



TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR

Town Meeting Agenda

May 9, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order: Councilwoman Hobbs motion to start meeting. Councilwoman Mendoza second motion **Vote 5-0 Motion Passed**

Roll Call: Mayor Casanas, Councilwoman Mendoza, Councilman Harding, Councilwoman Hobbs, Councilman Brooks, Town Administrator Greg Holcomb, Clerk-Treasurer Dan Baden, Chief of Police Tracy Stone

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda: Councilman Brooks motion to accept meeting agenda. Councilman Harding second motion. **Vote 5-0 Motion Passed**

Presentations:

Introduction of Code Enforcement Officer Fredy Rosales: Chief Stone introduced Mr. Rosales as the new part-time, bi-lingual, code enforcement officer.

- Mr. Rosales: Stated he is originally from El Salvador and has lived in the U.S. for 15 years, graduated from Bladensburg High School and lives in a nearby community.
- Mr. Brooks asked if residents could hold an open house to meet the code enforcement officer. He offered his home as a location.

ESOL Class Graduation: Oscar Amaya, ESOL teacher discussed the ESOL class that the town sponsored.

A Cat's Life Rescue:

- Niki: Stated the rescue has been working in town and has spayed 12 cats. The group with volunteers walked the town on Sunday and identified residents who have been feeding and identified an additional 30 cats. The group has also put flyers up in the town. She noted that the as long as residents speak up and help, the group feels they can accomplish a lot because of the geographic boundaries of the river and a busy road.
- Councilmember Hobbs: Asked about costs per cat. Niki stated its \$65 to have then spayed and given a rabies and distemper vaccine.
- Councilmember Hobbs: Asked about adopting out kittens. Niki stated that cats under 3 months of age are put up for adoption.
- Kurt Plumpke- 40th Ave.: Asked why cats couldn't just be removed from the town.

Consent

- Councilmember Brooks: Asked Chief Stone about the various incident types. He also asked what we could do to help encourage people to stop at stop signs.
- Mayor Casanas: Stated the council is tasked with finding solutions and encouraged the council to find solutions.
- Town Admin Greg Holcomb: Stated we also have suggestions in our traffic study and identified solutions in the green street design.
- Councilmember Brooks: Volunteered to work with the neighborhood watch on the stopping issue.
- Councilmember Brooks also asked about the tree planting with Joe's Movement Emporium.
- Councilmember Hobbs: Motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Brooks seconded the motion. **Vote 5-0 Motion Passed**

Approval of Minutes

- April 11, 2023 Minutes and May 2, 2023 Minutes

Department Operations Reports

Town Administrator's Report: Town Admin Greg Holcomb discussed report

Treasurer's Report: Clerk Treasurer Dan Baden discussed report

Public Safety/ Code Compliance: Chief of Police Tracy Stone discussed report

Public Works: None

Committee, Board, Commission, and Task Force Reports: None

Mayor's Report

- Discussed the Council retreat
- Stated we had a pop-up market at Lariscy lot on Saturday
- Discussed the health fair and thanked MedStar for assisting
- The pedestrian bridge was finally replaced on Bladensburg Road
- Stated the town needs resident's input on various topics as part of several projects. She stated she is creating a life-sized map of the town and having residents come to draw their ideas and artistically color their home on the map.
- Announced the Mother's Day event on Friday, May 12 at 7pm
- On Monday, Ice Cream truck at Monday May 15, Monroe Park at 5pm.
- Stated the town will be hosting an open house soon for residents to come meet staff at town hall.

Councilmembers' Reports and Concerns

- Councilmember Harding: Concerned about Bates Trucking and an altercation with the driver. Councilmember Brooks asked if he could schedule a meeting with Bates.
- Councilmember Hobbs: Discussed her experience from the Council Retreat. Stated she attended a workshop from the University of Maryland Sustainability program and participated in a site visit to our permeable pavement at 40th and Newark. Our intersection was considered a best practice. She further stated she was happy to have a new code enforcement officer.
- Councilmember Brooks: Thanked Mr. Williams on Newark Ave for cleaning up his street. Thanked residents in Ward 3 for opening their doors and having productive conversations.
- Councilmember Mendoza echoed the other councilmembers and wished a happy Mother's Day.

Resident Comments

- Rufus Williams - 37th Ave: Thanked the Chief and asked if we discussed street lighting. Stated there is a safety issue at Bladensburg Road at 38th on the shopping center side. He discussed Compare Foods, stating the pricing at the shelves do not match what is at the register. Addressed the large tree at Monroe and 37th.
- Kurt Plumpke - 40th: Stated he feels there are disconnection of projects. He wants to see education to promulgate a vision.
- Debra Williams - Newark Rd.: Thanked the Chief for following up with the trucking situation. Added that loitering is starting at the liquor store. She asked about the car wash site and the proposed cameras. Mayor Casanas stated they lied to us and they will not be installing the cameras.

Action

Unfinished Business:

- Ordinance O-05-2023 Business License Amendments: Councilwoman Hobbs motion to approve the changes and adopt the ordinance. Councilman Brooks second motion. **Vote 5-0 Motion Passed**
- FY 24 Budget

New Business:

- Adtek 41st and Newark Engineering Proposal: Councilman Brooks motion /Harding, Voice vote, passed

Summer Holiday Schedule, move work session to July 5th. Harding motion/Brooks seconds
Recess August. Voice vote, passes

Adjournment

Hobbs moves to enter closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Harding seconded

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