

TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS  
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

Present: Mayor Martin, Councilmember Waiters, Councilmember Dodson, Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka, Councilmember Keith, Councilmember Burley

**Opening** Mayor Lillie Thompson Martin

**Prayer** Mrs. Doris Sarumi

**Flag Salute**

**Police Department Report** – Chief Stephen Watkins

Criminal incidents for the month of March

- First incident, recovered stolen vehicle on J Street
- Second incident, assault on 5300 block of Sheriff Road, closed with an arrest.
- New Dodge charger on Addison vehicle impounded.
- All the police cars are running and in good shape.
- Can do E-tickets now, about 50 tickets were issued this month.

Not criminal in nature.

-Complaint about soil being piled up at new house on Balsamtree, it was a traffic hazard. Contacted the owner, he immediately came out and knocked the pile down.

-Complaint about school bus not being able to maneuver through 5700 block of J Street.

**Question from Resident**

Do we have any more officers?

**Chief Watkins**

-Had 3 reserve officers, have 2 reserve officers now, lost one of them. We are in the process of getting another officer.

-Had a News Release on Channel 5 yesterday.

-Hosted Prince George's Police Chief's meeting.

-Had about 40 or 50 Chief's present.

Motion made by Councilmember Waiters that we accept the Police Department Report for the month of March Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka second the motion. All Ayes. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mrs. Walker

Excused

### **Code Enforcement Report – Mr. Pinkney**

Report on File

-Demolition - looking at three houses:

1. 5424 Addison Road,
2. 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue
3. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue

-1115 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue, property cited.

-22 citations issued for month of March

-Drainage problem in the Town Hall, the Seed Company repaired the plumbing issue.

-Jack Bannister's house, address 611 K Street, should be 906 Balsamtree Street.

### **Mayor Martin**

That's in compliance with all the other addresses.

Motion made by Councilmember Waiters to accept the Code Enforcers report for the month of March, Councilmember Dodson second the motion. The Ayes have it.

The Code Enforcers report has been approved for the month of March.

### **Town Manager's Report – Mrs. Doris Sarumi**

Report on file

-We are in compliance for our fire extinguishers and alarm system.

-Appointing a Historic Committee.

Motion made by Councilmember Keith to accept the Town Manager's Report for the month of March 2015, Councilmember Waiters second the motion. All Ayes.

Town Manager's report has been approved.

Mayor's State of the Town address from 2011 – 2015, there are 12 items listed:

1. Restore stability of this Town
2. Renewed corporation between neighboring communities. Challenge Council members to annex.
3. Our audits are up to date. 2015 audit has already been signed off on. I signed our letter of request last week.
4. Selection of our new chief and our 3 reserve officers.
5. Our Town Manager has been here for the last 3 years, she has done an excellent job. She has got a grant for the Pocket Park on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a Historic Signage Grant.
6. Our treasurer is a gem, she keep us in line.
7. Working effectively with the Health Enterprise Zone project.
8. Two rooms were named in honor of two women on March 22, 2015. One was named in honor of our former female Mayor Ruth Brown. This room was named in her honor. The other room was named in honor of Mrs. Lucille Smith.

9. Mr. Pinkney, our Code Enforcement Officer, I thank him for all he has done.
10. The Pantry – Mrs. Germany started the expansion over what it used to be.
11. Hiring of Attorney Deloach – Alexander and Cleaver. Attorney Deloach has been promoted to a higher position in the law firm.
12. Maintaining a fine line to keep the Town level and devoid of layoffs while remaining an excellent steward.

### **Councilmember's Update**

- On June 13<sup>th</sup> the Council and Mayor will have a Community Side Walk sale, in your driveway from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- Fairmount Heights Day will be August 8, 2015. Flyers will be going out to let you know the date we will meet to create a committee.
- The Pantry is doing well. Any senior can call the Town office, I deliver to most seniors that are disabled.

#### **Councilmember Keith**

No Report.

#### **Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka**

No Report

#### **Councilmember Waiters**

- Third annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Cedar Heights Recreation Center.
- We serviced 60 adults and their children, the first year. The second year we serviced 118 and the third year we serviced 162.
- Created a partnership with Shepherd's Cove Homeless Shelter.
- We offered Community Service hours that day.
- Attended Unity in the community in Capitol Heights on Saturday.
- Scholarship applications were available during the Town Meeting.
- Document was sent to the Mayor stating the Bus Stop was moved from in front of the house on L Street, asked for a shelter but they gave us a bench with the grant, we probably could get a shelter.

#### **Councilmember Burley**

No Report

### **Public Participation**

#### **Mr. Downing**

- Thanked the Mayor for her Leadership and congratulated Mayor Martin for the work she has done.

**Mrs. Baker**

-Thanked the Mayor for the work she has done and not giving up because you saw something that needed to be done.

**Resident**

Asked how much is the Scholarship Grant?

**Councilmember Waiters**

Total grant is \$2000.

Councilmember Waiters made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka second the motion.

Meeting adjourned with Common Consent

8:35 p.m.

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JoAnn Tucker, Town Clerk