

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Kimberly B. Lawson, Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Charlotte Scott, Councilwoman
Erik Emely, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Barbara Ward, Councilwoman
Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. City Manager
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Richard Crumbacker; Kerry Palakanis; and Troella Tyznik.

INVOCATION, LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawson made reference to the item on the agenda concerning a bid for a fence at the wind turbine site and asked that this be deleted until the site plan is done by Davis, Bowen and Friedel. He also advised adding a motion to surplus equipment as designated by Mr. Bozman and Mr. Pollitt, but excluding the garbage truck or yellow dump truck.

At this time, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to accept the agenda with the referenced deletion and addition. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ward and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 27, 2016

as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pollitt reviewed his bi-weekly report. He noted work sessions that must be scheduled (see report) and also a meeting scheduled with It Takes A Village.

Mayor Lawson inquired about the next step for golf cart legislation. Mr. Pollitt advised that the committee would need to meet again to devise a City policy.

Councilwoman Scott made reference to meeting with Jean Holloway on the 24th at 5:00 and if this would run over into the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. After further discussion, it was determined and agreed upon, that the meeting with Jean Holloway would begin at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Pollitt also made reference to the White House press release concerning drone technology and Dr. Kerry Palakanis' proposal for use of drones to deliver medicine to Smith Island.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Vice President Johnson noted that a workshop meeting is needed with the It Takes a Village Board and advised that she would coordinate with Secretary Swift about scheduling the meeting, possibly next Wednesday.

Mayor Lawson made reference to the video camera to be placed on Water's Edge and advised he had spoken with the Marina concerning being a sponsor. He requested that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting after he had talked to some other potential sponsors. He also noted that a two year contract would need to be signed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Lawson requested a motion to declare surplus equipment as designated by Mr. Pollitt and Mr.

M&C8316

Bozman. Approval so moved by Councilman Emely and seconded by Council Vice President Johnson.

Councilwoman Scott inquired which pieces would be declared surplus. Mayor Lawson advised that he had nothing in mind, but wants the yellow truck and garbage truck set aside.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mr. Pollitt read a letter to the Mayor and Council declaring Carvel Hall as surplus property. He noted that it must be declared as surplus before it can be sold or leased to a third party. At this time, Councilwoman Scott made a motion to declare Carvel Hall as surplus. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ward and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Scott stated that the property is now zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) and inquired about adding language for additional uses. Mr. Sullivan advised that language would have to be added and reviewed the amendment to Section 112-4 7 of the City's Zoning Code regarding permitted uses in the Light Industrial District.

Mr. Pollitt advised that the Planning Commission would be meeting on Tuesday, August 16th at 4:30 p.m. to review and recommend the change in the zoning text.

EVENT APPLICATION – MIKE STERLING 10K RACE

Approval so moved by Councilman Konapelsky, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

DRONE BRIEFING

Dr. Kerry Palakanis briefed the Mayor and Council on the White House Drone Initiative. She advised that she submitted a written proposal, which was accepted, for a study to consider drone service to deliver

medical supplies to Smith Island. The study should be ready to go by October.

Mayor Lawson inquired if she had discussed it with the County Commissioners. Dr. Palakanis advised that she had not, but that Commission President Laird was aware. Councilman Konapelsky advised that all of the commissioners were aware.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that he is proud of Dr. Palakanis' work adding that it is positive for Crisfield and a good direction for the airport. He stated that it is good for the Council to support the ideas of others.

Dr. Palakanis stated that she found out about the use of drones at the airport at a meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lawson commented that this may open gateways for future use of the airport.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL Q & A, COMMENTS

Councilman Emely advised he had nothing.

Councilwoman Ward advised she had nothing.

Council Vice President Johnson addressed Dr. Palakanis about the Mayor and Council seeming un-receptive to ideas at times.

Council Vice President Johnson also noted that Mr. Sullivan would be needed at the ITAV meeting.

Mr. Sullivan suggested that Ms. Taylor prepare an outline of her concerns prior to the meeting.

Councilwoman Ward commented that she sees the big picture for Crisfield with all proposals, and commented that with everyone working together, we are going in the right direction.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that the Wheels on the Waterfront was a nice event and a huge success. Mayor Lawson commented that Mr. John Tawes came to the Chamber 10 years ago

M&C8316

concerning an idea for this event.

Mayor Lawson made reference to addressing a problem concerning 50 to 60 bags of garbage behind a home on Christy Drive. Councilman Konapelsky advised that the Health Department and MDE may be able to help.

Mayor Lawson made reference to last meeting's complaint from John Dize concerning the deterioration of the cul de sac at the end of Anchor Drive. He advised that this was inspected and there was no problem with the concrete work at there.

Mayor Lawson also advised that Chesapeake Paving is wrapping up their work. He also noted that there would be shorter bumper poles at the new bulkhead at the Depot.

Mayor Lawson noted that the Community Park and Playground Grant was due on August 17th and advised he would be applying for underground street lighting and a flag pole court.

Mr. Jason Loar, DBF, noted that the crane should be here in about 2 weeks to begin assembling the wind turbine. Mayor Lawson noted that the two entrance roads are temporarily closed.

Councilman Emely suggested sending former Mayor Fritz Gerald flowers, as he is in the hospital.

Mr. Pollitt made reference to contacting Ellicott City to offer help due to recent severe flooding.

Councilman Konapelsky advised that Somerset County Emergency Services has offered their help with use of the Damage Assessment Team.

PUBLIC INPUT

None offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and car-

M&C8316

ried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary