

Town Council Workshop/Special Session/Closed Session
May 28, 2019

Present: Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Mayor Richard Taylor, Frank Hill, Carolyn Blevins, Town Attorney Thomas Yeager

Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

WORKSHOP

Permit Parking on Charles St

Email from Pam Phillips regarding parking during bridge work. Asking for a temporary parking space in front of her house because of not being able to park behind her house; only to use until the Corps completes their work. Commissioner Vari wants to monitor the situation, will re-visit regarding a permit, including having Maureen take a long at it and make a recommendation.

Façade Grant 2020-

Council wants Sharon Weygand to finish the paperwork for the 2020 grant regardless if her contract is extended. They are also looking into a Historic district grant one to get additional funding.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to go into a Closed Session at 7:09pm to discuss bids for the waste water operations and trash/recycling hauling and for legal council to advise. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Session-pending bids and contracts

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to close the Closed Session at 7:59pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Special Session

RFP Operating the Sewer Plants

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to reject all the bids for operations based on what is budgeted for the next fiscal year; Will enter into negotiations with Cecil County Department of Public Works. This was seconded by Councilman Hill. All in favor, motion carries.

RFP for Waste/Recycling Collection

All bids were in excess of what is budgeted for the next fiscal year, would like to work with the lowest bid MPK. Verification needed of the exact number of cans, (trash and recycling

surcharges included in per can amount), clarification of amount per load for yard waste (not a flat monthly fee)

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to accept the low bid provided by MPK Services, subject to the scope of the services; for one year, with the option of a second year. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to return to a Closed Session to discuss personnel issues. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Session – Personnel issues

Returned into the Special Session

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to adjourn the Special Session and continue with the workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Adams: Concerned about the financial state of the Town and believes we need to raise property taxes next year.

Councilman Vari provided an update on SHA beginning to remove the islands and bump-outs on Biddle Street.

Mayor Taylor would like to address sidewalk repairs on Charles Street, pole numbers to Delmarva for street light malfunctions and the tour bus parking on the bulkhead dock for Chesapeake City Water Tours.

Workshop Adjourned

Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor, III
Mayor