

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Via Teleconference

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Kony Serrano-Portillo, Betsy McCauley, Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averil Gray, Police Chief Eric Beale and Town Attorney Jason Deloach, Alexander & Cleaver. Council Member John Johnson was absent.
2. There was discussion about a notification from the Department of Homeland Security Sanctuary.
 - a. Overview of the implications of the DHS list for municipalities if we do not comply.
 - b. Legal Ramifications
 - c. Town's Position & Response

Town Attorney Deloach outlined action to take if the Federal Government requests compliance. He reported that Governor Moore is taking initiative steps and putting statements together in response to potential requests of compliance and threats of litigation by the Federal Government.

A discussion followed about federal funding from grants the town receives, and policies in place to manage a potential request for compliance by the Federal Government. At 5:57 p.m., Council Member Turberville moved, seconded by Council Member Serrano, to go into a closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter with the following attendees: Mayor Gant, Council Members McCauley, Serrano, Turberville, Town Administrator Barnes, Police Chief Beale, and Town Attorney Deloach, returning to regular session.

At 6:35 p.m., Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Turberville to adjourn from the closed session and return to regular session.

Ayes: McCauley, Serrano, Turberville

Nays: None

Absent: Johnson

Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Turberville, to add Ordinance #2019-OR-06 to the Police Department's general orders.

Ayes: McCauley, Turberville

Nays: None

Absent: Serrano, Johnson

3. The Council reviewed the agenda for the June 11, Town Council Meeting. No suggested changes were made to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The final consideration of ordinance 2025-OR-3 was discussed. It is an ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council of Edmonston to appropriate and adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.
- b. The final consideration of ordinance 2025-OR-05 was discussed. It is an ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council of Edmonston to amend the annual budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

- c. Minutes
 - i. The minutes from May 13 Town Council Work Session.

- ii. The minutes from the May 13 Regular Town Council meeting.
- iii. The minutes from the May 13 Closed Session Town Council meeting.

There were no suggested changes to the minutes.

- 4. Review Edmonston Day Activities – Final plans for the parade and festival was shared by Town Clerk Averi Gray.
- 5. Grant Activities – Town Administrator Rod Barnes gave updates on the various projects.
 - a. Department of Natural Resources Trail at Rec Center – price for the trail exceeds grant dollars and instead adding exercise stations along the trail route is proposed.
 - b. CDBG Grant for Sidewalks on 52nd Avenue – project is out for bid.
 - c. CDBG Grant for Streetlights on 52nd Avenue – is final design phase.
 - d. USDA Grant for Food Composting – Added Cheverly and Cottage City – Federal grant and Cheverly has added sixty-five more customers.
 - e. Safe Streets/Safe Roads with Riverdale Park Update – State Highway grant in concert with Riverdale Park
 - f. PGC/CBT Rain Garden Grant for 47th Avenue & 49th Avenue starting
 - g. PGC/CBT Rain Garden Grant for Buchanan – Completed
 - h. DHCD Community Legacy Grant – Mural, Bus Stop, Streetscape – Local artist Rose Jaffe meeting with residents to discuss ideas of a mural celebrating Hispanic culture.
 - i. DHCD Neighborhood Grant – Mural on Buchanan – State funded, local artist Rose Jaffe of ten murals on Town history.Proposals are out for grant funding consideration to the National Fish and Wildlife with Bladensburg & with Port Towns for branding.

6. Adjournment – At 6:58 Council Member McCauley moved and seconded by Council Member Turberville to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: McCauley, Turberville

Nays: None

Absent: Serrano, Johnson

Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

Averi Gray, Town Clerk