

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council and City Department Heads met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Percy J. Purnell, Jr., Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Raymond D. Anderson, Councilman
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Mike Tabor, Chief of Police
Noah Bradshaw, Inspector

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Ashley Bosche; Liz Holland; Richard Crumbacker; Lamount Potter; James Lane, Irving Saltz; Robert Hooks; Eddie Heath; Susan Engel; Richard Bonnett; John Dize; Kirkland Hall; Bob Lehman; Tim Clayton; Tracey Gordy, MDOP.

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

APPOINTMENTS – TRACEY GORDY, MDOP

Mayor Purnell commended Ms. Gordy on her assistance with the City's Comp Plan Amendment. Ms. Gordy reviewed the outline of Senate Bill 236 – Septic Bill, and reviewed its potential effects on any subdivisions. She advised that participating in the tier mapping project is important for the growth area. She advised that maps must be submitted by 10/31/12.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that he feels this is another step for the State to gain control of land. Ms. Gordy noted that she is employed by the State, but is here to help the City.

Ms. Gordy also reviewed a brochure from the State for "Plan Maryland" which is the State's

Comp Plan. She noted that the City may need to adopt this plan to qualify for State funding.

Mayor Purnell noted that there were several people in the audience who wanted to speak concerning the Pines Motel issue. He advised that there is a meeting scheduled next Wednesday, and they would have to wait tonight until the end of the meeting if they wanted to speak.

APPOINTMENTS – KIRKLAND HALL – “FATHER’S TAKE YOUR SONS TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY, 2012”

Mr. Kirkland Hall appeared before the Mayor and Council concerning an initiative for fathers to take their sons to school on the first day. He read various statistics concerning children living in a household without a father. Mr. Hall requested a Proclamation of support from the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Purnell advised that the City would give full support.

Councilman Lawson inquired about ways to get the message out. Mr. Hall suggested public gatherings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Purnell requested approval of the minutes from the meeting of July 11, 2012 – Closed and Regular. Approval so moved by Councilman Atkins, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mike Tabor, Chief of Police, presented his monthly report, highlighting its contents. He made reference to the recent murder at the Pines Motel and reviewed an account of the events that had occurred. He also noted that CPD had supported the family of the murder victim through a fund raising effort. Chief Tabor made reference to National Night Out and thanked everyone for their support. He also made reference to issues concerning the Red Speed Camera system.

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer, presented her monthly financial report through June 30th, highlighting its contents.

Mayor Purnell noted that Mr. Frock was absent due to illness and asked everyone for their prayers for Mr. Frock.

Noah Bradshaw, City Inspector, presented his monthly report, highlighting its contents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 400 – to update Crisfield’s Election Laws.

Mr. Cockey reviewed the Resolution. At this time, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion that Charter Amendment Resolution No. 400 “Elections” be adopted. Motion seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

2nd Reader Ordinance 619 – adopting a new chapter “Elections”

At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance 619 for 2nd Reader. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 402 – Chief of Police

At this time, Mr. Cockey reviewed Res. 402 concerning the discharge of a police chief. After a brief discussion, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to adopt Resolution 402. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried by Councilman Atkins and Councilman Anderson. Councilman Lawson voted “opposed”. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Purnell made reference to the DNR’s award of funding for a pier at the park.

Bid for Elevated Walking Bridge – Mrs. Morgan opened one bid from Somerset Paving and

Marine in the amount of \$59,774. Mayor Purnell advised Mr. Bradshaw to notify DNR that we received only one bid.

Bid for Engineering Services for Dock – Mrs. Morgan noted that three bids were received –

- 1) George Miles Buhr - \$93K Engineering, \$39K – Hourly Rate (150 hours project management)
- 2) George Young - \$114,750
- 3) Davis, Bowen & Friedel - \$86,650 plus \$105/hour for admin. services and \$70/hour for inspection

Mayor Purnell advised Mr. Bradshaw to review and compare the bids.

Mayor Purnell made reference to an Ordinance for First Reader for 15 Minute Parking on the South East Corner of 6th and W. Main Street.

Mrs. Morgan noted that it would not be private parking for Dave's RV only.

At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the 15 Minute Parking Ordinance for First Reader. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Mayor Purnell made reference to repealing the Ordinance for 15 minute parking in front of the Sweet Shoppe, as it is now closed. Councilman Konapelsky then made a motion to have the 15 minute parking signs removed from the Sweet Shoppe. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

EVENT APPLICATIONS

Mayor Purnell presented Event Applications for Shiloh Church for a Block Party on Sat. August 18th, and for a Sports Casting Event on Sept. 14, 15 and 16 at the Airport, both of which had provided their liability insurance certificates. Approval so moved by Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Lamont Potter commented about parking for those who live in the apartments by Dave's R.V. Mr. Bradshaw advised that they have rear parking.

Councilman Atkins cautioned everyone to drive gently, as school is getting ready to start.

Councilman Konapelsky and Councilman Anderson advised that they had nothing.

Councilman Lawson made reference to the success of the recent Buy Boat event and requested that he be given "Keys to the City". He also stated that he feels a criteria needs to be established for giving out the Keys.

Mayor Purnell advised that he met with Mr. Tawes today and recommends that the City participate in this event. He noted that Mr. Tawes made it happen.

Mayor Purnell noted that the Red Speed Contract is on hold at this time pending research. Mayor Purnell advised that the City is working with SHA to make sure the school zone is marked properly.

Mayor Purnell made reference to Hucksters License rules and advised that a license that was issued, had been pulled. He advised that Mr. Cockey is doing a re-draft of the Ordinance pertaining to Huckster's License.

Councilman Lawson noted with regret that he would be absent from September's meeting due to surgery.

There being no further business for discussion, Councilman Atkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joyce L. Morgan,
Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary