

**Graymoor-Devondale**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**July 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Graymoor-Devondale City Council was held at the Graymoor-Devondale City Office, 1500 Lynn Way.

**CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:** Council Members Michael Allen, Alan Bryant, Angela Coan, David Meiners, Mark Sites and Yvette Winnette. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney John Singler, City Engineer Mark Madison, and City Clerk Nancy Perito. **ABSENT:** Mayor John Vaughan and Security Director Harry Weddington.

**MAYOR PRO TEM:** Yvette Winnette motioned to appoint David Meiners Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor John Vaughan's absence. Alan Bryant seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** See List.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Numerous residents of Techny Ln. were present to voice their concerns regarding 1408 Techny Ln. near St. Albert's Church. Resident Alice Shade stated that residents have been dealing with issues at this residence for a number of years. The property is owned by Mr. Rusty Singleton of 1406 Techny Ln. and his son and daughter live in the adjacent home. She reported that on Sunday evening about 10:00p.m, there were about 5 shots fired from a vehicle. It was reported that vehicles come and go at all hours from the home. Residents are concerned for their safety and the safety of the children in the area.

Attorney John Singler stated that he would contact the Lyndon Police to get an update on the situation. He also proposed the possible installation of a Flock camera which a number of cities are using. He explained that the camera is a license reader and can put out real time alerts to law enforcement. He also suggested individual residents may want to invest in personal camera systems. There was also a suggestion for more lighting in the area, the possible addition of street lights on Techny Ln. and Mirimar Rd.

Alan Bryant and Michael Allen voiced their concerns about privacy protections.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Alan Bryant motioned to approve the minutes of the June, 2023 meeting. Yvette Winnette seconded the motion and the June, 2023 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Michael Allen motioned to approve the June, 2023 treasurer's report. Yvette Winnette seconded the motion and the June, 2023 treasurer's report was approved by unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Development updates: Bull Run:** Kristen Hedden sent out a construction schedule update to the Mayor and Council for July 17, 2023 through August 15, 2023.

**VA:** Construction on the VA site is moving right along. No significant updates.

**b) MSD Projects Update:** Mark Madison reported all contractor issues have been resolved and work should be beginning on the MSD projects. Contractors will be working in multiple locations. The total cost for contracted work is \$439,900. Per contract, costs will be divided between Graymoor-Devondale and MSD.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Accessory Dwelling Units:** Attorney John Singler explained that Metro has passed a series of amendments to the Land Development Code that would allow accessory dwellings as a matter of right in all R zoning. The City of Graymoor-Devondale did not approve the changes to the Land Development Code; consequently, this would not apply to Graymoor-Devondale. Residents would still need to apply for a conditional use permit and go through the formal application process.

**b) Code Enforcement Board:** It is necessary to appoint a new Code Enforcement Board as the old board members' terms have expired. Therefore, Alan Bryant motioned to approve **Municipal Order #1, Series 2023-24**, a municipal order relating to the appointment of the members of the Code Enforcement Board, with section 4 removed. Angela Coan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**c) Storm Damage/Debris Pickup:** Yvette Winnette inquired if it would be necessary to try and secure a tree removal company where the City would have first priority in case of emergencies. Michael Allen stated that he thought that Larry Nalley did a great job getting the streets cleared of tree debris and limbs. Larry is also insured by the City. He doesn't see any need to use anyone else.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**a) Public Safety:** There are no public safety updates. Attorney John Singler will be contacting Chief Schroeder regarding the issues on Techny Ln.

**b) Code Enforcement:** The Code Enforcement Board will be hearing an appeal to fines levied against the owner of 1700 Devondale Dr. for failure to keep the grass cut.

**c) Sanitation:** Mayor Vaughan met with district managers at Waste Management to discuss issues with pickup in the City. Mayor Vaughan has sent a summary of the discussion to all Council members.

**d) Public Works/Signage:** Michael Allen again stated that he didn't think we should have surveillance of our residents through cameras in public spaces as a first response to the issues on Techny Ln. Mark Sites stated he thought that residents would not turn away from any help they could get. He also encouraged additional street lighting.

**e) Beautification:** Angela Coan stated that she thought the City should move ahead in capping the entrance walls at Crossmoor Ln. and Fairmeadows Ln..

**f) Insurance/Finance:** \$80,000 from the MRA Republic Bank checking account was transferred to a KLC Investment Pool Money Market account to take advantage of the interest rates.

**g) Public Information:** Yvette Winnette thanked all who volunteered at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

**h) City Clerk:** There are still a number of businesses and rental properties who have not yet renewed their licenses. There are also still two businesses from last year, The Comfy Cow and Bend and Zen Hot Yoga, who have not obtained their business licenses and paid the fees.

**i) Special Projects:** No report.

**j) Ice and Snow Removal:** David Meiners requested that the Clerk check the contract for ice and snow removal.

**k) Legal:** Attorney John Singler advised the original three lawsuits brought by Dennis Dolan, one being against the Graymoor-Devondale City Council, has been merged into one lawsuit. The lawsuit was filed with the City's insurance carrier, Zurich North America, which has denied any duty to defend since there are no monetary damages.

There being no further business to discuss, the motion for adjournment was made Michael Allen and seconded by Yvette Winnette. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Perito, City Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

John Vaughan, Mayor