



## Town of Fairmount Heights

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October 15th, 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

Motion to approve the following meeting minutes: A. June 10th Work Session, June 18th Town Meeting, June 27th Special Meeting, July 8th Work Session, July 16th Town Meeting, September 9th Work Session, September 17th Town Meeting

Motion by Vice Chairman St John, second by Councilmember Waiters

Yes: Stewart, Oscar

No: N/A

Final Resolution: **Motion Passed**

#### Amendments to Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with the following amendments: Remove Agenda Item I: Textedly Community Engagement (MS)

Motion by Councilmember Waiters, second by Vice Chairman St John

Yes: Stewart, Oscar

No: N/A

Final Resolution: **Motion Passed**

#### Presentation

#### **TCM/LISC's 20743 Coalition Proclamation-Kyle Reeder**

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Kyle Reeder presented an official signed copy of the 20743 Coalition Proclamation to the Mayor and Council.

**5443 Addison Rd (Goodr Location)-Alexis Cohen & Richard Greene**

Richard was absent from the meeting so Alexis Cohen presented to the Mayor and Council on his behalf. She gave some details on the Goodr store program and upcoming plans for implementation within the Town of Fairmount Heights.

**Legislation**

**R-03-25 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FOR THE REVISION OF THE TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

Read into record by Town Manager Sarumi.

**Police Department Report**

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

**Code Enforcement Report**

Chief Washington presented Code Enforcement Officer Pinkney's report in his absence 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**

Mayor Stewart stated this agenda item could be skipped over as it was already taken care of.

**Building Hall Agreement**

Mayor Stewart stated Clerk Russell has already sent over the revised copy of the agreement to the council for review so that it can be finalized and ready for use by next month.

### **Public Safety signage for impaired citizens**

Councilmember Waiters stated she would work on the resolution verbiage and would partner with Treasurer Walker on the budget impact as well as with Public Work Director Cradle on the sign selection. She stated she would put it back on the agenda once she has finalized all program details.

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

Vice Chairman St John stated she would send an email over to Public Works Director Cradle with the table and seating arrangement for the upcoming event on October 24th.

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

Town Manager Sarumi stated she was still working on the resolution to go along with the agreement however it was ready for the Mayor's signature as it had already been reviewed by the attorney for legal sufficiency. Treasurer Walker expressed her concern with the conveyance of the deed to the lot after completion and would like to review prior to the Mayor signing off.

### **611 60th Place**

Mayor Stewart stated this homeowner has submitted a variance request for their property which has already been approved by the Town and sent back to the County.

### **Council Reports**

Mayor Stewart stated council reports going forward will be in writing starting next month and will be placed online with the other staff reports.

### **20743 Coalition**

Vice Chairman St John reminded and encouraged all to attend the upcoming event on the 29th with the Blue Line Corridor, and confirmed the location and time.

### **Veteran's Day**

Treasurer Walker suggested to the Mayor and Council that instead of just doing the wreath laying ceremony, that the Town hosts a small event to bring the veterans from the community in for breakfast or lunch. Mayor Stewart asked that she discuss and finalize the details with Councilmember Oscar offline.

### **New Business**

N/A.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Howard from Sheriff Rd inquired about the status of the old Fairmount Heights Elementary School and if it would be converted to a recreation center for the youth. Mayor Stewart informed her that the building had already been purchased by UCAP and that Town Manager Sarumi could give further details on their plans. Town Manager Sarumi stated that as it is a historic site and UCAP will be using the building for their home office as the changing of the exterior is limited.

Ms. Howard also asked about the price of the net zero homes. Town Manager Sarumi stated it would be based on income as she is not aware of the market rate, however she does know they have received over 200 applications for these homes. Ms. Howard expressed she felt there was a need for a place in our community where our youth can go and spend their time and Mayor Stewart stated they are making plans for that in the distant future.

Ms. Sanders from Sheriff Rd inquired as to the current design plans that details how the new bike lanes look. Mayor Stewart stated she would have Ms. Sarumi get her contact information and would do some additional research and email it over to her as well as report on it next month.

A resident commented that 5 items for bulk trash were more reasonable than 3. Public Works Director Cradle corrected his earlier comment that there was in fact a 5 item limit.

A resident inquired on the location of the Goodr store on Addison Rd which was addressed during Ms. Cohen's presentation.

A resident inquired if there would be a mass mailer that would go out to the residents in District 5 from the County which was TBD and also covered during Ms. Cohen's presentation.

A resident inquired if it was confirmed that Meals on Wheels now serviced the Town since pre-covid they did not. Councilmember Waiters clarified that a vendor from Meals on Wheels attended the event for the Seniors that was hosted, but they have not entered into a partnership with them to distribute throughout the Town.

Ms. Morgan stated two weeks ago her son got robbed on Sheriff Rd, and he spent two weeks off of work due to his injuries. She advised residents to drive and not walk if they have to run errands locally as Ebony Inn is still an issue. She also stated that at 68th and Kolb the deers and wildlife are running through the neighborhood, and due to the poor lighting on that street it makes it difficult to see. She asked that we look into possible solutions with Parks and Rec. Mayor Stewart and Council expressed their apologies for what happened to her son and stated Chief Washington was taking notes and would look into lighting options for those areas she mentioned. Treasurer Walker asked if there was a light pole that was serviced by Pepco at that location, to which she confirmed there was not.

A resident inquired how the Town is going about asking residents about their disabilities for the sign project purposes. Mayor Stewart stated they will begin developing a criteria by the next Pre-Work Session and will be reaching out for community input.

### **Announcements**

Vice Chairman St John announced she was not sure on the date for the upcoming Toy and Coat drive. Clerk Russell confirmed it was Dec 13th 3pm-6pm. Vice Chairman St John stated they would be accepting donations all the way up until that date.

Mayor Stewart reminded everyone of the monthly food distribution on the first and second Sunday of each month.

Vice Chairman St John announced the upcoming Trunk or Treat as well as Seat Pleasant's event.

She also announced the upcoming Make it Stop trafficking event by Councilmember Jolene Ivey October 17th 10 am-12pm.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn presented by Vice Chairman St John and seconded by Councilmember Oscar at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janiqua Russell  
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

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