

Town Council Zoom Meeting July 13, 2020

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 Adams, 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

Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls read the results of the Election from July 6, 2020. For the office of Mayor, there was only one runner, Rich Taylor, with a total of 190 votes. For the office of Councilperson there were two seats, with three runners; Lee Adams 136 votes, Frank Hill 125 votes and Martin Turofski 105.

Swearing in of Councilman

Councilman Lee Adams and Councilman Frank Hill were sworn in for the next two years.

Mayor Taylor was sworn in on July 8, 2020 at Circuit Court by Charlene Notorcola.

Approval of Minutes

- Town Council Meeting June 8, 2020 Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to accept the minutes from the June 8, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

- Town Council Workshop June 22, 2020 Workshop

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the minutes from the workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

- Town Council Special Session/Closed Session June 23, 2020

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Lee Adams to accept the minutes from the Special Session, Closed Session with the correction of changing the Townhouse number from 19 to 14. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports

- Commissioner Adams: Water & Sewer Department Head, Planning Commission Liaison
Bids due (for Sewer plant) Thursday at 3pm, bids will be opened and the amount recorded. Will vote in the August meeting. A few violations on the north side, which is never good – believe it was caused by holes on wall. Have estimates to get it fixed. South side looks pretty good. MDE final inspection of the Tower should be soon and the last reimbursement will be \$95,000.

Commissioner Hill: VP of Council, Finance Department Head, Capital Imp., Historic District Commission
Reviewed the balances in the checking and savings accounts. Historic District Commission Karen Rita has replaced Harriett Davis as Vice Chair.

Commissioner McLennan Public Safety Department Head, Police, Noise, Ethics Compliance
Trooper read through some statistics for the area; adjusting schedules for extra shifts on Biddle Street for speeders.

Commissioner O'Hara: Economic Development Department Head, Tourism, Docks
Trying to pull together the Farmers Market, meeting with Greg Shelton.

Commissioner Vari: Public Works Department Head (Roads, Sidewalks, Lights, Utilities, Signage)
Parks & Recreation Dep. Head, Waste Mgt, 5K Race Program, Special Events Coordinator

Congratulated members on their re-election. Public Works: Corners completed on George Street; Delmarva removed old poles, received word that 60% of budget for Chesapeake City has been taken away due to the Coronavirus. The catch basin is the only project left. Homeowner is very happy with the job completed on 500 Biddle Street. Safety issue on Bohemia & 2nd is in review, working on a temporary repair. Chesapeake City was named Top Recycling Town for the 10th year. Slow enrollment for the Conquer the Bridge. The Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference was virtual for the first time and went well. Masks are still in need, they can be dropped at Town Hall. Encouraging the Town to follow the Governors directives; wear your masks, use hand sanitizer, keep social distancing, etc. Complimented John Loveless & Zach Timchula for doing their jobs in this heat.

- Rob Bernstine, Town Manager – Veteran’s Tree (across from the Sister’s Property) was stolen, including the lights, and is being replaced; Helen Titter Rest Room – did water hook-up last week, sewer connection completed today. Safe Routes To School package presented to the State, hope to get it out to bid shortly.
- Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer – in regards of the the HTP project, will be using the line of Credit to pay the bills, that will end up being reimbursable.
- Mayor Rich Taylor - Thanking John, Zach and Maureen for the work done on the fire hydrants.

Action Items

New Business

- KCI Contract – was reviewed at the workshop, we need to align the funding to the actual contracts that included two amendments, modifying flow rates and one year construction to a two year construction for the new sewer plant. Administrative changes reimbursable under the contract.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman McLennan to approve the KCI Contract. All in favor, motion carried.

- Changes to the CDO Ordinance 2020-004

MOTION: Councilman McLennan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the changes to the CDO, Ordinance 2020-004. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: Barktoberfest

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman McLennan to approve the event application. Councilman O’Hara commented that the ordinance prohibiting alcohol will need to be amended for the event. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: None

Public Comment – None

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilman Adams mentioned for the last election, he had placed twenty signs out. He was only to retrieve eight. In the discussion, it was mentioned that SHA will remove signs in the state right away at any time, especially when mowing.

Councilman Hill thanked the residents for voting him into office, next year will be 50 years. He stated we currently have an opening on the Election Committee.

Town Attorney Tom Yeager: Congratulating the Councilman on their re-election.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL & TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to move into a Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Session

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

Into the regular meeting

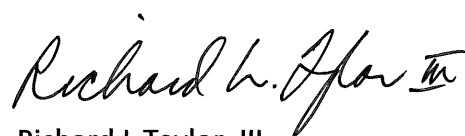
MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the action items discussed in closed session. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor, III
Mayor