

Town Council Workshop Minutes

Monday, April 27, 2026

Present: Mayor Rich Taylor, Sarah Ford-Ferrara, Rick Webster, Frank Vari, Lee Adams, Ed O'Hara, Tonya Lockwood (staff), Rob Bernstine (staff), Brian Hunsberger, Genevieve Macfarlane (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.

Discussion Items:

Blind Spot at Third and Charles Street Intersection

A Third Street resident reached out with concerns regarding this intersection. When any vehicle, but especially large trucks are parked in the parallel spot on Third closest to Charles, there is no visibility for traffic at the Charles Street stop sign trying to pull onto Third Street. Several times a week when driving West on Third, a car from Charles pulls out in front of you. Third St is also very narrow causing the car turning East from Charles to pull into the path of the Westward moving vehicle on Third. A few options would be to make it a 3-way stop at that intersection, remove the mentioned parking space, or make it a few motorcycle spaces. The most well received option is to remove one space, and make that section have 3 spaces, rather than 4, pushing the spaces to the middle of the block as to not make a blind spot going the other way for Pine Street Alley.

Contract Renewals – State Police, Waste Management, & Chesapeake City Water Tours

The first two contracts are due for renewal in July 2026.

State Police – Council is happy with the State Police and look forward to our continued efforts.

Waste Management – There are complaints about Corey Sanitation, but overall, Council feels they do a good job. They could work on their timing, as they tend to come much later in the day than we are typically used to. It seems we will continue to work with Corey again next year.

The following contract is due January 2027.

Chesapeake City Water Tours – Council would like to see the ferry used more often. Possibly offering more times, and a discount for residents. DJ plans to put better signage up for the Ferry, as he feels it might be hidden and even a bit confusing for visitors and residents.

Rob will reach out to each of these entities to negotiate and renew each of these contracts. Chesapeake City Water Tours Contract may need more adjustments over the other two.

Franchise Agreement - Breezeline

The Breezeline Franchise Agreement renews in 2028, however with the recent Comcast Agreement brought to light issues that need to be addressed in both agreements. Tom had some suggestions from when he was here and that information was distributed to Council.

New Events – Classic and Antique Boat Show & Boat Docking Contest

Classic and Antiques Boat Show, July 11, 2026 – Similar to the Father’s Day Weekend Boat Show hosted in St. Michaels each year.

Boat Docking Contest, September 26, 2026 – Similar to the event hosted in Rock Hall

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Mayor and Council Comments:

Frank – Parks and Rec have redone the wells on the North Side under the bridge. Starting tomorrow the MD State Hwy will start a project on Rt. 213 just South of Town.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Lockwood

Richard L. Taylor, III, Mayor