



Town of Fairmount Heights

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March 19th, 2025

Town Meeting Minutes

Call to Order Opening

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

Opening Ceremonies

Please of Allegiance Led by Mayor Stewart.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Akiaba Stewart, Councilmember St. John, Councilmember Waiters and Councilmember Downing, Councilmember Oscar.

Absent: N/A

Meeting Rules

Stated by Mayor Stewart.

Amendments to Agenda

N/A

Introduction of Guests

N/A

Reading and Approval of Minutes

No meeting minutes presented for approval.

Presentation

N/A

Legislation:

20743 Coalition MOU

Motion to approve the 20743 Coalition MOU

Motion by Councilmember St John, second by Councilmember Waiters.

Yes: Stewart, Downing, Oscar

No: N/A

Abstain: N/A

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Legislation:

R-01-25 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE 20743 COALITION

Read into record by Treasurer Walker.

Police Department Report

Lieutenant Coghill presented his report and it is currently on file.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer James Pinkney was absent and unable to present his report, however it is currently on file.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Doris Sarumi presented her report and it is currently on file.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Walker presented her report and it is currently on file.

Mayor & Council Reports

The Mayor and Council presented their reports and they are currently on file.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

Interview with Mrs. Theresa Graves

Councilmember Waiters discussed setting up an interview with Mrs. Graves, celebrating her as the oldest member of our community.

Proposal: Senior Lifestyle & Wellness Program

Councilmember Waiters discussed the Golden Years Wellness Initiative to address the needs of the senior citizens in the community. She also discussed an upcoming event hosted by the Fairmount Green Team for a Green Farmers Market on April 26th.

Mission Statement for Adult Programs

Councilmember Waiters discussed the mission statement for the proposed Town of Fairmount Heights Adult Service program.

Public Comment

A resident from 57th Pl commended the police department and thanked them for their activity and how much they are patrolling in the community.

Ms. Shante from 58th Ave expressed her concerns with the prostitution, and while she stated it has gotten alot better, it is still an ongoing issue in the vacant lot near their street. She also mentioned a piece of the tree that had fallen on their fence and in the vacant lot. Mayor Stewart asked that public works work with code enforcement to look into this issue.

Treasurer Walker mentioned naming every alley and cleaning and upkeep of all the alleys in the town.

Francisco from Kolb St stated he had been a resident since 2004, and that there are alot of members of the latino communities within the town and that there isn't a lot of connection within their community so they can get more involved and participate. He did have some complaints but he said a lot of them are already being worked on and being solved, and he just wants to thank the mayor and council for all they do. He said he will come to the next meeting and will try his best to get more members of the latino community involved.

Mr. Barnhardt announced he has officially sold his home and moved out of the town. He stated that he was the last active member of the Citizen's Association, and that in the month of April they will be looking for new candidates and they will be advertising to fill the positions for President, Vice President, and Secretary. He also stated it would be unfeasible to have the mayor and council write legislation and grants and suggested bringing in a third party to do so moving forward.

Ms. Morgan from K St asked for an update on the next installation of speed humps to which Mayor Stewart and Treasurer Walker stated they would confirm the locations of the next round of installations as they are prioritizing based upon the areas of needs indicated by the police department.

Announcements

Councilmember St John announced District Heights is hosting a Federal Government and Contractors Town Hall Meeting on March 22nd. Mayor Stewart reminded everyone of the food distribution the first and Sunday of the month.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn presented by Councilmember Waiters and seconded by Councilmember Oscar at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janiqua Russell
Town Clerk/Council Clerk