

Town Council Workshop/ Public Hearing/Closed Session
April 27, 2020 * Zoom Meeting

Present: Randy McLennan, Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Ed O'Hara, Town Attorney Tom Yeager

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

6:30pm – Call to Order

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

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to go into a Special Session of a Public Hearing to discuss the Constant Yield Tax Rate, our current rate, a presentation of the Budget for 2020/2021 and to introduce the Budget Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Constant Yield Tax Rate for 2020/2021
Discussion of keeping the current rate vs going with the Constant Yield Tax Rate. The Budget Committee favored keeping the current rate for the additional six thousand dollars.
- Budget 2020/2021
Discussion going through each section. Would like Council to review and get any questions or changes to the Clerk/Treasurer by Tuesday. If needed, the Budget Committee would meet the following Thursday at 3:30pm.
- Introducing Ordinance No: 2020-003 Town of Chesapeake City Budget Ordinance

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to close the Public Hearing and Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Canal Race: Councilman Vari believes this race will be cancelled because of Covid 19. There will be some expenses from Races2Go for online advertising, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- Suggested Procedures for Election 2020
More discussion needed, favoring the absentee ballots for mail in votes and possibly having one poll open on the back of Town Hall on July 6th for voting and to be able to have social distancing.

Public Comment

The Mayor and Council hope the residents continue the social distancing, stay safe and be careful.

Councilman Vari reminding the residents to complete the Census and be counted!

Councilman Hill thanking Rob and Val for the time put in on the budget figuring. Thanking Councilman Adams and the Mayor for their input at the meetings. Thinks it's a pretty good plan.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to go into a closed meeting to consider matters that relate to the negotiations for Town owned property.

CLOSED SESSION –To consider matters that relate to the negotiations for Town owned property

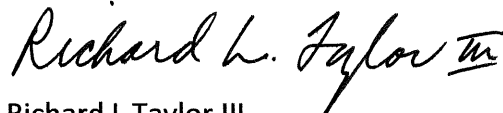
MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to close the Closed Session and return to the workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

Workshop was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Submitted by :



Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III
Mayor