

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF FOREST HEIGHTS (Wednesday, September 17, 2025)*Generated by LaToya Chisolm on Friday, September 19, 2025***Members present**

Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald (Virtual), Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Meeting called to order at 8:02 PM**1. WELCOME**

Procedural: A. Call to Order - Mayor Lilly

Procedural: B. Moment of Silence - Mayor Lilly

Procedural: C. Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Lilly

2. MEETING MINUTES

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Minutes For September 2, 2025

Accepted-No Vote

3. MAIN AGENDA

Action: A. Approval of Main Agenda

Agenda was amended adding a closed session after legislation.

Motion: I move to amend agenda adding a closed session after legislation

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Taunya Hines.

Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Motion: I move to approve agenda as amended

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Taunya Hines.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Motion: I move to amend the agenda adding a presentation from the department of the environment.

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Shaneese Little.

Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Motion: I move to amend agenda adding Greenwill presentation

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Theresa Brownson.

Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Action, Discussion: B. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

- Proclamation was read onto the record by Mayor Lilly.

I move to adopt the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Motion by Councilwoman Taunya Hines, second by Councilwoman Shaneese Little.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Information: D. Prince George's County Planning Department Presentation

- Presentation of the plan of GoPGC
- Highlighted different modes of transportation, the policies and structure, the evaluation process mentioning that recommendations could be made by municipalities

- informed the Town of areas of the project that will impact the community and where more information can be found

Discussion, Information: E. County Department of Environment Presentation- Modac Lane

- County DOE staff shared and discussed a presentation outlining the Modac Lane beautification plan.
- Stating this plan is an extension of the tree planting project that began in 2024.
- This step will add various trees and shrubs to add to the appeal of the property, and to improve environmental health.
- Council inquired about whether this plan has the ability to go beyond Modac Lane Park adding shrubs and other beautification to the Community Garden, Veterans Park, etc.
- Landscape Architect/Project Manager provided details stating that this may in fact be possible depending on the what may be remaining upon completion of the Modac Park Project & will work with Town administrator on a plan to move forward.
- Mayor Lilly confirmed that additional Town enhancements can be included in the current resolution.
- Ideal start time of this project is September.

Discussion, Information: F. Greenwill Presentation

Priority Project Updates

- Discussion ensued regarding meeting that took place regarding the building of the Boys & Girls Club, looking forward to securing additional funds for the project,
- Currently looking into Declaration form as it pertains to the MD State Retirement,
- Advised council to review emails sent by Leslie Feliz to keep them abreast of what is taking place at the County level,
- Greenspace Equity Program Grant application open for Greenspaces which closes on Oct. 8th.
- Mayor Lilly added that Greenspace assistance would be great as it pertains to the Oxon Cove Trail.
 - Ms. Feliz informed the council that a partnership may be required to move forward on opportunities that include County property.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Action, Discussion: A. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 02-25 | AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING AND REVISING ARTICLE 15 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC) OF THE TOWN ORDINANCE CODE TO ADD SECTION 15.6.2 (STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS) AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STOP SIGN CAMERAS IN TOWN; AMENDING SECTION 15.13 (PENALTIES, REMEDIES; AND FEES) TO CHANGE OR ESTABLISH CERTAIN FINES OR FEES; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS.

- Rob Carr- provided background about areas currently using services, provided presentation on the type of violations seen in the county,
- provided information on dashcam item and what services they provide,
- discussed results that have been determined through evaluation of approximately 12 municipalities,
- discussed reasons that contribute to the violations being seen. Budgets, lack of community by in, cell phone use, etc.
- Discussed the issues that prevent services such as Obvio being used in communities, main issue being community by in.
- Video footage provides concrete evidence of violations with results are presented to the Mayor & Council quarterly.
- TOFH-2,784 violation within the TOFH in 12 intersections

Q&A ensued regarding

- Stop Signs reported as not visible
- evaluations done of the stop signs to determine if the stops are viable.
- how certain markings in the road may cause confusion and may need to be re-evaluated.
- Importance of having the technology used near schools.
- Mayor Lilly mentioned camera implementation will help to assess current stop signs and if changes need to be made.

Mayor Lilly states this Ordinance allows changes to the Town code for execution. Attorney Best highlight specific language in the Ordinance that shows changes that will be made, states fines are not definitive, discretion allows lowering fines.

Clarification on whether we are bound to amounts indicated for speeding however you will have the ability to modify in the future, A new Ordinance would be required to determine change of fees, Note added that results can help to determine if changes needed to be made, where does community education for residents (Obvio will be invited to speak with public before implementation) Town will host for residents to be provided information, Can community be educated in a timely fashion, Personal experience shared by CP about witnessing someone being hit by a car further stating the importance. Attorney Best adds Stop signs camera fine is \$40

I move to adopt Emergency Ordinance 02-25

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Council President Paula Noble

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

5. COUNCILMEMBER AND MAYOR REPORTS

Procedural: A. Ward I- Councilwoman Jamilah C. McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little

Councilwoman McDonald- Nothing to report

- Councilwoman Little-invites the public to Community Game Night on Friday Sept. 19

Procedural: B. Ward II - Councilwoman Theresa Brownson

- Councilwoman Brownson- Garden getting ready to close for summer/ spring, opening for Fall, No beds available
- Requests garden message be removed from electronic board

Councilman Kennedy-Absent

Procedural: C. Ward III - Councilwoman Taunya Hines

- Councilwoman Hines announced Ward III Community Walk was rescheduled, Harvest and haunted house are upcoming, Flu season is approaching, cautions public to be aware.

