



Town Council Meeting
May 22, 2023
ZOOM Videoconference
Approved July 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 7:47 p.m. In attendance were Councilors Rob Gilmore, Peter Nagrod, Barbara Raimondo, and Mary Warfield. Councilor Eva Patrone joined the meeting at 8:35. A few Town residents were in attendance.

Regular Business

Agenda. Mayor Compton asked to add two items to the agenda. It was moved and seconded to approve the amended agenda.

Action: 4-0, approved as amended.

Public Appearances: There were none.

Approval of Minutes:

a. Minutes of the Public Hearing on Resolution 2023-01 “Acknowledging Washington Grove’s Racially Exclusionary Past” held March 27, 2023. It was moved and seconded to approve the 27 March 2023 minutes of the Public Hearing. There was no discussion.

Action: Vote 4-0, approved.

b. Minutes of the Town Council Budget Work Session held March 29, 2023. Barbara Raimondo moved, Rob Gilmore seconded approval. There was no discussion. Vote: 4-0 approved.

Action: Vote 4-0, approved.

Mayor’s Announcements:

a) *Kudos:*

i Mayor Compton congratulated the Board of Elections Supervisors (Nick Suzich, Mary Blake, Dave Hix, Margo Cavenagh) for their work on the smoothly run Town elections.

ii Mayor Compton expressed appreciation to the 50+ Town residents and presenters who contributed to the informative and successful virtual 87th Annual Town Meeting.

b) *EV Charging Station:* The stations are not yet operational. Unfortunately, rather than bore under Chestnut Road as specified in their work permit, the Pepco contractor cut into the pavement and filled the trench with asphalt. In addition, the culvert

entry and exit and openings were left blocked. Pepco has directed them to restore the area to its original condition, which will be monitored by the mayor.

- c) *Stormwater Management Plan Status:* A kick-off meeting took place last week between Soltesz and Town representatives.

Administrative Matters:

- a) *Town Revenue Sources and Town Accounts:* Mayor Compton referenced documents put together by Treasurer Jean Moyer. Charlie Challstrom volunteered to put these documents in the Council Handbook located on the web.
- b) *Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore.* Rob Gilmore moved and Peter Nagrod seconded appointing Councilor Barbara Raimondo to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore.
Action: Vote 4-0, appointment approved
- c) *Appointment of Town Councilor Peter Nagrod to the Planning Commission for the year June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024.* The mayor proposed appointment of Councilor Peter Nagrod to the Planning Commission for FY24.
Action: Vote 4-0, appointment approved.
- d) *Appointment of Sylvie Favret to the Planning Commission for the three-year period June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2026 being the remainder of the five-year term previously by Peter Nagrod.* The mayor proposed appointment of Sylvie Favret as a full member of the Planning Commission. There was no discussion.
Action: Vote 5-0, appointment approved.
- e) *Appointment of Sung Chang to the Planning Commission as Alternate for the three-year period June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2026.* The mayor proposed appointment of Sung Chang as the Alternate member of the Planning Commission. There was no discussion.
Action: Vote 5-0, appointment approved.
- f) *Orientation and Ethics Training Resources for the Town Council.* Mayor Compton briefly discussed training and ethics resources for the Town Council.
- g) *Open Meetings Act Training.* Mayor Compton explained that members need to take this training annually. There was a brief discussion about being more careful with group emails.
- h) *Council Responsibilities.* Mayor Compton and the Council reviewed the Councilor's assigned Areas of Responsibility. See attached document.

Unfinished Business

**Ordinance 2023-02; “Adopting the Town Budget and Tax Rates for FY2024” –
Amendment and Adoption:**

Mayor Compton noted the amendments that were needed to the Ordinance to reflect the addition of \$20,000 made at the Annual Town Meeting to the Council’s proposed FY 2024 Budget. Peter Nagrod moved and Eva Patrone seconded first amending and then adopting the ordinance.

Action: Vote 5-0, approved as amended.

Other Business

The Council thanked Dave Cosson for his service and Sylvie Favret for serving on the Council after the resignation of Darrell Anderson in December.

Peter Nagrod stated Mike Schank had approached him as Planning Commission Chair about reviving his interest in sub-dividing his property.

Peter Nagrod stated will seek a meeting with Commercial Corner property owner Tatiana Bell, and asked if anyone would like to join him. Mayor Compton might attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kathryn L. Lehman, Town Clerk