

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at City Hall.

PRESENT

Kimberly B. Lawson, Mayor
Charlotte Scott, Council Vice President
LaVerne Johnson, Councilwoman
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Erik Emely, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Rick Pollitt, City Manager
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary

Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF MR. STEVE MARSHALL

Mayor Lawson advised that the guest of honor, Mr. Marshall, would not be present at this celebration of his life and dedicated service to his community, though his two daughters and father were present for him.

At this time, Mayor Lawson requested that Rev. Paul Holland lead those in attendance in the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawson advised that the City, as well as some other guests, had a special presentation for Mr. Marshall, with a City Key declaring August 26, 2015 as "Steve Marshall" Day.

Mayor Lawson reviewed the history of Mr. Marshall's many years of volunteer service to the community as a member of the Ambulance Squad, Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce as well as his service to the Department of Emergency Services, the Crisfield Planning Commission, his Church, family, and the citizens of Crisfield. Mayor Lawson presented his family with the "Keys to the City of Crisfield".

Mr. Clay Stamp, Consultant for the Governor for Emergency Management for the State of Maryland, and Russ Strickland, Director of Emergency Management for the State of Maryland, presented Mr. Marshall's family with a Governors Citation from Governor Hogan.

Delegate Charles Otto appeared on behalf of the General Assembly and advised that it is an honor to be here and noted that Crisfield and Somerset County are blessed to have Mr. Marshall.

Sheriff Ronnie Howard and Deputy George Nelson appeared in honor of Mr. Marshall.

Deputy Nelson advised that Mr. Marshall has been a special friend to the Sheriff's Department and is always there to help. He noted that Mr. Marshall was out there working during Hurricane Sandy, and even though he was feeling bad due to his illness, he never went home.

Randy Laird, County Commissioner, stated that he is proud of Mr. Marshall noting that he is such a thoughtful person.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that he has had a short work experience with Mr.

Marshall, but it has been a rich experience. He noted that Mr. Marshall has a great love for the County and wants it to be the best.

Senator Jim Mathias presented Mr. Marshall's family with a Senate Citation.

Mr. Bobby Marshall thanked everyone for their kind words and presentations.

Mrs. Erin Cuff, Mr. Marshall's daughter, thanked everyone for their concern and prayers and asked for continued prayer for her father.

Bobby Bradshaw noted that he had grown up with Mr. Marshall and they had been in the Fire Department and Ambulance Squad together. He advised that he was honored to be there, adding that Mr. Marshall has served others his entire life.

At this time, Mayor Lawson requested a 15 minute break for photos of the various groups represented at the meeting, to be taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to accept the agenda for this evening's meeting.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sullivan requested that the Agenda be amended to add language to the Notice of Closed meeting concerning pending or potential litigation. Approval for amendment so moved by Councilman Emely, seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Emely made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of

August 12, 2015 as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unani-
mously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pollitt reviewed his report, highlighting its contents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PARKING ORDINANCES

Mayor Lawson presented for 2nd Reader the following Ordinances;

Ordinance 651 - Special Purpose Parking Zones – designated parking space for U.S. Mail Carrier
Loading/Unloading.

Approval for 2nd reader so moved by Councilman Konapelsky, seconded by Council Vice
President Scott, and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 651 – Annemessex Square Lot – Free Parking 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 A.M.

Approval for 2nd reader so moved by Councilman Konapelsky, seconded by Councilwoman
Johnson and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 653 – Parking Time Limited at Depot – 15 minute parking 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2
hours 12:30 p.m.- 8:00 a.m. at the 4 spaces at the end of the Depot. Approval for 2nd reader so
moved by Councilman Konapelsky, seconded by Council Vice President Scott and carried
unanimously.

Ordinance 654 – Parking Time Limited – 2 hour parking at Depot 13 parking spaces preceding

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the last 4 spaces at the end of the Depot. Approval for 2nd reader so moved by Councilman Konapelsky, seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 655 – Parking Prohibited at all times – 4 spaces at end of depot used for vehicle turn-around. Approval for 2nd reader so moved by Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

CHRISTMAS IN CRISFIELD – UPDATE BY COUNCILMAN KONAPELSKY

Councilman Konapelsky noted that there is a lot of work to do and he would like to compile a master calendar of Christmas activities in Crisfield for the month of December, such as Church events and events of any other organizations. Terry Pehan inquired as to how to input events. Councilman Konapelsky advised that he could be emailed. He advised that a sub-committee would be formed in the next two weeks. Councilwoman Johnson also made reference to the decoration of storefronts this year.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR PERMIT OF INGRESS/EGRESS

Mayor Lawson reviewed a request for a permit of ingress/egress from Lee Roy Carson, IV, who has purchased boat slip 142B and 144A at the Small Boat Harbor.

Approval so moved by Councilman Emely, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, and carried unanimously.

