

# Town Council Workshop/ Special Session Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2011

6:30 pm

Bert Wells

Dean Geracimos

Frank Vari

Frank Hill, Mayor

Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

Rich Taylor

Ron Francis

Sharon Weygand, Town Administrator

Tomas Yeager, Town Attorney

Mayor Hill brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Public Announcements:

**Frank Vari:** Saturday salvageable metals can be dropped off on the North side. We are looking for sponsors and volunteers for the New Years Day 5K. There is a continuous food drive for non-perishables at all the 5Ks for the Ecumenical Association. Town calendars are available for \$12 in Town Hall.

**Harriet Davis:** Ghost Walk is Friday and Saturday 6-9:30pm. Tickets will be on sale in the back of Town Hall, refreshments will be in the front after the walk. Need traffic controllers.

**Frank Hill:** Last weekend was the Pumpkin Fest. Small turnout for the pumpkin lighting, around 60; the fire pits with the smores went over well. Candlelight Tour will be on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, the Pet Parade will be Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Tree lighting will be on Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business

- Community Garden in Helen Titter Park – License Agreement

Frank Vari to meet with the Parks & Rec committee for the laying out of the plots. Town would do an initial one-time tilling of the dirt. No fees will be involved. Council to vote on form in November meeting.

- Work-in-Progress ordinance regarding Water & Sewer Rate Levels –November workshop
- Electric Power to light 'Welcome' Sign on South side/Christmas Tree Lighting

Should have power within 3 weeks. Zach Phipps to put up the lights.

- Artesian Contract 2006

2.8 modifying to include "all applicable federal and state mandates"

- Comprehensive Dev Ordinance

Tentative Special Session with Chris Jakubiak on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please forward questions to the Mayor and he will forward to Chris

- Location EQ tank-nothing new to report
- Sewer line to the School

The school will not pay for anything outside of the school property. Perry Willis needs an estimate of the cost, including the fixture rate so he can get it into the Capital Improvement Plan. There is a budget of \$750,000.

- Post Storm Responses

Would like to see procedures regarding Town responses and resident responsibilities

- Items from Parking Committee – Raising fines/limited parking/signage

Would need a resolution regarding overnight parking in the newer parking lots. Suggested new signs for Town Hall Parking lot to indicate Permit Parking Only. Short discussion on raising the parking fines to \$30 and \$35. Metered parking in Pell Gardens and Ferry Slip Park. Mayor asked the Parking Committee for options.

**NOTE: Commissioner Dean Geracimos left the meeting at 8:11 pm**

- Water Tower- *Where to put it?* Requesting a letter from the school stating we are allowed to put a tower behind the ball field to reserve that spot and move to a Memorandum of Understanding with school.
- Engineering Contract for Phase II – we are still within the 90 days. Asking for clarification of the hours of inspection. Daily inspections are not needed. Will award contract at the November Meeting
- Engineering Contract for Water Meters –Ron and Sharon are working on clarification questions. This will also be awarded at the November meeting

## New Business

- Newsletter-looking for more communications in Town. Bert will work on – will include in the water bills.
- Special Session Notices- include notifying Stephanie with Cecil Guardian
- Boat Slip User Fee-Reviewing what Charlestown has in place. Will discuss again at the November workshop.
- Holiday Open House Date: December 16<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm
- FY Budget Updates – review of proposed budget amendments. Vote at November meeting.
- North Chesapeake City Neighborhood Association Floodlight Proposal – will continue to research options. Would like to have flood lights for Holiday Season. Council to vote at November meeting.

## SPECIAL SESSION

**MOTION:** Rich Taylor made a motion, seconded by Ron Francis to open into a Special Session to approve three charter amendments and a resolution. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Commission Geracimos left meeting at 8:11pm. Motion carried.

- Charter Resolution 9-26-2011A for the purposes of Amending the Town Charter to increase the monetary amount of contracts for which sealed bids are not required from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

**MOTION:** Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Rich Taylor to approved Charter Resolution 9-26-2011A. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Commission Geracimos left meeting at 8:11pm. Motion carried.

- Charter Resolution 9-26-2011B for the purposes of Amending the Town Charter to change the date and time of the Annual Organization meeting to reflect consistency with the Town's current meeting schedule.

**MOTION:** Rich Taylor made a motion, seconded by Ron Francis to approve Charter Resolution 9-26-2011B. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Commission Geracimos left meeting at 8:11pm. Motion carried.

- Charter Resolution 9-26-2011C for the purposes of Amending the Town Charter to clarify provisions regarding the Town's Acquisition and Condemnation of Property.

**MOTION:** Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approved Charter Resolution 9-26-2011C. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Commission Geracimos left meeting at 8:11pm. Motion carried.

- Resolution 10.12.2011 Introducing and Accepting for the purposes of appointing the Heads of Offices, Departments and Agencies.

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion seconded by Rich Taylor to adopt Resolution 10.12.2011. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Commission Geracimos left meeting at 8:11pm. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Ron Francis made a motion, Rich Taylor seconded to close the Special Session at 9:30pm. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Commission Geracimos left meeting at 8:11pm. Motion carried.

## Public Comment

**Mike Bobby:** Wanted to discuss his letter to Council regarding the water rates charged to 222 Bohemia Avenue. Because of the way the ordinance is written, as a renter of the building he is being charged a resident rate for the apartment above the store in which he and his wife live and for the store below he is being charged a commercial rate. As an owner, he would only be responsible for one rate. Suggested he speak to the owner of the property with the possibility of giving up one hook-up. At this time Council is not going to waive any of the base rates.

Workshop adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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D. Valerie Walls, Clerk Treasurer

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Frank Hill, Mayor