



Town of Fairmount Heights

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January 14th, 2025

Town Work Session Minutes

Call to Order Opening

Mayor Stewart calls the Fairmount Heights Mayor & Council Town Meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Opening Ceremonies

N/A

Introduction of Guests

N/A

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Akiaba Stewart, Councilmember Waiters and Councilmember Downing.

Absent: Vice Chairwoman Barnhardt, Councilmember St. John, Councilmember Oscar,

Reading and Approval of Minutes

N/A

Meeting Rules

N/A

Amendments to Agenda

N/A

Presentation

Wade (Program Manager) gave a presentation with an overview of the Obvio program. He went over details on the technology and how it works, stats and data collected from violations within Fairmount Heights, the community portal, and the steps on how to get it launched. He opened it up to the council for questions about the program.

Unfinished Business

ARPA

Treasurer Susan Walker presented an update on the remainder of the ARPA spending plan, and how it would be used for the police and public works department. She discussed the purchase of essential equipment for the public works staff such as a bobcat. The public works staff were thanked by all in attendance for their hard work in clearing the streets during the most recent snow storm.

90th Anniversary Budget

Councilmember St John discussed details on the rental facility, available dates, ceremony, Fairmount Heights day, and possible funding for the event. Treasurer Walker, Mayor Stewart and other councilmembers offered input and to assist with the overall planning of the event.

PGCMA Meeting

Councilmember St John discussed the meeting dates that had been previously assigned to councilmembers and volunteering to cover the remainder of the meeting dates, along with the ones previously assigned to Councilmember Leftwich.

Newsletter

Councilmember St John discussed the newsletter drafts she had previously worked on and finalizing for the first quarterly newsletter to be published in March. She mention Ed in the contents of the newsletter highlighting communications, summary reports from all departments, business ads and new resident spotlights, etc.

New Business

Comcast Franchise Agreement

Town Manager Sarumi stated the agreement was sent over to the attorney for legal review and he made one change which was the date, which she had the Town Clerk update.

Potential Program Spring 2025

Councilmember St John stated she had reached out to principal and community engagement manager over at Fairmount Heights to potentially have the youth volunteer to assist with some of the different council committees. Councilmember Waiters volunteered to assist Councilmember St John with getting the program off the ground.

Adoption of 20743 Coalition MOU

Mayor Stewart mentioned the MOU had been reviewed by the attorney and some changes were made. Councilmember St John stated the council at this time should be reviewing the policy and deciding on what the term should be.

Neighborhood Signs for Disabled & Impaired

Town Manager Sarumi and Councilmember Waiters discussed the need for specialized signs in the community alerting drivers of the impaired adults and children in the area. They stated they would have more details on cost and location for the council to review at the next town meeting.

MLK Day

Councilmember St John inquired if we had anything planned for MLK Day, such as the walk that was done last year, and currently there were no events in place by the town for the holiday.

Announcements

Mayor asked the council to please read their emails as there was alot that was being missed and the council is not up to speed on things. Councilmember Oscar mentioned the deadline to apply for the parks and recreation team program was approaching Jan 16th, for anyone interested between the ages 15-18 to please apply. Mayor also mentioned the conservation of water usage

from the announcement that came out from the WSSC. Councilmember St John announced the vacant Fairmount Heights council seat.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn presented by Councilmember Waiters and seconded by Councilmember Oscar at 9:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janiqua Russell
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

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