

Town of Edmonston  
Town Council Work Session Minutes  
Tuesday, January 7, 2025, Via Teleconference

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Betsy McCauley, Kony Serrano Portillo, and John Johnson. Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averil Gray, and Police Chief Eric Beale. Council Member Sarah Turberville was absent
2. The agenda for the January 7 Town Council meeting was reviewed with no edits provided by the Town Council to the agenda or the minutes.
  - A. Special Presentation – Presentation of the FY23-24 Annual Audit, Bob Diss, Lindsey & Associates. Aleisha Scarlett will present.
  - B. New Business
    1. The Consideration of the following minutes:
      - i. November 5 Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.
      - ii. November 13 Town Council Regular Council Meeting Minutes
3. The Council discussed the proposed ordinance submitted by the Edmonston Green Team allowing chickens in residents' backyards. Jona Elson, co-chair of the Edmonston Green Team shared reasons for allowing the new ordinance to include legitimized practices already in place with a registry process, maintenance guidelines, and a violation system. Council Member Johnson wanted to know the proposed amount homeowners could have. Each homeowner could have up to 4 hens. Council Member McCauley indicated that the cat problem is not yet resolved; the deforestation along Tanglewood has caused a predator issue due to the fox population. In addition, compliance enforcement of this proposed ordinance is burdensome for the Police Department. Council Member Serrano shared that enforcement on private property is problematic and at what point would the County get involved. Mayor Gant noted the likelihood of more homeowners acquiring roosters causing further noise disruption and the difficulty in monitoring given the size of the Police Department, does not support this effort. Town Administrator Barnes indicated that Town Attorney DeLoach would provide input into how to enforce if the Town Council proceeded. There was no consensus to move forward with the ordinance.

4. Adjournment – At 6:12 Mayor Gant adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

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Averi Gray, Town Clerk