

Town Council Workshop / Special Session Minutes

Monday, June 27, 2022

Present: Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Todd Greco, Frank Vari, Lee Adams, Ed O'Hara, Tonya Lockwood (staff), Rob Bernstine (staff), Brian Hunsberger (staff)

Absent: Tom Yeager (attorney)

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Special Session:

Motion: Frank Hill made a motion, seconded by Todd Greco to enter the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items:

Resolution 2022-005 – Façade Grant Application

Annual Resolution for permission to apply for and receive funding from the Community Legacy Grant Program.

Motion: Todd Greco made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve Resolution 2022-005 – Façade Grant Application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Food Vendors

Neither of the potential vendors came back to the Town with further requests. Council had no comments.

Delmarva Power – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Delmarva would like to install some charging stations using grant funding from the State of Maryland. Council agrees that one or two could be installed. Finding a location is the next step. Some suggestions that came up were in Schaefer's Parking Lot, out by Maria's, in a Ferry Slip Parking Space, in a Town Hall Lot Parking Space. Locations on private property would need the owner's permission. Rob will meet with Delmarva and get feedback on their preferred locations

Quarterly Meeting – Cecil Harford Chapter (MML)

The Town will host the October Quarterly Meeting. It was held last time at Chesapeake Inn, so we were thinking about hosting it at Schaefer's. Council had no objections to hosting the event at Schaefer's. Tonya will confirm the date and buffet choice. We need to provide a guest speaker; Brian suggested a Pilot. We made contact with a resident who may have an interested participant. Further details will be made available soon. We also need to provide small gifts; Council and Staff will think about gift ideas.

Extra Boat for DJ Fasick

DJ has a second tour boat that he would like to use on Friday, July 1, 2022, during the fireworks. He would like the Town to reserve space for him Thursday night through Saturday morning, on the Town Dock so that he can

run an extra tour. This would be a one-time thing, for that specific time period only. It was suggested that the Town should ask for some type of revenue for the use of the dock space. Some suggestions are a dollar for each ticket, the cost of two transient boater spaces, or a price per foot of the boat. Rob will ask him for a donation to the Town for the one-time deal.

Public Comment:

Rob: Met with Bathon Builders on the First Street Sidewalk Project, it will take about a month to complete. They plan to start around Labor Day. First Street will be closed during construction, so we need to figure out traffic/parking during that time. Bathon plans to try to keep things open on the weekends.

We have 2 contracts left to complete, Artesian and Wagner and Associates.

Al Wein: He is now working for Artesian as a liaison with the Towns that are customers. He can answer any questions that the Town may have.

Mayor and Council Comments:

Frank: On July 11, we will host a local cub scout troop, where two of them will read their essays they wrote on Community Service.

Todd: We will not issue parking permits for the next few weeks. We will look at reviewing and making changes to the existing Ordinance and the location of the spaces.

Rich: Rich presented Frank Hill with a proclamation for his tremendous dedication to our Town. We will pause the Workshop for a celebration in Frank's honor. Several of his friends and family were in attendance.

He presented a proclamation at the Lions Club 75th Anniversary. The Canal 5k was fantastic! Ben Cardin and his wife were in attendance, and he was beaming while handing out the awards!

Thank you to Frank Hill for running the last meeting.

Frank Hill: Thanked everyone for the kind words and offered some words of wisdom: Take care of Chesapeake City and keep it Chesapeake City!

Thank you to everyone for all you've done to help me while serving!

Closed Session:

For the purpose of, before a contract is awarded, discussing a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy, where public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

Motion: Lee Adams made a motion, seconded by Todd Greco to enter the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Special Session:

Motion: Lee Adams made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to enact the items discussed in the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion: Frank Hill made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to adjourn the Special Session at 8:09 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Lockwood

Richard L. Taylor, III, Mayor