

Town Council Workshop
June 25, 2018

Present: Rebecca Mann, Lee Collins, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Carolyn Blevins, Town Attorney Tom Yeager
Staff: Clerk/W&S/Zoning Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls
Absent: Town Manager Rob Bernstine

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Prior Business

Elections – Write in Votes

Town Attorney, reading of the Charter stated that there's no provision for write in votes. No legal significance. They do not count. They could not take office if they won. A write in is not listed on the ballot, they can be ignored. They can be counted and announced – while it's done in federal and state elections, we do not have to do it. Future ballots will have "Write in votes are not recognized", citing 26-32 of the Charter.

Landscaping Plan for Union Street Park – Joanne Healey

Joanne Healey looked at the design and suggest some native plantings – not to re-engineer. She also mentioned we may qualify for some credits for watershed. The plantings would be as low maintenance as possible. Joanne and the Town would looking into Pollinators and "Bee City" qualifications. Joanne would be volunteering her services for this project.

Marketing – Steve Connell

Currently operates the Bay Breeze, interested in becoming the volunteer marketing/Economic Development volunteer person for Chesapeake City. What he's proposing to bring events to Town where the Town would get a share. Paint & Sip – a possible event the Town. Councilman Hill wants a proposal to look at on paper.

Harriett Davis stated that whoever is in the position – they have to realize that Pell Garden in not owned by the Town – you have to check with her first for availability. Groups fill out paperwork six or more months ahead.

New Business

Helen Titter Park – Councilman Hill did not care for restroom in front of the pavilion, felt that area should be left open, and suggested moving it. Acting Town Manager Rob had our guys go out and mark the area. Simple to change at this point; Council should stop over and see it marked out. Councilman Hill will work with Rob and KCI.

Council Assignments

Under charter will have to do as a Resolution for assignments. Town Attorney will have it prepared at the next meeting.

MML Dinner

Dinner is in Bel Air on Thursday July 19th. Mayor Taylor will be attending. Please let Val know if you will be attending by July 11, 2018.

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Council Comments:

Councilwoman Mann: Regarding Council Assignments, we could put together a list and rotate the list through the Council and then send to the Town Attorney for the Resolution.

Public Comments:

Harriett Davis: Sunday is the fireworks display and first concert for the Civic association. Music starts at 6pm and will play all the way through the display.

Town Attorney Yeager – thanking the Town for contributing to his MML conference fees.

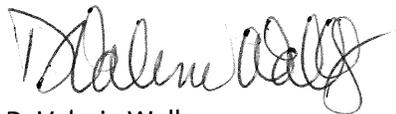
Valerie Walls: We qualified for the Banner City Award given at MML and received our date marker for the plaque.

Councilman Vari stated the levees will be open for parking for the fireworks.

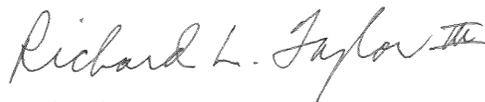
Mayor: Wants to send a letter with the Sherriff's contract.

Workshop adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III
Mayor