

**TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS**  
**Mayor and Town Council**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**  
**Town Meeting**

**Call to Order** Mayor Lillie Thompson Martin

**Prayer** Reverend Winchester

**Flag Salute**

**Roll Call:**

**Present**

Councilmember Cooks

Councilmember Moreno

Councilmember Wood Dodson

Mayor Martin

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka

Councilmember Downing

**Absent**

Councilmember Saunders - Sick

**Minutes for Approval**

Councilmember Dodson made a motion to approve minutes for April 11, 2017 Worksession, June 13, 2017, Worksession, June 21 2017 Town Meeting, July 11, 2017 Worksession and July 19, 2017 Town Meeting.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka second the motion. All Ayes.

Minutes were approved

**Police Department Report – Officer Adey**

Chief Watkins is attending another meeting tonight.

Report on file.

Motion made by Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka to accept the Police Department Report, Councilmember Dodson second the motion.

Councilmember Cooks, Aye

Mayor Martin, Aye

Councilmember Moreno, Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka, Aye

Councilmember Wood Dodson, Aye

Councilmember Downing, Aye

All Ayes

Police Report has been approved.

**Guests – Senator Joanne Benson and Delegate Jazz Lewis**

Senator Benson – came to inform the Town of the information she received on the MAGLEV train.

-New hospital will start digging November 30, 2017.

-University of Maryland is going to be fully in charge of Prince George's Hospital.

-The new name for Prince George's Hospital is University of Maryland Prince George's Medical Center Capital Region. They have already merged.

**Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Susan Walker**

**Highlights**

- Ending August – we are 2 months into the fiscal year.
- Expenses at 18%
- Income 5%
- 23 businesses, 8 businesses have not paid they business license. They not only owe business licenses they also owe operating property taxes.

Have billed 19 accounts – operating tax.

Total \$18,224.00 operating taxes.

- vacant properties, one way to increase tax base. (Is it vacant land or vacant properties)
- Red light vendors – met with 4 vendors, red light enforcement will be coming to the Town.
- Historic markers have all been ordered.

Councilmember Ukkundo'oohwaka made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report for the month of August Councilmember Moreno second the motion.

**Roll Call**

Councilmember Moreno, Aye

Councilmember Wood Dodson, Aye

Mayor Martin, Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka, Aye

Councilmember Downing, Aye

All Ayes

Councilmember Cooks was not present at this time.

Treasurer's Report has been approved.

**Code Enforcement Report – Read by Mrs. Walker**

Report on file

Councilmember Dodson made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement report

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka second the motion.

**Roll Call**

Councilmember Moreno -Aye

Councilmember Dodson – Aye

Mayor Martin – Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka - Aye

Councilmember Downing – Aye

All Ayes

Councilmember Cooks not present at this time.

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

Report on file

-They had the hearing on Robert Nichols House on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue last night. The property need to be changed to a historic site.

-New funding opportunity for the Town of Fairmount Heights. There were 28 applications 10 were approved and we are one of the 10 approved. The name of the project is Morehouse School of Medicine.

Motion made by Councilmember Cooks to accept the Town Manager's Report second by Councilmember Dodson.

Roll Call

Councilmember Cooks, Aye

Mayor Martin, Aye

Councilmember Moreno -Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka - Aye

Councilmember Dodson – Aye

Councilmember Downing – Aye

All Ayes

Town Manager's Report has been approved.

### **Mayor Martin**

Need approval of Resolution FHR 02-17

A resolution approving the creation of the Fairmount Heights Green Team as required by the sustainable Maryland Certification Program

Motion made by Councilmember Dodson to approve Resolution FHR 02-17 with correction on the 3<sup>rd</sup> line second by Councilmember Cooks.

Roll Call

Councilmember Cooks – Aye

Mayor Martin – Aye

Councilmember Moreno -Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka - Aye

Councilmember Dodson – Aye

Councilmember Downing – Aye

All Ayes

Resolution FHR 02-17 with corrections is approved.

-Circuit Rider Program update

-Decision of Seven Day Adventist Church on 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue

-Mr. Scarpkey will hear something from him soon. We have a 30-day window.

-Pocket Park grant update, tables will be removed from diagram

-Lighting, need to move forward to make this happen.

### **For the Record**

Mayor Martin stated there were allegations about Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka, someone mentioned the misappropriation of funds. This is a situation before I came back in the office. This was based on some uninformed person. This was not true.

There was no draw down of the bond bill, that she was accused of and had not done.

I wanted to put this into the record, so her name is cleared.

### **Resident – Mrs. Hargrove**

-Fire hydrant was repaired.

-Thanked Councilmember Moreno for the solar glasses.

-Rev. Winchester First Baptist Church of Fairmount Heights, 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.

-Banquet will be at 6:00 pm at the Camelot.

Mayor Martin asked for a motion to adjourn.  
Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Dodson  
Second by councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka.

Adjourned 10:15 pm  
Submitted by Mrs. Tucker