



## **Town of Fairmount Heights**

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September 17th, 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, Vice Chairman St John, Councilmember Waiters, Councilmember Oscar

Excused: N/A

Absent: Councilmember Downing

#### **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

No meeting minutes presented for approval.

#### **Amendments to Agenda**

N/A

#### **Presentation**

##### **Wade Boarman from OBVIO**

Wade gave a brief presentation on the data collected from the pilot program, the camera locations, the education campaign, and the reinvestment of revenue back into public safety. He also mentioned they would wrap the poles in artwork and they would cover all costs and logistics. He stated the cameras went live on September 8th, and the warning period is over.

#### **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 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**

#### **UMD Contract**

Town Manager Sarumi stated she would work with the clerk to draft a resolution to go along with the agreement with UMD for the rewrite of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve the UMD contract with amendments knowing the resolution will be presented at a later date.

Motion by Vice Chairman St John, second by Councilmember Oscar

Yes: Stewart

No: N/A

Final Resolution: **Motion Passed**

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#### **Building Hall Agreement**

Mayor Stewart stated they discussed the rental agreement in detail at the work session and the clerk is currently working on the edits for the next town work session.

#### **Harvest Festival**

Vice Chairman St John confirmed the event date of Friday October 31st 6-9pm. She also requested a budget of \$500 for the event.

Motion to approve \$500 Spending Limit for the Harvest Festival.

Motion by Councilmember Oscar, second by Vice Chairman St John

Yes: Stewart

No: N/A

Final Resolution: **Motion Passed**

#### **December activities coat/toy drive, tree lighting ceremony, staff xmas party**

Vice Chairman St John followed up on the tree lighting from Dec 6th 4-6pm. Ms. Sarumi confirmed both of the Christmas trees were dead, and that she is working with DoE as a priority

to get the trees replaced. The Clerk informed the Mayor and Council she had confirmed the date with former chief and vice chair for the coat and toy drive for December 13th from 3-6pm.

Motion to approve \$750 Spending Limit for the Tree Lighting Ceremony..

Motion by Vice Chairman St John, second by Councilmember Oscar

Yes: Stewart

No: N/A

Final Resolution: **Motion Passed**

### **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Vice Chairman St John stated she would table this item as Ms. Sarumi had already discussed the celebration options during her report. Town Manager Sarumi asked if Vice Chairman could price some options for a banner.

### **Back to school movie night**

Vice Chairman St John discussed setting the date and details for this event for October 17th 5-7pm.

### **Public safety signage for impaired citizens**

Councilmember Waiters was no longer available to discuss, so this agenda item was tabled to the next work session.

### **New Business**

#### **Community Schools Engagement**

Councilmember Waiters was no longer available to discuss, so this agenda item was tabled to the next work session.

#### **Caring for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Resource Fair**

Councilmember Waiters covered this agenda item during her report.

#### **Public Safety Coverage-FH/PG Police, Fire and Rescue**

Councilmember Waiters covered this agenda item during her report.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. William-Bates thanked the Fairmount Heights community, mayor, council and staff for allowing them to participate in the back to school giveaway on such short notice. She also stated they have some items left over from their last veteran's day reach out, they would like to donate for our upcoming veteran's day event, if we could use them.

### **Announcements**

N/A

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn presented by Vice Chairman St John and seconded by Councilmember Oscar at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janiqua Russell  
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

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