



# CITY OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS

MARYLAND

2000 Marbury Drive  
District Heights, Maryland

## Special Session Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 1:30pm

VIA ZOOM Audio/Visual Conference

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Special Session Meeting of the City of District Heights was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 via ZOOM Audio/Visual Conference. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Vice Mayor Harcourt

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Janifer

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Janifer moved to accept the agenda for the Special Session Meeting Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Vice Mayor Harcourt seconded the motion which carried a 3-0 vote.

### **QUORUM**

In attendance were Mayor Miller, Vice Mayor Harcourt, Commissioner Janifer, Commissioner Tilghman, Dr. Katrina Polk - Acting City Manager, Starr Jefferson – Interim City Clerk, Commissioner Gomez arrived at 1:55pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Oath of Office for BOSE Members

The Oath of Office was taken by new BOSE Members Johnnie Andrews, Suzanne Clark, Deborah Turner and Angela Webster.

2. Approval of Sierra Club sponsored workshop

Vice Mayor Harcourt moved to approve the proposal of the Sierra Club Workshop, Environmental Justice & You: Energy Equity scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the City of District Heights Municipal Building. Comr. Tilghman seconded the motion which carried a 4-0 vote. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Listening Session

Comr. Tilghman moved to approve the proposed Community Listening Session scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2022 at the City of District Heights Gymnasium. There was no second. The motion failed.

Vice Mayor Harcourt moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Cmr. Janifer seconded which carried a 5-0 vote. The motion carried and the Commission went into closed session at 2:35pm.

The Commission returned from closed session at 2:42pm and Mayor Miller shared that during the closed session the Commission approved retroactive pay for a city employee with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Miller passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Harcourt to chair the remainder of the meeting at 2:44pm.

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Claudia Pearson expressed the need for a Town Hall.

Phyllis Wright expressed concern about the growing violence in District Heights.

Raimon Jackson expressed support for the Community Listening Session.

Sharon Calhoun inquired about the difference between event policy and meeting policy.

Harryette Irving shared how in previous administrations Commissioners would partner to host Town Halls.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Comr. Gomez moved to adjourn. Cmr. Janifer seconded the motion at 3:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Starr Jefferson  
Interim City Clerk