

Town of Chesapeake City

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2022

Present: Mayor Rich Taylor, Sarah Ford-Ferrara, Frank Vari, Lee Adams, Ed O'Hara, Todd Greco, Tonya Lockwood (staff), Rob Bernstine (staff), Tom Yeager (attorney)

Absent:

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

Approval of Minutes:

July 11, 2022, Meeting

Motion: Sarah Ford-Ferrara made a motion, seconded by Todd Greco to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2022, Meeting. Lee A., Frank V., Sarah F., Todd G. in favor, motion carried. Ed O'Hara, abstained.

July 25, 2022, Workshop

Motion: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Sarah Ford-Ferrara to accept the minutes from the July 25, 2022, Workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Reports:

Lee Adams

Water and Sewer- The WWTP Progress Meeting was held July 19, 2022. They will tentatively start to train staff and fill the plant with fresh water in mid-August. Lee read the WWTP flows for last month from the County Report (attached). There were 5 violations on the North Side in July, however, this plant will be shut down soon so these violations will end shortly. These violations are due to the age of the plant only and not due to operator error or negligence. We are frequently over the maximum capacity on the South Side due to I & I. We are working with KCI to solve this problem.

Planning Commission- The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, they held a Concept Review for File 2022-057 – Nicholas Loop – Bridgepoint Townhomes, in Lee's opinion they are 75% on the way to getting Zoning Approvals. They also reviewed and approved a letter of support to be sent to the Board of Appeals for 105 Bohemia Ave. and the 2 following applications. File 2022-058 – 508 Second Street – Renovate and repair home on existing footprint, File 2022-063 – 11 Bohemia Ave – Temporary 10' x 12' Band Platform. For the Zoning Administrator Report, please see the attached Town Manager Report.

Sarah Ford-Ferrara

Historic Commission- Minutes were approved for the 6/28 meeting. Approved renovations for 5 properties: 323 Bohemia Ave. Roof replacement and removal of exposed chimney - Approved w/ Amanda MacCauley abstaining; 207 Bohemia Ave. To replace 4 windows and the front door - Approved with conditions that the door must be wood, and windows must be Pella or Martin wood/wood clad windows; 203 Bohemia Ave. To replace siding on south side w/ hardiplank and paint to match existing color - Approved w/ whole house siding to be replaced w/ hardiplank; 220 George St. To replace windows from vinyl/aluminum clad wood to fiberglass clad wood windows - Approved; 508 Second St. To Renovate and repair home on existing footprint - Approved as submitted except the level and rake rails to be wood and white; and square balusters to also be wood and white w/ Sarah Ford-Ferrara abstaining.

Todd Greco

Public Safety- Todd read the police report (attached) from Sgt. Proctor. There has been an increase in Noise Complaints recently. We also have had some complaints regarding speeding on Biddle St., we are asking the State Police to cover that area if possible. Mike DeFino has offered to help the Town remove the vehicle at the church. Given the ordinance that we have, from 1979, it limits the Town to having the “police” tow the vehicle. It would behoove the Town to create an Ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles.

Ed O’Hara

Economic Development and Tourism- Tonya gave tours to DMB Films. The Lions Club Car Show will be held later this month. Street Sweeping will be scheduled for Wed., Aug. 24. There will be no Ghost Walk this year from Poplar Hall. The Christmas Market will be held one week later than usual on Dec. 10 and will coincide with the Candlelight House Tour.

Finance- The monthly financial reports from Treasurer Brian Hunsberger were distributed.

Frank Vari

Public Works- Frank will attend the Cecil County Ceremony on Wednesday to accept the Top Recycling Town Award. SHA denied a request for a 4-way stop at Lock and Biddle; Frank will ask another higher-up to re-review the request. This was due to the morning data being light. Evening data was significantly higher, but not enough.

Parks and Rec- Meeting will be held Thursday rather than Tuesday this week. Frank attended the MML Quarterly Meeting, Scott Hamilton is retiring. On Oct. 20 we will host the quarterly dinner. CCEA will hold a 9/11 Service at the VFW at 6:30 pm.

Rob Bernstine, Town Manager

See attached report.

Brian Hunsberger, Treasurer

Distributed monthly reports for July and read the account balances as of today.

Mayor Rich Taylor

Nothing to add, other than maybe an additional blind for the door to block the bright sun during the meetings.

Action Items:

Lease Agreement for 508 Second Street Encroachment

Council generally does not have any issue with this Lease.

Motion: Sarah Ford-Ferrara made a motion, seconded by Todd Greco to approve Rich, Tom, Tonya, and Rob to enter and enact a Lease Agreement for 508 Second Street Encroachment, consistent with the discussion held at the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Public Comment:

Council Comments:

Sarah- Update the code on abandoned vehicles.

Todd - A letter needs to be drafted to restaurant owners about the open container law.

Adjourn:

Motion: Todd Greco made a motion, seconded by Sarah Ford-Ferrara to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Lockwood

Richard L. Taylor, III, Mayor