



Meeting of the Town Council
Monday, February 13, 2023, 7:30 p.m.
Online by Zoom Videoconference
Access information below

Agenda

NEW: [All documents referred to with an asterisk \(*\) may be obtained until at least May 1, 2023 at this link](#)

- 1. Call to Order** **7:30 pm**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda*** 5 min.
- 3. Public Appearances** - Please note the time allowed to speak will be limited to five minutes. Also note: Written statements submitted as part of a public appearance will be noted in the Minutes and will be available from the Town Office after the meeting. ?? min.
- 4. Treasurer's Report** 10 min.
 - a. January Treasurer's Report*
 - b. Lighting Committee request for legal funds to support negotiations mandated by the PSC between municipalities and Pepco on revised municipal streetlight ownership requirements*
- 5. Mayor's Report** 15 min.
 - a. Resignation of David Hix from the Planning Commission.
 - b. Summary of the Gaithersburg Shared-Use Path presentation on January 25.*
 - c. USPS service to Washington Grove residents – Letters to Congressional reps lead to substantive discussion with officials of the USPS.*
 - d. Testimony planned in support of HB 459 "County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act" co-signed by Delegate Lesley Lopez*
 - e. Testimony in support of legislation HB 182/SB 335 "Unlawfully Restrictive Covenants – Modification by Municipalities" introduced by Delegates Kirill Reznik, Leslie Lopez, and Senator Nancy King*
 - f. Forum on March 25th sponsored by RASEC: "Are We Segregated by Design?".
- 6. Administrative Matters** 5 min.
 - a. Appointment of Mayor Compton to the Montgomery Municipal Cable Board of Directors.
 - b. Appointments to the Board of Supervisors of Elections – Reappointment of Nick Suzich, Margaret Cavenagh and David Hix to two-year terms (March 2023 through February 2025).

- c. Appointment of Jonathan Dail to the Planning Commission for the balance of the term ending June 30, 2024.
- d. Appointment of an Interim Mayor *Pro Tempore* to serve during the absence of Mayor Compton and Mayor *Pro Tempore* Raimondo in March.
- e. Date for the Town Council Budget work session.

Unfinished Business

- 7. **RFP for Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan*** – Review of bids received and consideration of awarding a contract. 20 min.
- 8. **Sale of Town land to the owners of 404 Fourth Avenue*** 10 min.
 - a. Request to purchase Town land encroached upon by historic residences – Status.
 - b. Request to purchase additional Town property – Recommendation of the Planning Commission*
- 9. **RFP for Landscaping and Maintenance*** – Discussion and approval to distribute. 20 min.
- 10. **Purchase of municipal electric power from a community solar energy provider*** – Further consideration of contracting with a Community Solar Provider and committing to a rapid Council review of any proposed contract that becomes available (annual expense < \$5000). 15 min.

New Business

- 11. **Proposed Resolution 2023-xx Acknowledging Washington Grove's Racially Exclusionary Past*** – Introduction and discussion of a timeline for resident input and Town Council action. 10 min.
- 12. **USPS mail service to Washington Grove residents** – Engaging Town residents and reaching consensus on alternatives to post-office box only delivery - Discussion. 10 min.
- 13. **Canopy tree replacement**– Forestry & Beautification Committee evaluation of canopy tree replacement and the implications for future tree planting* – Discussion. 15 min.

Other Regular Business

- 14. **Town Council Reports* – Of Note:** 20 min.
 - a. *HPC (Gilmore), Sustainability Committee (Cosson), RASEC (Raimondo)* – 150th Anniversary activities discussed.
 - b. *McCathran Hall (Compton)* – Repair needed to leak in a sprinkler pipe above the octagon ceiling.
 - c. *Gateway Committee (Patrone)* – Additional identity fencing proposed on Washington Grove Lane.

- d. *Gateway Committee (Patrone)* – Walkway restoration work by RJL approved for 4th Avenue between McCauley and Washington Grove Lane, and for Grove Avenue between McCauley and Washington Grove Lane.
- e. *Playgrounds (Patrone)* – Drainage issues require attention.

15. Approval of Minutes – Town Council meeting January 9, 2023.* 5 min.

16. Next meeting – March 13, 2023

17. Adjournment ~10:15 pm

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