



Meeting of the Town Council  
Monday, November 11, 2024, 7:30 p.m.  
Approved January 13, 2025

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. In attendance were Kriss Grisham, Rob Gilmore, Peter Nagrod, Paul Patrone, Barbara Raimondo, Mary Warfield and Treasurer Jean Moyer.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Compton noted differences in the proposed Agenda from the previous draft. Approval of the Agenda was moved and seconded.

*Action: Vote: 6-0, Agenda approved.*

### **Regular Business**

**Public Appearances:** Councilor Peter Nagrod reminded everyone that leaf piles for collection should not contain any large branches, which hinder the leaf collectors' work.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Jean Moyer presented the October Report and answered questions. She reminded the Council that the ARPA funds needed to be obligated by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Acceptance of the October Treasurer's Report was moved and seconded.

*Action: Vote: 6-0, Report accepted.*

### **Mayor's Report:**

a. *Kudos:*

- To the Recreation Committee and volunteers for their time and resourcefulness to create the spooky Haunted Gazebo and other fun events for the Halloween Spooktacular.

b. *Green Bank Washington Grove Climate Resilience Project* – Status report.

c. *Energy Audit planned for McCathran Hall* – The Green Bank is funding 90% of the cost

d. *Sanding roads this winter* – Contractor will be sanding icy intersections and roads as needed.

e. *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) education* – To take place in-person in McCathran Hall on Saturday November 16, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00.

f. *Resolution from the Emory Grove and Washington Grove United Methodist Churches:* "A Resolution Acknowledging Methodism's Racially Exclusionary Past and Committing to an Equitable and Inclusive Future" (received August 13, 2023) –

Mayor plans to acknowledge this resolution and recognize how it aligns with the intentions of Town Council Resolution 2023-01.

- g. *Heritage Emory Grove Foundation* – Reported on a meeting last week with Pastor Tim Warner (President) which discussed past relationship and future constructive partnership between the two Groves.
- h. *Community Safety Update* – Referred to the Council Report by Kriss Grisham concerning the recent rash of unlocked cars being ransacked and safety recommendations from the police.

## **Old Business**

**Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Award** – Status of contract negotiations. Scheduling a Town Council meeting to approve contract. Mayor Compton reported on preparation of the SMI contract, which remained incomplete.

*Action: A Special Town Council meeting was scheduled for November 25 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the contract.*

## **New Business**

**Continuing the Town's Commitment to an Equitable and Inclusive Future** – How to realize the aspirations in Res 2023-01 regarding diversity, equity and inclusion in Washington Grove, as well as engaging with Emory Grove and our neighboring communities.

*Action: Discussion about continuing the Town's commitment to an inclusive and equitable future was deferred to another meeting.*

## **Other Regular Business**

### **Council Reports (of note):**

- a. *Forestry and Beautification (Raimondo)*: Fall planting of 13 trees and 9 bushes completed.
- b. *Recreation (Patrone)* – [View a video of the Halloween Spooktacular “Haunted Gazebo”, created by the Montgomery Municipal Cable.](#)
- c. *Washington Grove Conservation Park – Meadow Committee (Grisham)*: Parks replaced 40 bollards along Ridge Road.
- d. *EPSC (Grisham)* – Councilor Kriss Grisham is working with the MC Community Services Officer to have crime safety presentations provided to the Town in the near future.
- e. *HPC (Raimondo)* – A proposal to place signs commemorating the sites of past buildings is being prepared.

*Action: Vote 6-0, the Town Council Reports were approved for posting on the website*

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion to approve the July 30, 2024, minutes was made and seconded.  
*Action: Vote: 6-0, approved.*

- Motion to approve the August 13, 2024, minutes was made and seconded.  
*Action: Vote: 6-0, approved.*
- Motion to approve the September 9, 2024, minutes was made and seconded.  
*Action: Vote: 6-0, approved.*
- Minutes for October 14, 2024, were not yet available.

**Next Meetings:**

- A virtual Special Town Council meeting to consider the SWIM contract on November 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Virtual regular Town Council meeting on Monday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m.

There being no future business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Kathryn L. Lehman