



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

Work Session of the Mayor and Council of Brentwood
Date: February 7, 2018

Council:

- X Council Member Jerry Burgess
- Council Member Tonya Harrison (Exc.)
- X Council Member Regina Morlan
- X Vice Mayor Víctor Olano
- X Mayor Roció Treminio-López

Town Staff:

- X Reginald Bagley, Town Administrator
- X Quianna Taylor, Acting Clerk
- X Chief Althoff, Brentwood Police Dept.
- Shelley Dorsey, Treasurer (Exc.)

Call to order at 7:20 PM

Motion to approve the agenda with the following changes below made by CM Morlan. 2nd made by VM Olano. All in favor.

- Defer items #3, #7, #12, # #14, and #17
- Remove #7 and #13
- Move #19 to #6
- Move #9 to #3
- Move announcements to the start of the meeting

Public Comment:

- Corey Walker (Bates Trucking) is the new operations director. He came to Brentwood in 2000 as a worker on the truck so he has an understanding of the issues that occur in municipalities. The truck with the loose seal that was in use has been replaced and he is serving as a route monitor. He has also started emailing the office a list of which properties had items that could not be picked up and the reason why. He is committed to continuing this until the problems have been resolved.
- Ann Wells (Allison Street) had a container damaged by a Bates worker. She would like it if they could be gentler with the cans and bins. She also has questions about the Sentinel article that says that the Sanctuary City ordinance has been in progress since May. Stated that the Town has had three panels and many questions from the residents remain unanswered.
- Jeff Clark (Perry Street) would like notice of any amendments to the Sanctuary City ordinance redaction. Stated that notice can be posted to the website because newsletter and flyer delivery can have late notice.
- Emma Brooks (Allison Street) would like for 38th Street to be cleaned. She also wonders what how the town plans to account for AG Sessions threatening to subpoena the Mayors of Sanctuary Cities or withhold federal funding.
- Ron Bretemps (Upshur Street) sees no benefit in the town participating in MAGLEV citing the abundant usage of power and magnets. He also questions why the town is pursuing the Sanctuary City ordinance when there have been so many residents who have spoken out against it. Also stated that the federal government is cracking down on Sanctuary Cities.

Agenda Items:

- Corman Construction did not send a representative to the meeting. TA Bagley advises, with concurrence from the insurer, that the Mayor and Council defer until a representative can be present to personally address them. The Mayor and Council agrees.
- Bike Plan Phase 1 (proposed bike routes) was presented by Ron Bretemps. He will email the Public Works Committee dates at a later time.
- Prince George's County Summer Youth Employment Program discussion is deferred to February 21 as the Mayor and Council would like more information.
- **Sanctuary (Welcoming) City forum Follow Up and Next Steps:**
 - The Mayor stated that she feels that she is being treated unfairly in regard to the Sanctuary City ordinance because she is Hispanic. She is not the one who proposed the legislation although she supports it. She does not want to see families torn apart and homes and businesses left abandoned.
 - VM Olano states that there was a good amount of support for the ordinance at the Community Forum. The responsibility of the Mayor and Council is to legislate not to respond to things on Facebook that can be misinterpreted.
 - Ann Wells is disappointed that the Mayor brought race into the conversation stating that people can say whatever they want to say on social media. She expressed concerns about the language in the Sanctuary City ordinance, stating that it may come into conflict with federal law. She also expressed disappointment, again, that the questions posed by the residents have not been answered yet.
 - Jeff Clark would like to make sure that the Brentwood Police Department has sufficient time to change the General Orders if the town passes the Sanctuary City ordinance.
 - Loraine Bennett has been to all of the meetings and feels that the growing bitterness is disheartening, and she is not sure if continuing to discuss the issue will resolve any of that. She is in favor of the Mayor and Council deciding.
 - CM Burgess agrees that discussions have only widened the gap however the ordinance was introduced that way to create conversation and get input. He feels that this is important because there needs to be legislation in writing to guide how residents are treated.
 - Ron Bretemps questions why the Mayor and Council are devoting so much time to this.
 - Monique Martin would like to know why the Mayor and Council have not answered the questions asked by residents. She feels that this ordinance shows a preference to undocumented residents over documented ones.
 - Rosa Williams thinks residents need additional time to understand the ordinance and how it will affect them.
 - CM Morlan thinks this has become very divisive and agrees that the Mayor and Council need to answer the questions that residents have asked. She stated that the town can mitigate some of the things in the ordinance by changing personnel policies the Police Department's General Orders. She would like to see the town be more welcoming in a way that does not put a target on our backs.
 - Community questions/concerns to be addressed at March 7th Work Session are:

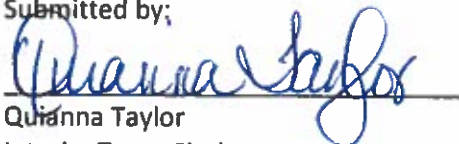
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- What are the financial implications of this?
 - What are the statistics on foreign born persons being targeted unfairly?
 - Will there be conflict with this ordinance and federal law?
 - Will this be decided by referendum?
 - What is the town going to do to ensure timely notifications?
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- Chief of Police request for funding to attend training will be added to the consent agenda for the February 21st meeting.
 - Welcome packet changes that were submitted have been made. The most recent version will be sent to the Mayor and Council for review at the earliest availability.
 - National League of Cities membership dues are not in the current budget. CM Morlan said that there is free training available for the Mayor and Council to take if interested.
 - The Mayor and Council agree that MAGLEV has no real benefit for the town, but the town should stand in support with neighboring towns that are opposing this project. CM Burgess will send a letter to the Department of Transportation.
 - The Mayor and Council will review codes from neighboring towns and use that as a guide to amend the town codes. An administrative meeting to review and begin the writing process will be held on February 23rd from 12 noon to 2 pm.
 - Closed Session meetings to discuss personnel issues will be held on February 28th and March 7th at 6 PM. The interviews for the Town Clerk position also need to be scheduled.
 - Commercial sponsorship for the newsletter could offset some of the fees that the Town is incurring. VM Olano proposes utilizing local businesses as well as vendors that the town does business with. CM Morlan suggests creating some standards that must be followed to obtain sponsorship. TA Bagley stated that a consensus can allow VM Olano to begin this process. A vote can be taken when a business has been secured since it will be an agreement between the entity and the town.

Motion to adjourn made by CM Burgess. 2nd made by CM Morlan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 PM

Submitted by:



Quanna Taylor
Interim Town Clerk

Mayor, Rocio Treminio-Lopez

Approved: _____

