Council of the Town of Brentwood
Town Hall, Brentwood, Maryland
Council Meeting

Work Session of the Mayor and Council of Brentwood
Date: March 3, 2020

Council:
(X) Council Member Jerry Burgess
(Exc) Vice Mayor Tonya Harrison-Edwards
(X) Council Member Marcus Monroe
(X) Council Member Alicia Tarr
(X) Mayor Roció Treminio-López

Town Staff:
(X)Cynthia Mann, Interim Town Administrator
(X) Giselle Richards, Town Clerk
(X) Chief Althoff, Brentwood Police Dept.
(Exc) Shelley Dorsey, Treasurer

Call to order at 7:04 PM

Motion to approve agenda with changes by CM Burgess. 2nd made by CM Monroe. All in favor.

Discuss strategic plan

- CM Burgess was not happy with the process to get community engagement. The mission statement should have been put out to the public for review. Objectives should have been bigger. Missing graphics that would make it visually appealing. It was also missing some of the initial participants. Requested that the acronym SWOT be spelled out so that everyone knows what it means.
- CM Tarr recommends putting the strategic plan out at town events to get more citizen engagement / input. Asked if we can get the data that was collected.
- CM Monroe suggested that a one pager be put together for sharing with the residents. Recommended revisiting the objectives to ensure they are attainable or maybe need revision.
- Mayor Treminio-Lopez not happy with the result. Also wanted more visually appealing.

Windom Barrier 5k disbursement to Neighborhood Design

- A special thank you to Margaret Boozer for facilitating the artist selection. The team of artists are Nehemiah Dixon III, Bob Donahue, and Raina Martens. $5,000 will be disbursed to Neighborhood Design to manage the payment to the artist in phases. An event will be held on Friday, April 3rd at the barrier 6:30 AM.

Community Garden

- CM Burgess stated that the maintenance yard is an ideal location for the garden because it is already owned by the town, can be secured, has good visibility, water and electrical access. The current barrier is that the maintenance yard is being used by the company working on the levee.

The town will review the contract with the company. Will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Status of vehicles purchase

- Chief Althoff updated that one hybrid was purchased at $100 below what was budgeted. It is currently being build and should be delivered between May & June. Will be equipped with police package and will need minimal outfitting once received.

Non-U.S. citizen voting for Brentwood

- A petition was received at the last council meeting requesting that the town consider allowing non-citizen residents to vote in municipal elections. It consisted of 108 total votes with 38 of those votes being registered voters as of the list from May 2019. The three ways to make this effective are 1) A petition which requires 20% of registered voters to sign. 2) A referendum at the next town election. 3) As a resolution which requires hearing, waiting periods longer than a regular resolution. CM Burgess typed up a draft resolution that will be read at a hearing.

Enterprise Zone Re-Designation

- The town received a notice/request from Prince George's County Economic Development Center requesting that the town pass a resolution to work with the EDC in establishing sections in the town as Enterprise Zones. Enterprise Zones offers tax breaks to encourage new business to come to our area and employ residents.
- CM Monroe will reach out to the contact at EDC with questions to clarify.

Town wide construction

- CM Tarr raised questions and concerns regarding the construction / maintenance work that has been done and will be done by the construction company and the local utilities. Would like to ensure that any residents being affected by any work be given adequate notice and that all streets / sidewalks be repaired upon completion of work.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:27 pm made by CM Burgess, 2nd by CM Monroe. All in favor.

Motion to go into a closed session to discuss personnel matters at 8:30 pm made by CM Burgess. 2nd by CM Monroe. All in favor.

Submitted by: Giselle Richards

Giselle Richards
Town Clerk

Mayor, Rocio Treminio-López

Approved: Treminio