



Town of Fairmount Heights

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July 16th, 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

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor Stewart.

Meeting Rules

Stated by Mayor Stewart.

Introduction of Guests

N/A

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Akiaba Stewart, Councilmember Waiters, Councilmember Downing, Councilmember Oscar

Excused: N/A

Absent: Vice Chairman St John

Reading and Approval of Minutes

No meeting minutes presented for approval.

Amendments to Agenda

N/A

Presentation

N/A

Legislation

N/A

Police Department Report

Chief Washington presented his report and it is currently on file.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer James Pinkney presented his report and it is currently on file.

Town Manager's Report

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

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Marvin Cradle presented his report and it is currently on file.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Walker was absent, however her report is currently on file.

Mayor & Council Reports

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

Unfinished Business

Contracting the services of the University Institute for Governmental Services & Research

Mayor Stewart stated Town Manager Sarumi had already covered this topic in her report.

Event celebration calendar

Vice Chairman St John stated she left this item on the agenda just to extend any assistance if needed to Chief Washington and Councilmember Oscar for upcoming events approaching when they return from recess such as NNO and Labor Day.

Circle tables for rental hall

Vice Chairman St John reviewed the final quotes with the council and it was decided they would put it on the agenda

Motion to approve the purchase of the first quote shared for round banquet tables w/ tablecloths.

Motion by Councilmember Waiters, second by Councilmember Oscar

Yes: Stewart, St John

No:

Abstain: Councilmember Downing

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Senior resource event proposal

Councilmember Waiters stated this topic was covered during her report.

BTS Event

Vice Chairman St John stated this topic was covered during her report, however she reiterated the survey registration would be available on the website, social media and the tv channel.

5612 J Street, Fairmount Heights, Maryland Junkyard

Mayor Stewart stated this was covered during the Town Manager's report.

New Business

N/A

Public Comment

Ms. White inquired if they would have the mosquito spray done this year. Town Manager Sarumi stated she would reach out for confirmation.

A representative from First Baptist Church announced their Back to School cookout on August 15 and that he would send Vice Chairman St John the flyer. He also stated he would talk to the Chief offline regarding his issue.

Ms. Woodard inquired about the status of the Fairmount Heights elementary school. Town Manager Sarumi stated the school was wrapped due to the tests for lead and asbestos. Mayor Stewart asked Councilmember Waiters and Town Manager Sarumi for an update from UCAP on the status. Ms. Woodard asked about the senior high school and if it was for sale as well.

Councilmember Waiters the redevelopment authority had purchased to be turned into a film studio. She stated that sometimes properties can be owned by the county, or privately owned, even if they are historic properties within the town.

Ms. Hall requested the status of the results of the environmental over at the junkyard. Chief Washington gave her a brief summary of what was already discussed prior in the meeting in regards to the junkyard. She also asked for the status of the lantern flies. Ms. Sarumi stated it is an environmental issue and instructed her to report them to the Department of Agriculture and that she would place some information on the website for residents. Ms. Sarumi stated she would follow back up with her on this matter as well as the overgrown trees directly behind her residence that had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

A resident online commented that the ticket cost for the 90th anniversary may affect participant's interest, and inquired if the price range would be included on the initial interest form. Vice Chairman St John stated it was not included on the interest form, however there would be tier level tickets and it would be affordable.

Announcements

Mayor Stewart announced Sylvan Vista church is celebrating their 100th anniversary the entire month of July; Sunday Service begins at 11am. She encouraged all councilmembers to attend.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn presented by Councilmember Waiters and seconded by Vice Chairman St John at 9:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janiqua Russell
Town Clerk/Council Clerk