

November 5, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Public Comment Period

Barton Rubenstein, Town resident, spoke in favor on the Montgomery County e-scooter program.

Ed Mulheron of Mulheron Tree Experts was in attendance to provide the Mayor, Council and others in attendance a report on winter season preparedness.

1. September 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes: Tabled until a later meeting
2. October 1, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes: Tabled until a later meeting
3. Resolution naming November Municipal Government Works Month: Motion Panner, second Zeughauser, motion passed 5-0.
4. Town Manager October Administrative and Financial Reports: Town Manager Charnovich presented the administrative and financial reports.
5. Town Hall construction project update #2: Lou Balodemas of Balodemas Architects was in attendance to discuss the status of the Town Hall construction project and the updates required due to the County permitting requirements.
6. Invoice from Balodemas Architects in the amount of \$7,424.63 related to the Town Hall exterior and interior construction project: Motion Zeughauser, second Surko to approve the invoice. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Update from PEPCO about construction work at the intersection of River Road and Greystone Street: Tami Watkins of PEPCO was in attendance to discuss the status of the construction work

happening in the vicinity of the intersection of River Road and Greystone Street. Work is scheduled to conclude in this area in mid-December.

8. LED PILOT Streetlight Program on Cumberland Avenue: Tami Watkins and representatives were in attendance to discuss a proposed LED PILOT street light program on Cumberland Avenue. It was determined to table this item until the December Council Meeting to obtain further information on costs and fixture details.

9. EMPOWER Maryland LED Streetlight rebates: This item was also tabled until the December Council Meeting.

10. 4710 Essex Avenue building permits request: Demolish existing home, construction of a new home, driveway apron, dumpster, fence, wall, and tree removal permits. The applicant would be installing geothermal heating. It was requested that the applicant review and come back to the Council with a parking plan if it will need to park more than 3 cars on the street. Motion Shaul, to approve the permits and include the reports from Doug Lohmeyer, Dr. Feather, a submitted parking plan if needed, reforestation, and a wall and height check. Motion passed 5-0.

11. 5710 Surrey Street building permit extension: Motion Zeughauser, second Shaul, to approve a building permit extension for this project until March 1, 2019. Motion passed 5-0.

12. 4909 Falstone Avenue building permits request: Demolish existing home, construction of a new home, fence, 2 HVAC units, and a dumpster permit. Motion Peale, second Zeughauser to approve the permits, including the reports of Doug Lohmeyer and Dr. Feather, submission of a wall check and height check, compliance with the current Montgomery County approved site plan, and authorizing the Town Manager to connect the homeowner with any neighbors they could not reach. Motion passed 5-0.

13. 4805 Cumberland Avenue repair of front porch: Doug Lohmeyer provided his report on the project. Motion Shaul, second Zeughauser, motion passed 5-0.

14. 4807 Dorset Avenue Historic Preservation Commission Local Advisory Panel application: The applicant withdrew the application from the Agenda and asked to be considered at a future date.

15. Approval to remove the following Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:

Pin Oak 42" dbh Tree #48 at 4712 Cumberland Avenue – decay at the base

Sugar Maple 23" dbh Tree# 112 at 4914 Cumberland Avenue – decay at the base

Pin Oak 33" dbh Tree # 268 at 4922 Dorset Avenue – decay at the base

Pin Oak 33" dbh Tree# 519 at 5405 Surrey Street – decay in main trunk reduced canopy dbh – diameter at 4.5' above ground level

Motion Zeughauser, second Peale, Motion passed 5-0.

16. Sending a letter taking a position on one of the alternatives proposed for the Capital Crescent Trail crossing on Little Falls Parkway near Arlington Road: Motion Zeughouser, second Shaul to support a bridge, Option C, at this location. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Council Member Panner abstaining.

17. Small Cell Tower Legislation Update: A down county municipal joint meeting will be held on November 28. Somerset will be represented and will move forward with consideration and potential action following this meeting to discuss a collaborative Ordinance.

18. General Code Update: A brief update was discussed related to the Town Code and Charter editing project.

19. Mayor's Report: Mayor Slavin presented his report and made copies available in the room for anyone who wanted to view it.

20. Adjournment at 11:05 pm