



## Town of Fairmount Heights

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October 14th, 2025

### Town Work Session Minutes

#### Call to Order Opening

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

#### Opening Ceremonies

N/A

#### Meeting Rules

N/A

#### Introduction of Guests

N/A

#### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Akiaba Stewart, Councilmember Waiters, Councilmember Downing

Excused: N/A

Absent: Councilmember Oscar, Vice Chairman St John

#### Reading and Approval of Minutes

N/A

#### Amendments to Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with the following amendments: Remove Agenda Item F. 611 60th Place, Agenda Item B. Veteran's Day, Agenda Item C. Public Safety signage for impaired citizens, and Agenda Item A. UMD Contract

Motion by Councilmember Waiters, second by Councilmember Oscar

Yes: Stewart, Oscar

No: N/A

Final Resolution: **Motion Passed**

#### Presentation

##### **PGAHC Mural Project Presentation-Kyle Reeder**

Sherri Bryant-Moore provided an update on the creative placemaking initiative over at the pocket park near the net zero homes. She discussed the selected artist for mural, the next steps in regards to meeting with the artist, the final mural design, implementation and installation, and unveiling and community activation.

## **Legislation**

### **UMD Resolution**

The council reviewed the final copy of the resolution for the revision of the code of ordinances. Vice Chairman St John inquired if we would be interested in having them review and update the charter as well once they have finished with the Code of Ordinances. Mayor Stewart indicated that would be the next step, however she could not confirm if we would be continuing to use the University of Maryland for their services or another institution.

### **Police Department Report**

N/A

### **Code Enforcement Report**

N/A

### **Town Manager's Report**

N/A

### **Public Works Report**

N/A

### **Treasurer's Report**

N/A

## **Unfinished Business**

### **UMD Contract**

Mayor Stewart stated the contract was on her desk to be signed and she would do so at the town meeting tomorrow.

### **Building Hall Agreement**

The Mayor and Council discussed the proposed updated hall rental agreement along with the change in the rental hall time, the increase to the resident and elected official discount to 50%, as well as the tracking of discount usage throughout the year, differentiating between renter, and home owner, the allowance of alcohol, and also if staff would be able to receive a rental discount as well. They came to a consensus on all the changes and requested for the Clerk to redraft the contract with the new updates mentioned.

### **Back to School Movie Night**

Vice Chairman St John discussed finalizing the details and setup by Public Works for the event.

### **Property Owner Site Agreement for Pocket Park Mural**

Mayor and Council reviewed the final version of the agreement with the attorney's changes. Mayor Stewart inquired on the status of the resolution to go along with it. Clerk Russell stated

Ms. Sarumi had not sent over the resolution she drafted as of yet and Mayor Stewart asked her to follow up with her on it in the morning.

### **Council Reports**

Mayor Stewart stated a resident brought to her attention and requested that all council reports should be in writing due to lower volume when speaking, thick accents that are difficult to comprehend, and that having written vs verbal reports would alleviate those issues.

Councilmember Oscar inquired what a thick accent was. Councilmember Waiters inquired about the timeframe they should be sent, to which the Clerk stated that while she requests reports a week in advance, that is hardly ever done so at the latest 72hrs prior to the town meeting would be sufficient. Mayor Stewart took a consensus from the council, to which they all agreed to begin providing their written reports in November.

### **New Business**

#### **20743 Coalition**

Vice Chairman St John discussed the recent coalition meeting where they discussed and gave input on the bylaws completion, the MOU expiration and implementation of the committee quarterly updates. She encouraged all councilmembers to attend the upcoming meeting on the 29th.

#### **Textedly Community Engagement**

Mayor Stewart asked Clerk Russell to provide an update on the texting service provider. Clerk Russell discussed details about the program including features, functionality and pricing. Mayor Stewart took a consensus from the council on if use of this service should be something they should look into further. Mayor Stewart stated she would have Clerk Russell continue her research and would reach out to Treasurer Walker with regards to the budget impact.

### **Mayor & Council Reports**

N/A

### **Public Comment**

N/A

### **Announcements**

N/A

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn presented by Councilmember Waiters and seconded by Vice Chairman St John at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janiqua Russell  
Town Clerk/Council Clerk