

## MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

### PRESENT

Barry Dize, Mayor  
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President  
Nelson Sheppard, Councilman  
Jimmy Ford, Councilman  
Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. City Manager  
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer  
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Jimmy Charles, Public Works Superintendent; Richard Crumbacker; Eddie & Sue Heath; Billy Drewer; Jason Loar; and Sue Ransom. Absent due to illness; Councilwoman Barbara Ward and Councilwoman Gail Lankford.

### CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER, PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Dize welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dize noted that Councilwomen Ward and Lankford were both absent due to illness, and Council Vice President Johnson had another event, but was able to be present at this meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular and Closed Meetings of October 10, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously 3-0.

### FIRST SESSION OF PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was offered at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

At this time, Mr. Pollitt reviewed his bi-weekly report, highlighting its contents.

Mayor Dize also noted that Mrs. Sandy Landon is the new Human Resources Director at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS –RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED & RESTATED EDU POLICY

Mr. Sullivan advised that the Code requires that Policies be adopted by Resolution. He reviewed and explained how the EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) Policy adopted in 2007 worked; noting that it was implemented when there was less wastewater treatment capacity and more proposed development. Mr. Sullivan advised that the City now has significant capacity available and there is less development on the horizon.

Mr. Sullivan made reference to the forthcoming zoning code realignment and Mr. Peter Johnston's consideration of addressing infill development.

Mr. Sullivan advised that the new policy provides that;

- 1) if you have an EDU, now it will be governed by the policy
- 2) the construction deadline requirement is now over, but you will still have to pay the monthly water and sewer bill; and
- 3) the new policy allows for the transfer of EDU's among property owners

Mr. Sullivan advised that the legitimate interest in infill development and growth in the City is the purpose for deleting the policy from April 4, 2007 and replacing it with the new policy to be adopted this evening.

At this time, Mr. Sullivan read the Resolution into the record. He also noted that an EDU cannot be transferred unless the City is advised and all fees are current. A delinquency of payment for 90 days results in the loss of an EDU.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Sheppard made a motion to adopt Resolution 455, the amended and restated EDU Policy. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously 3-0.

#### DECLARATION OF SURPLUS CITY PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Mayor Dize noted that he would like any proceeds obtained from the sale of this property to be put back into the Public Works department.

Mr. Pollitt noted that the City is not putting a value on the items.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Sheppard made a motion to declare the listed properties and equipment as surplus with any proceeds from the sale to go back into the Public Works department. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously 3-0.

Mr. Sullivan presented the bid notice. He noted that publication is not required, or a certain number of times and no minimum bid is required, but the Mayor and Council should set the bid.

Councilman Sheppard made reference to the vehicles, and suggested that the minimum bid should at least be equal to the cost of salvage; about \$150.

It was also determined that there would be no minimum bid for the mowers, and if no bids are received for any of the items, the City has the right to sell them at our discretion.

Councilman Sheppard made a motion that the minimum bid accepted for vehicles be \$150 per vehicle and no minimum on the mowers and if no bids are received, the City is free to sell the items at our own discretion. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously 3-0.

#### NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

It was concurred that only one meeting would be held for the months of November and December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

### FINAL PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mr. Eddie Heath noted that there is a major water leak on 7<sup>th</sup> street, which has leaked into the property of Mary and Monty Labo, Kim Lawson, as well as his property. He also commented that water had just been shut off at Big Willey's due to a water leak that was running at the rate of 30 gpm.

Mr. Billy Drewer inquired about the status of the drainage issue on South Somerset Avenue. Mr. Pollitt advised that the City is obtaining a price from Douglas Reynolds to perform ditch work behind Woodson School. He also noted that the 3 collapsed pipes at the Marina are scheduled to be repaired by DNR, and all of this should help with the problem on South Somerset.

Mr. Jimmy Charles noted that Public Works has been working to clean the debris from the storm drains in that area, also.

Mayor Dize advised that the City is working on doing some little things to alleviate the problem until we can get big equipment in to do a bigger job.

Mr. Pollitt also noted that Mrs. Jen Merritt has advised that there may be a CDBG grant available to do a major drainage study.

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Ford deferred his comments to Councilman Sheppard.

Councilman Sheppard commented that he is glad to be moving forward.

Council Vice President Johnson thanked those in attendance.

Mayor Dize offered congratulations to Maryland State Teacher of the Year Dr. Richard Warren.

Mayor Dize also noted that bids have gone out for the repair of the old library roof and the repair will be funded. He noted that the building will be shared with the Arts and Entertainment District Board and will be an annex of City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously, 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary