

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm pm by Mayor Bennard Cann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Cann – Present
Vice Mayor Wade – Present
Council Member Anthony - Present
Council Member Fowler – Present
Council Member Mullins – Present
Police Dept – Chief Stevenson – Present
Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present
Public Works – James Adams - Present
Code Enforcement- Regina Foster - Present
MVFD – Representatives arrived late

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
CHANGES TO PARKING ORDINANCE SECTION 16A**

The following Ordinance changes were introduced at the January 17, 2023 meeting by Council Member John Anthony:

Sec 16 A-101 all references to Sec 18A should be corrected to Sec 16A; add expired, suspended registration to the paragraph next to unlicensed; take out street, road; add Owner must supply proof of valid registration to the Town of Morningside.

- a. Increase administrative fee for impound of vehicles and trailers from \$60.00 to \$100.00
- b. Change ninety (90) to sixty (60) (says i. not c.)

Upon written request for extension, remove for up to sixty (60) days.

Sec 16A-102 - all references to Sec 18A should be corrected to Sec 16A

Sec 16-121 – break it down this way:

Sec 16-121a. unregistered vehicles = \$100.00 penalty

Sec 16-121b. expired registration = \$100.00 penalty

Sec 16-121c. suspended registration = \$100.00 penalty

Motion by Council Member Anthony, 2nd by Vice Mayor Wade to adopt the changes for Ordinance 16A-101. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Fowler to adopt the changes made to 16-121. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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INTRODUCTIONS –

- Swearing-In of Officer DeAngelo Janifer to the Morningside Police Department
- Swearing-In of Election Judges R David Chambers & Margaret Tremblay.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023 ; ARPA Work Session February 13, 2023; ARPA Work Session of February 14, 2023; and Work Session of February 14, 2023. Remove reference to former Mayor Chris Wade in ARPA Work Session 2/13/23. It was another of Vice Mayor Wade's contacts names Chris. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Public Works** – Chip Adams gave an oral & written report.
- **Police Dept** –Chief Stevenson gave a written & oral report.
- **Code Enforcement** – Regina Foster gave an oral & written report.
- **Admin** – Karen Rooker gave an oral & written report.
- **MVFD** – No report.
- **Council Member Anthony** – His reports are listed in the agenda.
- **Council Member Fowler** – Her report is listed on the agenda.
- **Council Member Mullins** – He will be working with MVFD to pass out flyers to Town residents regarding smoke detectors.
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – Warned everyone to be vigilant about carjackings. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- **Mayor Cann** – Reported that he attended the Winer Maryland Mayors Conference in Annapolis. Gleaned some good information and dialoged with other Mayors from throughout the State. (All need training in Staff Auditing).
- Reminded all of the PGCMA meeting on Thursday, Feb 24 in Cheverly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Sr Winter Bingo will be held on March 18th at Noon.
- It will be St. Patrick's Day themed.
- The movie night scheduled for February 11th had to be cancelled due to the building being closed because of a bomb threat the day before.

CHAIRS & TABLES

- Council Member Anthony checked out both folding & padded banquet chairs from SAM'S Club.
- At this time, he recommends only replacing the Council/Conference Rooms chairs.
- He also recommended waiting to replace the meeting/rental chairs and tables when we do the building renovations.
- Admin should call SAM's Club to see how much more it is to have a SAM'S + account to possibly get free shipping.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase 8 chairs for the Council/Conference Room, not to exceed \$1,800.00. This purchase is to be taken out of the building budget line item, not ARPA funds. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PARKING LOT LIGHTS

- Council Member Anthony stated that KOLB has been unresponsive to his questions.
- YESCO stated that the bulbs we currently have in the lights contain mercury and have to be disposed of in a certain manner. That is what the \$150.00 disposal fee is on their proposal.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Fowler for up to \$6,000.00 to have YESCO replace the 7 parking lots lights and the light on the building by the Police parking spaces. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION CALENDAR – FYI

VS REPORT – FYI (rerun to make sure all budget line items are included)

NEW BUSINESS

2023 TRASH BIDS

- The Council discussed the trash bids that were opened at the February 14 work session meeting.
- Consensus was to not go further with the bids from Bates or Southern Maryland Recycling.
- Ask Burch Trash Services and Waste Solutions that we need a contract to look over & make any amendments to before a final decision is made.
- All Council Members were asked to give their “wish lists” to Admin Associate Foster no later than Friday, February 24.

MAYOR'S MEETING WITH DIST. 7 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

- The Mayor met with Krystal Oriadha.
- She would like to have representation at all of our events, either in person or flyers & information.
- She has a discretionary fund that she is going to use to help the municipalities in her district defray some of the costs of their events (possibly our fireworks).
- The ZOOM meeting scheduled from last week has been moved to another date.

DUAL WHEEL – 6715 LARKSPUR RD

- Council discussed this at the Feb 14 work session.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to issue a dual wheel parking exemption permit to 6715 Larkspur Rd. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Fowler to pay the bills for January 18, 2023 through February 17, 2023 in the amount of \$89,061.64. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FOURM – No one signed up to speak.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer