

Town Council Workshop/Special Session Minutes

Monday, November 25, 2024

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

Absent:

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Special Session:

Motion: Lee Adams made a motion, seconded by Ed O'Hara to enter the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items:

Dock Agreement- Pax Maris Maritime Foundation, Inc.

Matthew Cole has come before the Council a number of times over the past year, under the previous name of Liberty Launch, regarding the use of approximately 50 feet of the long dock for storage of his antique boat. He currently would like to keep his antique boat at the Town Dock during the winter months that DJ is not there, which would be a donation from the Town. He will light the boat to make it attractive for folks to look at, allow guests aboard during business hours to check out the interior, and may even partner with some restaurants to offer dessert on the boat following meals. The new business name is Pax Maris Maritime Foundation, Inc.

Motion: Ed O'Hara made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to deny any agreement with Pax Maris Maritime Foundation, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

2024 Comprehensive Plan

A joint Public Hearing was held for the Draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, to obtain input from the public. A Draft of the Comprehensive Plan was sent to the State and other local agencies for review on August 19, 2024. Notice for the Public Hearing was placed in the Cecil Daily Newspaper on October 9, 2024, and notice was given at Town Hall, on the Website, and on Facebook on October 3, 2024. No comments were submitted prior to the start of the meeting. Jamie Kendrick from Woodvalley Strategies spoke and explained the reasoning/requirements for a Comprehensive Plan and answered questions from the audience. A copy of minutes from the Public Hearing was distributed to the Council for review at the meeting held on November 12, 2024.

Following the Council Meeting on November 12, 2024, a few minor typographical errors have been made. There are still numbers that need to be updated on the table on page 38.

One Councilmember has requested a rewording on pg. 17 regarding senior housing/affordable units. We will request an update/rewording on that section from Jamie.

Public Comment:

None.

Mayor and Council Comments:

We had two great boats on the dock last week. We have plenty of interesting boats and people coming and going at our dock all year and they recommend us to all of their fellow boaters.

Adjourn:

Motion: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Sarah Ford-Ferrara to adjourn the Special Session at 8:10 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at

**An audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Lockwood

Richard L. Taylor, III, Mayor