Procedural: D. Ward II- Council President Paula Noble

- Council President Noble- Highlighted all of the good information that has come forward, welcomes everyone to come out to Community Game Night
- Mayor Lilly requests that a Text alert go out for Community Game Night

Procedural: E. Mayor Troy Lilly

- Police Chief Interviews underway
- Exploring Mentoring Opportunities for Young Men - meeting hoping to connect with 100 Black men to offer services to young men complimenting POWER a mentoring program for young women
- Stuff the Bus initiative with Stuff the Bus was successful, Kudos to Acting Chief Forster and all other persons whom contributed
- Veterans event highlighted discussing the sharing that took place with Dr. Dula and gave Kudos to other persons whom were attended and helped make the event successful such as Delegate Jamila Woods & Commissioner Lindell Murphy
- Highlighted Ward 1 Community Walk and the positive feedback received
- Listening Session in District 26 highlighted Councilpersons who attended
- States Attorney Public Safety Forum, discussed increased partnership on preventing crime
- Highlighted Community Card Night success, Kudos to Councilwoman Little on teaching crochet to the class
- Community Bowl Football Game, Potomac High School on September 26@6PM
 - Youth Ambassadors requested permission from Council for November
- Neighborhood Watch Meeting Oct. 6th.

6. PUBLIC PERIOD

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comments

- Resident Joseph Edwards- mentioned purpose of white line agreeing with need to have issue addressed.- Regarding Public Hearing item
- Willow Collins- Kudos to seeing and hearing about all the great things taking place in the Town, inquired about service hours being offered for youth in connection with beautification projects
- Mayor Lilly requested Town Administrator, Mr. Jackson with determining if service hours could be provided in connection with Modac Lane project, stated hours are available within Community Garden, Commended Officer Hazel for community policing.

7. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

Action, Discussion: A. RESOLUTION 40-25 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, AND THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS ON BEHALF OF FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SHARING OF VIDEO SOURCES

- Mayor Lilly provides background on the Resolution and it's purpose.
- Question regarding if the cameras being shared is a two way where TOFH shares their camera access and be provided access to the counties.
 - Lt. Rease confirms that there will be shared access to County cameras along with any other entities within their agreement.

I move to adopt Resolution 40-25 as amended

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Taunya Hines.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

I move to amend Resolution 40-25 in striking date of Sept. 2 to Sept. 17th on approved line.

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Council President Paula Noble.

Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Action, Discussion: B. RESOLUTION 45-25 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL

- Mayor Lilly read benefits of the Resolution onto record. No Discussion

I move to adopt Resolution 45-25

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Action, Discussion: C. RESOLUTION 46-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE PURDUE BANKRUPTCY PLAN AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN THE PURDUE DIRECT AND OTHER OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

- Mayor Lilly provided background on Resolution, time period of settlements, no upfront legal fees to the Town to work with lawyers amidst this ongoing case.
- Fees only paid out if a settlement is awarded.
- Upcoming deadline looking to met upon affirmative vote
- If approved Mayor can move forward with providing documents on the issue.

I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 46-25

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Taunya Hines.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Action, Discussion: D. RESOLUTION 47-25 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS (THE "TOWN") AND OBVIO INC. ("OBVIO") IN ORDER TO DEPLOY AND MAINTAIN AUTOMATED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE TOWN TO ENFORCE TRAFFIC LAWS, INCLUDING STOP SIGN VIOLATIONS, AND PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY

I move to approve Resolution 47-25

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Shaneese Little.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Action, Discussion: E. RESOLUTION 48-25 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND GRANT PERMISSION TO ALLOW ACCESS AND ENTRY TO MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES AND RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, IN ORDER TO DESIGN, SURVEY, LOCATE UTILITIES, TEST SOIL, LOCATE & PLANT TREES, AND PERFORM OTHER DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH INSTALLATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF URBAN STREET TREES

- Mayor Lilly provided background on Resolution approving the work to be done with regards to Modac Lane, Discussion ensued regarding whether verbiage would need to be changed to include other areas discussed for beautification, discussion regarding right of way specifications.
- Verbiage provided does allow for flexibility outside of Modac Lane.
- Council inquired about how modifications will potentially affect residents since the resolution is regarding right of ways.
- additional discussion determined this will not affect residents as the project is mainly for Modac Park.

I move to adopt Resolution 48-25

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Paula Noble.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

8. Closed Session

Action: A. Vote to enter Closed Session
Closed Session entered at 10:02 PM

I move to go into closed session to discuss General Provisions Art § #1 & #7

Motion by Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly, second by Councilwoman Taunya Hines.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Councilwoman Jamilah C McDonald, Councilwoman Shaneese Little, Councilwoman Theresa Brownson, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Council President Paula Noble, Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

9. ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: A. Adjourn-Mayor Lilly
• Mayor Lilly read Presiding Officer statement onto the record

Meeting adjourned at 10:50PM