



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

Ordinance Hearing of the Mayor and Council of Brentwood

Ordinance 2018-02

Non-Intervention- Civil Liberties

Date: Wednesday April 4, 2018

Council:

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

Town Staff:

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

Call to order at 6:38 pm

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- Mayor Treminio-López quotes Dr. Martin Luther King, In memoriam of the 50th Anniversary of his death.
 - CM Burgess, before reading of ordinance was advised by TA Bagley to provide clarification of the terminology "Non-Intervention" as opposed to "Sanctuary City".

First Reading of the Ordinance 2018-02 By TA Bagley.

Public Comment:

- Margaret Boozer (Perry St) Expressed gratitude to Brentwood for the ordinance.
- Liz Marshal (Taylor St) Supports Brentwood becoming a document Non-Intervention Ordinance. States that she believes we're all safer in a community where all residents feel comfortable cooperating with police, reporting and investigating crimes. She reiterates, *whereas* statements, mentioning that it is not Brentwood responsibility to enforce Federal immigration laws, as we do not enforce state commerce laws. Stating that Brentwood Police are not immigration agents, lacking resources to do ICE's job.
- Curt Beker (Tilden St) Reaffirms support for Ordinance.
- Melissa Glaser (Perry St) States support for the Ordinance, thanks leadership of Brentwood. Is proud to be a part of this town.
- Lorraine Bennett (37th Place) States support of ordinance. For reasons previously stated by others, she too would like for her undocumented neighbors to be able to call local law enforcement in case of emergency or get permits.
- Dolly Parmaleau (Varnum St) Stated her love for Brentwood, supporting Ordinance.
- Anibal Lopez (39th St) States that he would like to go on record supporting the Ordinance. States that with this resolution local tax money could be used in better ways.
- Emma Brooks (Alison St) still has reservations about the Ordinance, doesn't feel supported in her concerns.
- Ron Bretemps (Upshur St) would like to bring up law #325-4, outlawing Brentwood to participate in the US Census. States that he would like to also bring to CM attention a survey from UC Berkeley, citing statistics of %73 Californians, %64 Latinos, opposing sanctuary city laws. He believes that Brentwood is on the back-end of a curve as opposed to being on the front. Also stated that he fears the Ordinance will cause Brentwood to lose Federal support. He doesn't understand why Brentwood must support the Non-Intervention Ordinance in the form of a law in print, when we could just advise Police to not ask compromising questions.

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- Jane Henderson (3500 Upshur St) resident of Brentwood for 23 years. States that she strongly supports this ordinance, it's important that people are able to cooperate with the police. She also states that it's the moment to be on the right side of history, we can say to all immigrants "you are welcomed here".
 - Mr. Brown (Alison St) resident of Brentwood for 47 years. He disagrees with the Non-Intervention Ordinance. States that things should be left the way they were before, disagreeing that people are scared to come out, he sees people out at night partying where he lives. Also stating that California is working on holding the Mayor responsible for the actions of people protected by Non-Intervention. Questions if the Mayor is ready to be held responsible.
 - Teale Yalch (Webster St) states that she is from California, affirming that California welcomes immigrants. She plans on raising a family in Brentwood.
 - Ms. Brown (Alison St) resident of Brentwood for 47 years. States that she disagrees with the Non-Intervention Ordinance, disbelieving that undocumented people are scared to come outside or else they wouldn't have come out tonight. She questions the decisions of the Council, asking that the laws be written right. She's seen many ethnicities and racial groups come and go from the community, having been around through the KKK, who've also left. Also, is concern about taxes going up.
 - Jeff Clark (Perry St) States that the scientific readings that CM Burgess had read, states that under the Non-Intervention Ordinance, there were not any consequential decreases to property value and we wouldn't have taxes going up based on that the state, then county would have to change their procedurals to affect Brentwood funding. He also states that the term "Non-Intervention Ordinance" more accurately describes what is taking place. Stating that previous commentators only disagreed with the ordinance without referring to specific provisions within the ordinance. Also stated that he would like to see the Council use this ordinance as a model for proposing an ordinance. Asks for the inclusion of all council members in interacting with the attorney.
 - Resident (3302 40th St Spanish speaker) stated I've live in Brentwood for 18yrs, I pay my taxes, own business, I won't like for the immigrant to get deported good people that work, this causes a lot of trouble.
 - Juana Velázquez (40th Pl. Spanish speaker) Stated is very important that Brentwood become sanctuary city, for the police not to ask for status so we don't have to be in fear in the streets.
- Non-Resident**
- Maria Flores (Hyattsville) (Spanish speaker) states Hyattsville is a sanctuary city now, and with her experience a sanctuary city provides freedom to go everywhere without status being questioned.
 - Oscar (Hyattsville) states that he supports his neighbors, he lives in Hyattsville and they feel calm.

Resident

- Ms. Martin (39th St) questions that those under the Non-Intervention Ordinance have been given a false hope. She wonders if they feel invincible and that becomes a dangerous situation, them being unable to speak English.
 - Mayor Treminio- López states that my mother I a US citizen for 20yrs and doesn't speaks language.
 - CM Burgess states the folks I talk to need more solution that are far beyond this room.
 - CM Harrison clarified that the Non-Intervention Ordinance, does not protect anyone from ICE. She also states the ways in which she viewed the Ordinance in relation to her experiences as a black person in the terms of racial profiling. States that she assured that the Ordinance was inclusive to all people. Everyone is made to feel welcomed. Stating that the ordinance does not intervene in matters of ICE.
 - Mr. Brown states he believes there's a double standard in America.
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- Ms. Bennett (37th Pl) is saddened by remarks made throughout meeting by other residents about language barriers because of personal experience. States that America should stop berating others over differences.

- Pamela Strother (Perry St) supports Ordinance.
- Barbara Baker (Perry St) supports Ordinance.
- Emma Brooks (Alison St) agrees with CM Harrison about Brentwood being a welcoming city. That is why she doesn't want the ordinance to be put in place, feeling as though the ordinance brings bigger issues that the town isn't ready for.

Mayor and Council Comments

- Mayor Treminio-López quotes Martin Luther King, In memoriam of the 50th Anniversary of his death.
- CM Burgess, provides clarification of the terminology "Non-Intervention" as opposed to misnomer "Sanctuary City" advised by TA Bagley.
- CM Harrison wants everyone to understand that the ordinance is put in place to protect everyone.
- CM Burgess states that Brentwood is at its best when we're able to work with, integrate and support our immigrant and refugee populations. To quote Dr. Martin Luther King, *we would try to persuade with our words but if our words fail we will persuade with our acts*. Stating that as the quote reads this Ordinance creates an open dialog and shows a strong message that we support our neighbors.
- Mayor Treminio-López responded to Mr. Bretemps the survey only collected response of 1098 people were responding to the poll, whereas California has a population of 325.7 million. Addresses that she came to the council in 2013 the property value is going up because new people are moving into the area making the upgrades to their properties. When you purchase your home 40 yrs. ago it's not the same price that people are paying now. Increasing our tax base, concerns about property tax should be directed to the homestead assessment, without replying to the homestead tax credit your property tax will increase by the MD taxation office, not Brentwood.

Motion to adjourn made by to a CM Harrison 2nd by CM Burgess, voice vote all in favor.
Meeting adjourns at 7:41 pm

Submitted by:



Josette Young
Town Clerk

Mayor, Rocio Treminio-Lopez

Approved: 
