

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
VOTING SESSION
Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Stewart, Councilmember Kovar, Councilmember Dyballa, Councilmember Kostiuk, Councilmember Seamens, Councilmember Searcy, Councilmember Smith

Also present: Acting Deputy City Manager Grigsby, Acting Deputy City Manager Clark, and Assistant City Clerk Nalvarte

The City Council reconvened at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA / AGENDA SCHEDULING UPDATE

Ms. Stewart provided an update on future agendas. She commented on the passing of Collen DePaul.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Jane Muchui, stated she and her son were desperate to receive assistance

Jill Feasley, Tulip Avenue, requested to have crossing guards on Maple and Philadelphia Avenues to improve safety for the children that trick or treat on Maple Avenue.

Tom Gagliardo, commented the outsourcing of a company to assist with the direct cash assistance program. He said that was concern on how the Mayor and Council has been spending money. He said the City's financial situation was an issue of utmost and immediate concern that needed to be addressed and resolved together as a community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Stewart welcomed the members from Troop 33.

Mr. Kovar, thanked Ms. Feasley for her comment. He asked for staff to do something to provide safety for the children on Halloween. Mr. Kovar stated that the direct cash assistance payment was ARPA funds and the City chose a consultant to assist with the program because program based on level of income had never been done before. He reported that the work on the Maple Avenue sidewalk work was delayed.

Mr. Smith thanked the people for their comments. He thanked the Old Town Business Association (OTBA) for an incredible street fest event on Sunday. He announced that the Monster Bash was this weekend.

Ms. Dyballa thanked staff and the OTBA for Street Fest event. She commented on the minor master plan open house that she attended and announced there was a follow up survey for those that could not attend. She announced that there was a presentation by the Washington Adventist University on the minor master plan on November 2. She also announced that on November 15 there was an Ethan Allen and Elm hot spot community meeting at 7 p.m.

Ms. Kostiuk thanked the public for their comments. She welcomed the Troop 33 members. She reminded the public to be careful on Halloween. She thanked the organizers of the Street Fest. She commented on the walkthrough of Eastern Avenue with the Mayor, Ms. Braithwaite and the District Department of Transportation to look at safety issues. She announced that The Village was looking for volunteer drivers to drive people to doctor appointments.

Ms. Searcy asked staff to try and put a plan in place for Halloween. She thanked OTBA for the Street Fest. She gave an update on the Hillwood Manor playground construction. She said the due to construction issues the work would be completed in December.

Ms. Stewart thanked OTBA for the Street Fest event. She thanked staff for their work on the cash assistance program. She said that the City has never undertaken such a program. She wished all the candidates that were running for office good luck. She thanked staff and the Board of Elections.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Ms. Grisby reported that the direct cash assistance program was up and available and 333 applications were received so far. She said that on November 3 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the community center assistance was available for those that need help with the application. She announced that the City received a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation for the Maple Avenue design work and feasibility study for the Sligo Creek bridge. She reported that a request for proposal (RFP) for the redevelopment of recreation center was issued and online. She announced that there was a Chromebook give away on November 12 at the recreation center.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – March 2, 9, 16, 23

Ms. Dyballa moved to adopt the minutes from March 2, 9, 16, 23. Mr. Seamens seconded the motion. (VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Searcy, Seamens, Smith)

VOTING SESSION

1. Second Reading Charter Amendment Resolution to Update the Charter Amendment Process

No changes were made and there was no further discussion.

Mr. Seamens moved the charter amendment resolution. Ms. Dyballa seconded the motion.
(VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Searcy, Seamens, Smith)

Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-01 (attached)

2. Second Reading Charter Amendment Resolution to Update the Personnel Appeals Process

No changes were made and there was no further discussion.

Ms. Searcy moved the charter amendment resolution. Ms. Dyballa seconded the motion.
(VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Searcy, Seamens, Smith)

Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-02 (attached)

3. Resolution Providing for an Appointment to COLTA

No changes were made and there was no further discussion.

Mr. Smith moved the resolution. Ms. Searcy seconded the motion. (VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Searcy, Seamens, Smith)

Resolution 2022-40 (attached)

4. Resolution Regarding Pedestrian and Transportation Safety

Ms. Dyballa suggested a friendly amendment to add to the second resolve in the resolution that would direct staff to report back to the Council within 6 months of inactment.

Ms. Kostiuk moved the resolution as amended. Ms. Dyballa seconded the motion. (VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Searcy, Seamens, Smith)

Resolution 2022-41 (attached)

5. Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Collaborative Strategies, LLC

Mr. Kovar moved the ordinance. Ms. Searcy seconded the motion. (VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Searcy, Seamens; ABSTAIN: Smith)

Ordinance 2022-44 (attached)

6. Single Reading Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 2022-37 (Which Authorized Execution of a Contract with Paycom for Implementation, Support and Maintenance of a Human Resources Information System)

Ms. Grigsby said that in July the Council passed an ordinance with Paycom. She said the City was unable to successfully come to agreement with Paycom. She said the City was entering into agreement with Paycor and that an ordinance was not being presented because the agreement was under \$50,000. Ms. Grigsby said that staff was recommending to rescind the ordinance with Paycom so that staff can move forward with Paycor

Mr. Seamens moved the ordinance. Ms. Searcy seconded the motion. (VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Searcy, Seamens, Smith)

Max Finberg ,Troop 33, thanked the Council and Mayor for working with the scouts especially at the derby event. Mr. Finberg introduced Owen and Matias, member of Troop 33. He thanked the Council for the direct cash assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned for the evening at 8:24 p.m.