



# Town of Capitol Heights

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**TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
September 28, 2021  
7:00 PM**

<b>Meeting Purpose:</b> Mayor and Town Council Work Session		
<b>Date:</b> 09/28/2021	<b>Time:</b> 7:03 PM	<b>Room:</b> Teleconference
<b>Chair:</b> Renita A. Cason, Mayor Pro Tem		<b>Scribe:</b> Acting Town Clerk – Robin Bailey-Walls
<b>Call-in Number:</b> (301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 960 1200 3975		<b>Password:</b> 487704

*P= present; E = Excused Absence T = present via teleconference; A= absence (not excused) R= Resident G = Guest*

Chair/Voting Members:			
<b>T</b>	Mayor Pro Tempore – Renita A. Cason		Town Administrator – Beverly Habada <b>T</b>
<b>T</b>	Council Member Rhonda A. Akers		Town Clerk – Robin Bailey-Walls <b>T</b>
<b>T</b>	Council Member Caroline Brown		
<b>T</b>	Council Member LaTonya Chew		
<b>T</b>	Council Member Faith T. Ford		
<b>T</b>	Council Member Elaine Williams		
Guests/ Residents			
<b>G</b>	Amanda Anderson		Elliott Reed <b>R</b>
<b>R</b>	James Brown		Jean B. Rich <b>R</b>
<b>R</b>	Netina Finley		Markies Ross <b>R</b>
<b>R</b>	Kentasha		Caroline Mills-Matthews (Bates Trucking) <b>G</b>
<b>R</b>	Melissa		Reggie (Bates Trucking) <b>G</b>
<b>R</b>	Monica Johnson		Bill Sloan (Bates Trucking) <b>G</b>
			Ralph Stroud (Bates Trucking) <b>G</b>

- I. Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem – Renita A. Cason
- II. Roll Call:** Robin Bailey-Walls, Acting Town Clerk
- III. Non-Denominational Prayer** – Lead by CM Ford
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance** - All
- V. Approval of the Agenda** – Council  
 Motioned by CM Williams; Seconded by CM Ford; CM Brown – Objection; Wants the minutes to be a full transcription by a professional; Approved with the exception of CM Brown
- VI. Presentation by Bates Trucking** - Mrs. Caroline Mills-Matthews
  - Spoke with ATA Miller about the pick-up problems during the summer
  - The main driver has been out for surgery



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- Challenges with getting manpower; drivers going to the highest bidder
- Ralph (with Bates) mainly were issues two weeks during the summer
- Bill (with Bates) Doing the best with drivers; should be a smooth transition now
- Committed to begin trash can repairs tomorrow
- Will drop off new trash cans to Public Works tomorrow

## VII. Public Comments

- Mr. Brown – Concerns regarding placement of trash cans; lots of resident complaints
- Bill (Bates) First time hearing about this; Routinely inspect trash pick-up routes; Will meet with crew to ensure trash cans are pushed back to the curbs
- CM Ford – Can you address the delays; What’s the protocol for reaching out to the Town? Can a news flash be put on the Town marquee?
- Bill (Bates) – The deadline for trash pick-up is 7pm; There were mechanical issues; We will also come out on Saturday; Has TA’s contact information in case of any problems
- CM Akers – Has encountered problems with customer service; Not friendly or educated
- Carolyn (Bates) Should that happen notify me and the situation will be remedied; Can you share their information with me via email?
- CM Akers- I have gotten names; When I asked for a manager and was told there was none available.
- CM Cason – I encourage residents to report problems to the Town to resolve at a management level
- CM Williams – Heard from residents about the quality of the receptacles; they are rigid and take a beating; They break easily; Can anything be done?
- Carolyn (Bates) – 10-year warranty on the trash cans; Stronger than what’s available in the stores
- CM Cason – Residents were required to have their addresses on the trash cans; the stickers were placed on them by Bates.
- Carolyn (Bates) - That was before my time; this isn’t a project Bates will undertake.
- Elliott Reed – We appreciate the twice weekly pick-up. Our seniors and elders need to be taken care of; Whatever is promised, deliver promptly, efficiently and professionally; Looking for the service that is the best value.

Today is my first day teaching at Whitehall Academy. I’m excited to see the changes in the Town. Look at all the progress.

- James Brown – Some municipalities pick-up just garbage bags. Can we look at that?
- Bill (Bates)- We pick-up regardless of the container or bag
- Ms. Johnson – Abundant Life Market is advertised on the website; All residents should be able to market their businesses on the website
- TA Habada – We received a call from a Councilmember requesting it be placed on the website; They have a relationship with the Co-op and plan to provide delivery to homes.
- Ms. Johnson – The food grown in the High Tunnel, is it food we pay for or the Town?
- CM Williams – Advertisement is as Bev stated; There is a relationship to what we were growing; Co-op will be a place owned by the community
- Ms. Johnson – What is the protocol about advertisements? Requested the ad be removed. Is there a plan in place for the High Tunnel?

## VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes for Sept. 13, 2021 Public Session – Council Motioned by CM Ford to approve the minutes; Seconded by CM Chew; CM Brown objected; She wants the minutes professionally transcribed;

### **VOTE**

**CM Akers Y**

**CM Brown N**

**CM Chew Y**



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**CM Ford Y**

**CM Williams N**

**Vote carries 3 yes, 2 no**

**IX. Legislative Items – None**

**X. Virtual Meeting Protocol Approval– CM Ford**

**CM Ford provided her updates to the protocol;** CM Akers objected to changes being made; Requested it come back to a Work Session

**CM Ford Motioned for the Protocol to be accepted; There was no Second; Motion Fails**

**XI. Senior Management Report – TA Habada**

**TA Habada presented her report;**

- Developed a form for staff requiring legal assistance;
- Starting on the FY 2022 Budget expenditures and expect to have them to be completed by October 4<sup>th</sup>;

**XII. Action Item Tracker Additions - Mayor Pro Tem Cason – CM Cason Asked that Council respond to staff requests**

for updates

**XIII. Council Announcements**

**CM Williams –** November 5<sup>th</sup> Listening Tour; First Baptist has confirmed; Need folks to voice their solutions; Community, Health and Environment working on next round of the Coop; Looking for a vehicle

**CM Ford –** Toastmasters Club encourage residents to join on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday virtually at 6pm; 1st ten to join by September 30<sup>th</sup> will have their names placed in the pot to win a chance at 4 Kindles. Community Outreach Committee meets on October 6th at 7:30PM

**CM Chew –** October 30<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival at either Brooke's Road or property near the Metro. Spoke with residents at Gateway. Can we do something for the residents there before the year is out?

**CM Brown –** Submitting my calendar for publication; Concerned about missing rims and nets in London Woods. Our youth have to go to other communities to play ball.

**TA Habada –** I will discuss the rims and nets with Charles.

**CM Brown –** Lyn Twyman speaker on domestic violence.

**CM Akers –** NSD Safety Committee – Looking at adopting a street corner; Part of the beautification efforts

**CM Chew Motioned to go into Closed Session to discuss the Chief's contract; Seconded by CM Akers**

Public Session adjourned at 9:54PM

**XIV. Adjournment**