

# Meeting Minutes City of Crossgate

VIRTUAL: via zoom meeting room Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Opening Ceremonies: Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll call conducted by Recorder at 7:03 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:** 

- ✓ Mayor Kirk Hilbrecht
- ✓ Commissioner Megan Dohn
- ✓ Commissioner Tom Elmes
- ✓ Commissioner Jamie Gerrish
- ✓ Commissioner Chas Krish

Quorum present: ✓ Yes / \_\_No

Mayor Hilbrecht called the City Commission Meeting to order at: 7:03 p.m.

Others Present:

- ✓ Treasurer Joanie Allgeier
- ✓ Residents/Guests

# READING OF THE OATH OF OFFICE BY COMMISSIONERS

3. Approval of the Crossgate Commission Meeting Minutes December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Comments: No comment

Motion introduced by	Commissioner Gerrish
Second by	Commissioner Dohn

#### Discussion: No discussion

Yes	No	
Vote	Vote	Commissioner
$\checkmark$		Mayor Hilbrecht
$\checkmark$		Dohn
$\checkmark$		Elmes
$\checkmark$		Gerrish

All in favor:	✓ Yes	/	No
Minutes approved:	✓ Yes	/	No

#### 4. Old Business

- A. Commissioner and Committee Reports
  - i. Treasurer's Report -Ms. Joanie Allgeier

### SUBMISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

Comments: Review of monthly activity.

Motion introduced by	Commissioner Gerrish
Second by	Commissioner Elmes

Discussion: No discussion

Yes Vote	No Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
$\checkmark$		Dohn
✓		Elmes
$\checkmark$		Gerrish
$\checkmark$		Krish

All in favor:	$\checkmark$	Yes	/	No
Motion approved:	$\checkmark$	Yes	/	No

ii. Commissioner's report – *Commissioner Elmes* Street Parking Task Force – w/Bob Elliott

**Other Committees:** Neighborhood Welcome, Road Signs and Neighborhood Directory Committees

Comments:

- Transfer of former Commissioner Kirschenbaum's responsibilities have gone well.
- Looking to update inserts for the A-Frame signs to announce City meetings and other news. Cost would be \$225.

### MOTION TO ALLOCATE MONIES TO PURCHASE UPDATED SIGNAGE INSERTS

Motion introduced by	<b>Commissioner Elmes</b>
Second by	<b>Commissioner Krish</b>

#### Discussion: No discussion

Yes	No	
Vote	Vote	Commissioner
<		Mayor Hilbrecht
✓		Dohn
✓		Elmes
$\checkmark$		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor:	✓ Yes	/	No
Minutes approved:	✓ Yes	/	No

# iii. Commissioner's report – Commissioner Dohn Good Neighborhood Task Force – w/Bev Meyer and Irene Yeager

**Other Committees:** Neighborhood Activities, Communications and Neighborhood Online Channels Committees (website, social channels)

#### Comments:

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Scavenger Hunt and a big Thank You to Sharon Hilbrecht for making it happen.
- In the process of putting together the Winter Newsletter to go out in February. Any specifics to put into the email, please email me.

## iv. Commissioner's report – Commissioner Gerrish Road Safety/Speeding Task Force -w/J. Hicks

Other Committees: Contracts, Neighborhood Storage and Road Services Committees

#### Comments:

- Huge appreciation to the Allgeiers for putting up and taking down the holiday decorations for the City.
- Cold weather flowers are placed at entrances.
- Treasurer and I are working to clarify the amount we have available, if any, from the deposit for snow removal. We thought we had \$600, but they had done some cleaning, so we are getting confirmation.
- Requesting that the zoom meeting information be including the body of the notification email as well as the pdf of Agenda.
  - v. Commissioner's report Commissioner Krish

### Short Term/Temporary Rental Policies Task Force- w/Frank Feger

#### Other Committees: Ordinance Review Committee

Comments:

- No updates on surrounding properties. No agenda items for area planning.

- Heard from AT&T Fiber. John Singler reached out to cover if they damage any easements while coming to the area.
  - (Mayor) To keep communication efficient, any City items for our Attorney, John Singler, Commissioner Krish to be the contact.
- Noticed there are residents violating the parking ordinance with vehicles, but have seen any warnings given.
  - (Mayor) Graymoor-Devondale has reduced the workload due to COVID restrictions at least through January. It would be good to put another reminder in the upcoming newsletter.

### B. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Hilbrecht* Neighborhood Walk/ 'Good Will Patrol' Task Force – w/R. Sweeney

## Comments:

- Artis: They are committing to cleaning up the property. They have also received an estimate to remove the dead trees on the Crossgate side. We have a call scheduled this week with Attorney Singler and Artis Manager to discuss the property taxes.
- VA: talked with Strobo-Barkley regarding any progress. We have been heard by the Magistrate Judge. The Complaint is progressing to the Remedy stage. Strobo-Barkley also says that if there's any build of any kind and we have not been notified by our lawyer, an injunction can be filed immediately. Crossgate and the surrounding neighborhoods need to be vigilant about what we see.

## 5. New Business

Comments:

- City Taxes: The City is authorized to increase taxes up to 4%. Should the city want to go over that rate, there would need to be a vote by the Commission. The previous voting process we failed to notify the residents what the recourse is if they disagreed with the voting decision before the Policy took effect. Attorney John Singler gave us three options to rectify from this point:
  - $\circ$  Do nothing.
  - Resubmit the exact same ordinance and amount as before and include the recourse information to the residents.
  - Submit a different ordinance and amount with only the 4% tax increase and issue a refund of the difference back to residents that have paid. This process can start next month.
- Based on open discussion to clarify the options a Straw Poll was taken to start working on the preferred option #3 to revise to 4% and refund residents. This would also require some possible re-working of the budget. The next step is to have a working session before the next Commissioners meeting to have solid information and the Ordinance ready for February.

# 6. Open Forum.

*NOTE:* Neighbors/Guests wishing to speak at the meeting must sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Neighbors/Guests will be limited to approximately 5 minutes of meeting time.

#### Comments:

- No comments

### 7. Announcements

Comments: No announcements

8. Adjournment

Comments: No comments

Motion introduced by	Commissioner Gerrish
Second by	Commissioner Elmes

Discussion: NONE

Yes	No	
Vote	Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
<		Dohn
$\checkmark$		Elmes
<		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor:✓ Yes / \_\_NoMeeting adjourned at:8:05 p.m.

9. Next meeting – February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.