

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2025, Via Teleconference (VIRTUAL)

1. Town Administrator Rod Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Sarah Turberville, Kony Serrano, Town Clerk Averil Gray, Lieutenant Roy Martin and Town Attorney Jason DeLoach, Alexander & Cleaver. Absent: Mayor Gant.
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
3. Public Comment
 - Julia Glen from Glenarden mentioned the traffic management plan and concerns with the barricades at 46th Avenue.
 - Nicole Miller from Hyattsville supported Ms. Glen's notation of heavy traffic and barrier issues with access to the 46th Avenue industrial park.
 - Omar Gonzalez, CrossFit Owner, 4616 Ingraham Street stated that the barriers are a "bad idea" also stating negative effects it has had on local businesses
 - Benny Lawson, representing County Executive Candidate Aisha Braveboy, indicated her office had received complaints about barriers and mentions barriers effecting money of local businesses.

Council Member Kony Serrano requested to add an item to the agenda. She wanted to discuss the Town's membership in the Prince George's County Management Association (PGCMA).

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the amendment of the agenda to add discussion about PGCMA.

Vote:

Ayes: McCauley, Turberville, Serrano, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

4. New Business

A. The Consideration of the following minutes:

- i. February 4 Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.
- ii. February 12 Town Council Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- iii. February 25 Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.
- iv. March 4 Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Serrano, to accept the minutes for February as presented.

Vote:

Ayes: McCauley, Turberville, Serrano, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

B. The consideration of agreement with Environ Energy for the purchase of energy for the Town of Edmonston.

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to accept the consideration of agreement with Environ Energy for the purchase of energy for the Town of Edmonston. Council Member Turberville suggested we take a closer look at both Pepco and Environ Energy for a better comparison before a vote takes place. Council member McCauley withdrew the motion to accept, followed by Council Member Johnson withdrawing the motion. Council member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Serrano to Table Discussion Until March 25th.

Vote:

Ayes: McCauley, Turberville, Serrano, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried.

C. The Introduction and consideration of ordinance 2025-OR-1. An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edmonston Amending Chapter 381 "Rental Property" by repealing and re-enacting § 381-17 "Application; fees; information" of the Town Code to Increase the Rental License Fee.

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Serrano, to approve ordinance 2025-OR-1 as presented.

Vote:

Ayes: McCauley, Serrano, Johnson

Nays: None

Abstained: Turberville

Motion Carried

D. The consideration of a request from the property owners located at 4800 Hamilton to have a tree removed in the Town's right-of-way. The tree is a health specimen and does not warrant being removed. Mayor and Council determined that the tree should not be cut down

E. An agreement with Adtek Engineering in the amount of \$25,900 to design a pervious concrete intersection at 49th & Decatur was presented for consideration. (This is our match requirement for the Port Town Walkable grant with the Environment Finance Center).

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the agreement with Adtek Engineering in the amount of \$25,900 to design a pervious concrete intersection at 49th & Decatur. (This is our match requirement for the Port Town Walkable grant with the Environment Finance Center).

Vote:

Ayes: McCauley, Turberville, Serrano, Johnson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

F. The introduction and consideration of ordinance 2025-OR-2. An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of The Town of Edmonston Amending Chapter 319 “Licensed Businesses,” § 319.1 “Licenses required; applications; conditions of issuance” of the Town Code, clarifying the good standing requirement and the businesses subject to that requirement

Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Serrano, to approve the consideration of ordinance 2025-OR-2 as presented.

Vote:
Ayes: McCauley, Turberville, Serrano, Johnson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

G. Discussion about the Town’s membership in PGCMA.

Council member Kony Serrano opened the discussion with some background about the town’s affiliation with PGCMA. An incident occurred where Money was stolen by a board member. Council member Serrano expressed discomfort with the idea that there was a lack of oversight especially when dealing with taxpayer dollars and proposed that the town does not work with PGCMA moving forward. Council member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council member Johnson, to remove the Town’s membership with PGCMA. Council member Tuberville suggested that we instead table the discussion and ask for more information regarding the incident that occurred before completely removing ourselves. Mayor Gant arrived to provide a little more insight into what occurred with the PGCMA as she is a board member. Mayor Gant suggested that we table the discussion to a later date when PGCMA provides more information to go on. Council member McCauley withdrew the motion to remove membership with PGCMA followed by Johnson Withdrawing also. Council member Turberville motioned, seconded by Council member Serrano to table the discussion

Vote:
Ayes: McCauley, Turberville, Serrano, Johnson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Council member Serrano suggested that the council request an explanation of what occurred and a plan for more oversight to prevent incidents of theft in the future. Council member Turberville Motioned, seconded by Councilmember Serrano, to request for an explanation of what occurred and a plan for more oversight to prevent incidents of theft in the future.

Vote:
Ayes: McCauley, Turberville, Serrano, Johnson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

5. Police Department Report (Police and Code Enforcement) – Police Chief Beale

- Theft report
- Citation report
- Impound report
- New officers first day out in town
- On boarding for new camera system
- School pick up and drop off locations
- Know your literature rights for spring newsletter

6. Town Administrator Report (General Government and Public Works) – Rod Barnes

There was a discussion about 46th Avenue Industrial Park Traffic Study.

- J&J Auto -Alexis Devara wanted to know the barriers from Ingraham and Lafayette could be removed. He indicated there weren't any signs stating no trucks allowed down that street. He also said he never received notification of barriers before they were going to be placed Mr. Barnes stated a study was done 18 months in advance and flyers were handed out also
- Tina Santos, building owner for 4616 Ingraham stated that she doesn't want barriers. Ms. Santos asked if police can do anything about cars parked in that area.

7. Council Dialogue – There were no comments.

8. Mayor's Comments – There were no comments.

9. Adjournment

At 8:23 pm Council Member McCauley motioned, seconded by Council Member Serrano to adjourn the meeting.

Vote:

Ayes: McCauley, Johnson, Serrano, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

Derria Faison, Police Admin Mgr.