

**OWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

Present: Mayor Martin, Councilmember Dodson, Councilmember Keith, Councilmember Burley

Open Mayor Lillie Thompson Martin

Prayer Councilmember Wood Dodson

Flag Salute

Minutes for Approval December 9, 2014 Worksession, December 17, 2014 Town Meeting , January 13, 2015 Worksession, January 21st Town Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather. Councilmember Dodson made the motion to approve minutes for December 9, 2014 Worksession, December 17, 2014 Town Meeting and January 13, 2015 Worksession, Councilmember Keith second the motion.

All Ayes.

Mayor Martin - Aye, Councilmember Dodson – Aye, Councilmember Keith – Aye, Councilmember Burley – Aye

Oath of Office

Shomari F. Oden

Kevin T. Graham

LaVance K. Lowery

Police Department Report – Chief Stephen Watkins

Report for January

-2 stolen tags, 1 stolen auto, 2 breaking and entering on J Street, the same house had \$3000 worth of damage to the house.

Councilmember Keith made the motion to approve the Police Department Report for the month of January, Councilmember Burley second the motion.

All Ayes.

Mayor Martin

The Police Department report has been approved for the month of January.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Walker excused.

Town Manager's Report

Mrs. Sarumi excused.

Code Enforcement Report – Mr. James Pinkney

-On February 10 a homeowner at 915 57th Place had called Inspector because bars were on windows.

-Sent letter to Mr. Broadwater about debris behind Ebony Inn. No response.

-February 13 sent letter to Mr. Bates of the Seventh Day Adventist Church informing him of the Ordinance for churches to have an occupancy permit for services to be held at 602 59th Avenue posted unlawful occupancy notice on front door.

-Like to commend the Golden Investment Group during a renovation at 5905 J Street. They are during a nice job on that house.

-5417 Addison Road had their property surveyed, neighbor have fence 2 ft. on her property.

-Had several pipes burst in Town, 713 61st Avenue and at 57th and Kolb Street. Called WSSC yesterday, they said they would come in 4 hours as of today they still have not been there.

-Received two requests from Washington Gas to excavate on 60th Avenue and K and Jefferson Heights Drive and 62nd Avenue.

Councilmember Keith made the motion to approve the Code Enforcement report for the month of January 2015, Councilmember Burley second the motion.

All Ayes

Mayor Martin

The Code Enforcement report has been approved for the month of January 2015.

Reading of FH Ordinance 01-15

An Emergency Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fairmount Heights, Maryland to Restrict Parking on Certain Streets During Snowfall and Increment Weather.

Councilmember Dodson made the motion to accept FH Ordinance 01-15,

Councilmember Burley second the motion.

Mayor Martin Aye, Councilmember Dodson Aye, Councilmember Keith Aye, Councilmember Burley Aye.

Reading of FH Ordinance 03-14

An Emergency Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fairmount Heights to Ratify and Adopt An Extension of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, Inc.

Councilmember Dodson made the motion to accept FH Ordinance 03-14, Councilmember Keith second the motion.

Mayor Martin Aye, Councilmember Dodson Aye, Councilmember Keith Aye, Councilmember Burley Aye.

Mayor's Update

- Women's Historic Program on March 22, 2015 3:00 pm.
- Received notice about some construction opportunities at the MGM at the National Harbor, since they are going to build a casino. For more information call 301-618-8425.
- On March 7, there is going to be a community wide meeting for the Primary Health Care and New Regional Medical center from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at PGCC Largo Student Center.
- Free mediation opportunities for people with different issues, with neighbors or family problems.
- Dial 311 PGC community relations.

Councilmember Burley

No Report

Councilmember Keith

I'm Chair of Budget and Finance. The Mayor and Council will be working on the Budget. Saturday, March 14th at 11:00 A.M, I will have a Budget and Finance meeting to see where we are.

Councilmember Dodson

- I've been working with the seniors and assisting them filling out applications for the Centennial Celebration. I will be escorting Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Graves.
- Working with the churches in the community, First Baptist Church of Fairmount Heights is going to have a movie night.
- Attended budget hearing in Laurel for 2016 proposal. Spoke about snack program and funding for different programs for mentoring at middle schools and for preparing people coming out from incarceration. First generation program that will be open for youth going to college.
- They spoke about adopting pets through the Animal Shelter.
- Food pantry is open every Wednesday, you can come twice a month, from 10:00 am to 2:00.

Attorney Tracy Sutter- representing Seventh Day Adventist Church at 602 59th Street. Use and Occupancy permit require a special exception. They did a presentation here in November.

Councilmember Dodson

Exiting the house how do you get out.

Mr. Bates

Replied the boards had been removed.

Mrs. Syphax

Based on her experience, in the last few years, she don't think it's fair when people are going to have parking problems. I don't think the people who are really adversely affected are going to be recognized in any appeal that you do.

Councilmember Dodson made a motion to adjourn, motion second by Councilmember Burley.

Adjourn with the Mizbar

JoAnn Tucker, Town Clerk