

**TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN WORKSESSION
Tuesday, July 14, 2020**

Conference call Meeting

7:38 P.M.

Open Mayor Martin

Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Councilmember Hargrove - Present

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka -Present

Mayor Martin - Present

Councilmember Morgan – Present

Councilmember Morris - Present

Councilmember Dodson – Present on call-in line

Councilmember Waiters – Absent, Sick

Police Department Report – Lt. Ivey

Report on file for month of June

Code Enforcement – Read by Councilmember Morris

Report on file

Town Manager's Report – Mrs. Doris Sarumi

Report on file

New Business

1. **Disposal of surplus Town items.** Mrs. Walker will start during inventory from the pictures Mr. Pinkney gave her. Will wait to talk to Mrs. Walker about disposal of surplus.

Mayor Martin

Need Consensus from the Council for disposal of surplus items including our surplus vehicles.

Councilmember Hargrove - Yes

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka -Yes

Mayor Martin - Yes

Councilmember Morgan – Yes

Councilmember Morris - Yes

Councilmember Dodson – Present on call-in line.

2. **Reopening of Town Building**

Mayor Martin

Need consensus from the Council on reopening of the Town building.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka – wait until we get official authorization

Councilmember Hargrove – yes to delay opening of building until we get the okay from the Governor and County Executive.

Mayor Martin – Delay until final approval from the Governor and County Executive.

Councilmember Morgan – Delay and have a discussion about all employees that are working back in the building.

Councilmember Morris – Agree to delay opening

Councilmember Dodson – Delay until it's been established by the Governor and other officials with the County and State.

3. **Planning for opening of the Pocket Park – soft opening.**

Mayor Martin – concerned because the signs are beginning to peel down and a lady was exercising in the park. Wait for official notification from State and County.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka – think we should follow guidelines of State and County.

Councilmember Hargrove – Agree with Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka.

Councilmember Morgan – Agree also because people are not social distancing, we should follow the County.

Councilmember Morris – Agree to leave it closed and delay the soft opening.

Councilmember Dodson – Delay opening until County and State give authorization.

Mayor Martin – stated she don't have a problem with delaying the opening of the park.

4. **Revise personnel policy** - will need to be discussed with Mrs. Walker.

5. **Scholarship** – Mrs. Holloman at 708 61st Avenue, has given me information for her grandson, LeShoun Taylor who is applying for a scholarship. He will be a junior at Morgan. He sent his application and essay to apply for the scholarship.

Councilmember Morgan - Need to discuss the 2020 graduate scholarship.

Mayor Martin

This application was for the regular scholarship not the 2020 graduate scholarship.

What is the pleasure of the Council for moving forward with the regular scholarship?

Councilmember Hargrove – we need to discuss it more. We can go into executive session.

Councilmember Hargrove said she have her certificate for the open meeting act.

Mayor Martin – we will have to discuss the scholarship after this meeting.

Councilmember Dodson – 60th and Veterans Memorial. Call back for discussion.

6. **Vacant Lot Ordinance** – we had two readings. The March 12, 2020 hearing was cancelled because of the Covid-19.

Councilmember Hargrove – I suggest we do the same and follow the guidelines once we open up and have a public hearing.

7. **Old minutes** – make corrections. Dates to be corrected are April 15, 2020, May 12, 2020 and May 20, 2020.

8. **Pepco Vehicle Chargers** - Mayor Martin asked the Council to read letter from Pepco concerning vehicle electric chargers. There was a discussion about putting charging stations in the Town.

Reminder from Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka – suggest you may want Mr. Pinkney to issue some of our Ordinances. On 4th of July they were disrespecting State and County Laws in Maryland.

Citizen Participation

Mrs. Clark – asked about solar panels for the building.

Mayor Martin – replied item will be discussed with Mr. Ruffin from the Electric Company.

Mrs. White – asked how many employees will benefit from the Covid money, will the Code Enforcer and Mrs. Tucker benefit? Also was any money distributed yet?

Mayor Martin – Public Works and the Police Department will benefit from the hazardous pay. We received \$93,000. This is all reimbursable, you have to spend the money to get reimbursed from the county, you have until December 15th.

Mrs. White – Public Works, the Police Department will that include the Code Enforcer and Mrs. Tucker?

Mayor Martin – the paperwork outlined those two departments and anyone in harms way, we will have to go by the guidelines and see what the other municipalities did with theirs.

Mrs. White – Was the money for 85th Anniversary returned and was contract revoked?

Mayor Martin – It is supposed to be returned in August this year.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargrove to adjourn, second by Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka.

All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Typed by Mrs. Tucker