EVENT APPLICATION

Mayor Lawson reviewed an Event Application for the annual Skiff Races to be held on Saturday, September 5th. Approval so moved by Councilman Konapelsky, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and carried, with abstention of Councilman Emely due to conflict of interest.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL Q & A

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to a recent County Times article quote he had made and a conversation with Brett Thomas, of a Tangier Boat. He advised that he had a great conversation with Mr. Thomas, due to a comment that had been made about a charge. He noted that Mr. Thomas advised he has a great respect for the dock and understands its usage.

Councilman Konapelsky noted that next time he will go to the source, before making a statement. Council Vice President Scott commented that she appreciates Councilman Konapelsky's comments.

Councilwoman Johnson made reference to the recent noise violation of the tractor trailer unit running. Mr. Pollitt advised that a letter was sent by Mr. Bozman and any concerns should be addressed to him (Mr. Pollitt).

Councilman Atkins noted that Mr. Doug Reedy, Somers Cove Marina Manager, was removed from this position by the Secretary of DNR. Councilman Atkins advised that he had been looking at various Kayak areas and will prepare an update. He also noted that on Sunday, he was standing on the grass runway at the airport and commented that it is a beautiful facility.

Councilman Emely commented that new flags are needed at the beach playground. He also made reference to money for equipment. Mayor Lawson advised that Open Space money can't be used because a 20 year lease would be needed on the property. He commented that when Billie Jo was in charge, the beach was kept in pristine condition.

Mrs. Morgan noted that there is a small line item in the budget for recreation that could be utilized. Councilman Konapelsky commented that the Beach Committee had always wanted to be an independent group.

Councilman Emely inquired if there was any news concerning the Agello property on Main Street. Mr. Pollitt advised that he had met with Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Bozman. Mr. Sullivan advised that they know the next steps to take, but are not ready to discuss anything.

Councilman Emely asked that Mr. Pollitt check the Code concerning staying in RV's in City limits. Mr. Pollitt advised that he would review the Code.

Councilman Emely made reference to City properties that could be sold. Councilman Konapelsky advised that it would be a good idea to surplus them. Mr. Sullivan added that to sell them, they would have to be declared as surplus.

Councilman Emely also asked if the police car could be moved from its stationary location for Crab Derby. He suggested putting it in the school zone as a deterrent for speeders.

Mayor Lawson noted that striping had been done from 7th Street to the Depot, on both

sides. He advised that Main and Somerset needs to be done.

Mayor Lawson noted that the concrete is set on 10th Street and Jersey Island for a Historic sign and two benches. He advised that shrubs and pavers would be purchased from the General Fund.

Mayor Lawson noted that SHA is moving forward with the installation of ADA compliant sidewalk. He advised that when SHA tears out sidewalks on 9th, 10th, and 11th Streets; 8 feet will be torn out. He advised that he would like to get an estimate for installing underground electric service for street lights. He advised that he would also like to discuss with the Park Commission installing underground service for street lights from The Crab Place to Family Dollar.

Mayor Lawson noted that there are 430 DP & L street lights in the City and he would like to talk to DP & L concerning a 5 year plan to replace them.

Mayor Lawson noted that the City is borrowing a garbage truck from the town of Pocomoke and made reference to looking at options to purchase a truck.

Councilman Emely made reference to the Ambulance Squad's need for an electric stretcher at a cost of \$15,000. He asked that Mr. Pollitt look into possible funding sources.

PUBLIC INPUT

Terry Pehan made reference to the airport meeting discussion. He commented about Mr.

Hartman's statement about taking off from the closed portion of the grass runway, stating that

it was unsafe.

He stated that as a property owner, his residence is not in competition with the City and County. Mr. Pehan read a letter from 2011 stating that the Annemessex Ridge residents don't want to jeopardize FAA Funding. He advised that residents are concerned about tree removal and suggested having AECOM present information. Mr. Pehan advised that he does not want a conflict between the residents, City and County.

Phil Riggin thanked Councilman Emely for his comments last week concerning the airport. He commented that at least 12 "Ridge" owners see a reason to shut down the grass runway.

Mr. Riggin also noted that the American Legion would discuss extending the arrangement for the lease of the beach. He also noted that the Legion will be discussing the electric stretcher. Mr. Riggin made reference to the August 14th Long Term Recovery banquet.

Mayor Lawson commented that this was a positive event at which faith based organizations who had been instrumental in Sandy recovery were presented Keys to the City and Certificates of Appreciation. He added that this was a small token for countless volunteer hours and money spent.

Mayor Lawson noted the review of the airport for 6 months for development of an economic development plan. Mr. Pollitt noted that Doug Taylor had provided a more in depth power point of the proposed options and the City needs time to get a feel for the options.

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Councilman Atkins clarified Mr. Hartman's statement that if the pilot is taking off, it is okay to use the closed south end of the grass runway for taxiing.

VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION, ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion in the regular meeting, Councilman Atkins made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into a closed session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and carried unanimously.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that during Public Input there is too much discussion which turns into a free-for-all and advised that he will start an email with suggestions to establish fair rules.

Mayor Lawson advised that the rules would be posted on the power point.

Regular meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary