

**TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
WORKSESSION**

7:30 p.m.

Open

Call to Order - Mayor Lillie Martin

Prayer – Councilmember Cooks

Police Department Reports – Chief Stephen Watkins

Report on file

One-way on K Street, we're putting up 4, one-way signs in that block.

909 Eastern Avenue – majority of items have been removed from the front of house.

Councilmember Downing

-Reflecting signs are needed by Ms. Longus house

-Can we post No stopping or No standing signs by the park?

Chief Watkins

Replied he would order the reflector signs and other signs that's needed.

Councilmember Dodson

-Are there any officers on duty between 6:30 and 8:00 in the mornings on 59th Avenue? Officers are needed in that area due to activity in the mornings.

Chief Watkins

-Can have Officer Vanderpool come in earlier after his training.

Councilmember Downing

-Ring Neighborhood Meeting – Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 5:30 p. m.

Ring, don't get the one with batteries it need to be charged often.

Chief Watkins

You may still find \$25.00 off coupons.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Susan Walker

Absent

Town Manager's Report – Mrs. Doris Sarumi

Report on file

-There is a position being advertised for Public Works.

Rev. Cage

-Want to make an offer for the church. Yesterday Mayor Martin and Mrs. Goodall were on a conference call with Rev. Cage's representative.

They were going to make a decision on what price they were going to offer the town to buy back the Elementary School.

The Two options:

1. Allow Maryland Historical Trust to go in to a partnership with the Town. They will give an easement to the Maryland Historic Trust (No monetary benefits).
2. The representative mentioned some things they wanted to do with the church, Halfway House, Veterans facility.

No taxes have been paid on the church in 3 or 4 years. Due \$1800.00.

Rev. Cage paid \$250,000 for the school. The church property assessed at \$90,000.

Still need contractors to sign and approval is needed by the Council.

Code Enforcer – Mr. Pinkney

Report on file for November and December

No Ordinance for vacant lots.

5608 L Street want to know when the Ordinance was passed.

Need an Emergency Ordinance – Council in agreement for vacant lots Ordinance.

Councilmember Downing

Invited Elizabeth Blume, Social Worker from (NAMI), National Allegiance for Mental Illness, to meet with us on January 16, at 11:30 AM.

New Business

1. State of the Town Address

-Grants

-Additional officers

-About progress and moving the Town forward

-Send flyer out about State of the Town Address

-Tax increase

-Getting another trash truck

-Term length

-Stipends

2. Unoccupied churches in Town

-Agape on 58th vacant, supposed to revert back to R55.

-721 62nd has been vacant for 3 years.

-708 60th Avenue - Closed

-Righteous Church – Jefferson Heights

3. Census Bureau

Received a letter from the Census Bureau, this is really important as far as revenue. Need one Councilmember to spear head this.

4. Domestic Violence

The Mayor designated Councilmember Saunders as the person on the Domestic Violence Grant. There will be a meeting on Thursday 6:00 pm, People for Change Headquarters on Arena Drive. They want to come together to find out about grant funding.

Old Business

1. Final information on roof replacement, E-Commerce, Simon Roofing, 15- year warranty, need consensus from Council.

Mayor Lillie Martin

Need Consensus from the Council to approve roof.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka Sustained, Councilmember Mayor Martin Aye, Councilmember Cooks Aye, Councilmember Dodson Aye, Councilmember Downing Aye, Councilmember Moreno Aye, Councilmember Saunders Aye.

2. Historic markers

-Received 16 markers, need to get them installed and have a ribbon cutting Ceremony for them, also need a ribbon cutting for the African American Historic Trail. We need to make sure our trail is incorporated with other trails in the blue Corridor.

3. Status of Veterans (VFW) – lower level

-Mr. Parker still have some tables on the lower level.

-Concerns about snow and ice, no salt or sand was put on some of the streets.

-Pittman House – going up for a tax sale, 505 Eastern Avenue, Fairmount Heights.

The Council agreed to try to acquire the Pittman property.

Meeting adjourned 10:40 pm

Submitted by Mrs. Tucker