



CITY OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS MARYLAND

2000 Marbury Drive
District Heights, Maryland

Special Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 9:00am

VIA ZOOM Audio/Visual Conference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Session Meeting of the City of District Heights was held on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 via ZOOM. Mayor Cynthia Miller called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Vice Mayor Harcourt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Tilghman

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Janifer motioned to amend the agenda to include Personnel Matters. Vice Mayor Harcourt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 to add Personnel Matters to the Special Session agenda.

QUORUM

In attendance were Mayor Miller, Vice Mayor Harcourt, Commissioner Janifer, Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Tilghman, Peter Jones -City Manager, Starr Jefferson -City Clerk, Chief Ronald Tarpley- DHPD, Chris Lawson – HR Director, Nikki Pancho- HR Mgr. Members not present: Daniel Baden- Treasurer

NEW BUSINESS

Solicitation for new BOSE members – Commissioner Janifer

Commissioner Janifer motioned to open the solicitation and post vacancy notice to city website for new BOSE member applications and candidates through Monday, October 24. Tilghman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

November 8th elections at YSB – Commissioner Janifer

Commissioner Janifer provided an update on the plans to utilize the city's YSB building as a polling station for the coming midterm elections. The polling equipment is expected by the evening of Monday, Nov. 7th and remaining onsite until November 9th.

Signage to direct residents to the YSB building will be distributed around the city.

Personnel Matters

Commissioner Gomez motioned that the commission go into a closed session to discuss Personnel Matters. Vice Mayor Harcourt seconded the motion. The motion carried a 5-0 vote.

The commission entered the closed session at 9:17 a.m.

The commission resumed the Special Session at 11:01 a.m.

Mayor Miller provided a summary of the business conducted during the closed session.

The commission voted and determined unanimously that 2 city employees would be terminated due to violation of city policy.

The commission also voted and determined unanimously to terminate a third employee based on poor performance.

The commission voted and determined unanimously to place an existing city employee into the acting City Manager role.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Thelma Younger inquired about the status of the petition for the speed bumps on Marbury Drive.

Commissioner Gomez provided an update on the status of the RFP for traffic calming within the city. The Commissioner also shared that further information regarding needed speed bumps would be discussed at the coming City Work Session meeting on 10/25.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Harcourt announced the *Community Walk* later in the evening (10/18) at 5pm beginning at Alpine and Atwood.

Vice Mayor also shared information on the upcoming series Environmental Justice & Youth: Energy and Equity on Saturday, November 5th 12-2:30.

Commissioner Janifer shared a reminder for the coming Shred Day- Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gomez shared the recent clean up initiatives around the city including the partnership with the Marlboro Coalition. The City of District Heights participated in the county wide beautification day hosted by County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. The city also participated in a community clean up, cleaning up the strip mall on Marlboro Pike next to the Tastee Kreme and cleaning up County Road near District Heights Elementary.

Commissioner Gomez announced that the first training with the 'Green Team' occurred on Monday, October 17th with Sustainable Maryland. Commissioner Gomez restated the goal and effort to become a certified sustainable community. Please reach out to Commissioner Gomez at gomezg@districtheights.org to participate.

Commissioner Tilghman announced the Family Kick Ball night on Friday, Oct 22nd at 6pm at the Municipal Building and the upcoming Halloween festivities at Woodland Springs on October 31st.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gomez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Janifer seconded the motion. The motion carried a 5-0 vote and the Special Session adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Starr Jefferson
Interim City Clerk