClintock, Schulp, Wegner and Welch. There were a small number of residents present including Margaret Soltan from the Bugle.

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

Presentation by Residents: There were no presentations by residents.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 12, 2016 Council meeting were approved as presented without objection.

Action: Stop Signs on Oxford Street. Councilmember Wegner began the stop sign discussion with information on changes to the Kenilworth Ave./Oxford Street intersection. Dick Pratt provided his opinion that fewer signs at the intersection might be better. After an extended discussion regarding safe options for the intersection, the Council decided to install two stop signs on Kenilworth Ave (stop signs #1 and #2 on the attached drawing of the Oxford Street intersections); repaint the existing crosswalk; install a "State Law Stop for Pedestrians in the Crosswalk" sign on Kenilworth further back toward Strathmore Ave.; and, add a "Right Turn Only" notice on stop sign #1 with school hours. The Council further asked that the School be contacted regarding this recommendation. If the School agrees with the plan, install the signs. If not, come back to the Council for further study. Councilmember Wegner moved these recommendations, Councilmember McClintock seconded. Councilmembers Wegner, Chantry and McClintock approved. Councilmembers Welch and Schulp abstained. The motion passed.

The Council then reviewed other Oxford Street stop sign locations and took the following actions, using the attached drawing.

At the intersection of Oxford Street and Montrose Avenue.

Stop signs #4 and #5. Councilmember Schulp moved to install both signs. Councilmember Wegner seconded. The vote passed with Councilmembers Schulp, Wegner, Chantry and McClintock voting in favor and Councilmember Welch abstaining.

At the intersection of Oxford Street, Clermont Ave, and Shelley Court:

Stop sign #7. Councilmember Wegner moved approval, Councilmember Chantry seconded. The motion passed with Councilmembers Wegner, Chantry, Schulp and McClintock voting in favor and Councilmember Welch abstaining.

Stop sign #8. Councilmember Wegner moved approval, Councilmember Welch seconded. The motion passed with Councilmembers Wegner, Welch, Schulp and McClintock voting in favor and Councilmember Chantry abstaining.

Stop sign #9. Councilmember Wegner moved approval, Councilmember McClintock seconded. Councilmembers Wegner and McClintock voted in favor, Councilmembers Schulp and Chantry voted against. Councilmember Welch abstained. Mayor Benjamin voted to break the tie in favor of the sign. It was noted that this was the first time in his career as Mayor that Mayor Benjamin was required to break a tie vote.

Stop sign #10. Councilmember Schulp moved approval, Councilmember McClintock seconded. The motion passed with Councilmembers Schulp, Wegner and McClintock voted in favor. Councilmember Chantry voted against. Council member Welch abstained.

Stop sign #11. The Council agreed not to vote on this sign because there is a speed bump at this location.

At the intersection of Oxford Street and Keswick Street. The Council agreed to make no sign changes at this intersection.

At the intersection of Oxford Street and Weymouth Street:

Stop sign #14. Add to the sign another sign saying "Oncoming Traffic does not stop"

Existing stop sign: Add another sign saying "Traffic coming from the right does not stop"

Stop sign #15: Remove.

Councilmember Wegner moved approval of these three actions, Councilmember Welch seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Benjamin announced that he and Town Manager Swearingen would look at all vehicle speed sign locations in Town and have signs installed where needed.

Town Manager's Report: The Town Manager presented the October financial report explaining that through four months of fiscal year 2017 the Town is in good financial shape. The Town Manager reported that two actions were taken regarding the Personnel

Policy: a long term disability benefit was added as required by the policy and the provider of the Worker's Compensation benefit was replaced due to the cost of the policy. Council members asked questions regarding the tree plantings on Keswick street, the status of the new Website and the status of the Sidewalk project.

Adjournment: Mayor Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Swearingen".

Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer