

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council held their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:20 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall, following a Public Hearing concerning adoption of the Proposed 2016 Enterprise Zone.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Dean Bozman, Code Enforcement Officer; Mike Tabor, Chief of Police; Jason Loar; Richard Crumbacker; Ellen Dorsey; Sarah Rayne; Norris Howard; Stacey Waltermann; Jenny Tawes; David & Kerry Palakanis; Danny Thompson; Dean Bozman; George Friedley; Darlene Taylor.

Absent due to illness; Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. City Manager.

INVOCATION, LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATION PRESENTED BY MAYOR LAWSON DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 23<sup>RD</sup> AS CONSTITUTION WEEK

Mayor Lawson presented the Proclamation to Ellen Dorsey of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Dorsey noted that there were several historical events being held at the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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this Saturday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Emely made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 24, 2016 and the special meeting of August 17, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ward and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting of August 16, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ward and carried with abstention of Council Vice-President Johnson and Councilman Emely, who were not present at this meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT REVIEWED BY MAYOR LAWSON

Mayor Lawson noted that Mr. Pollitt was absent due to illness and briefly highlighted the contents of his report.

Mayor Lawson noted that 11 trailers have arrived to assemble the wind turbine and there is no trespassing at the site.

NEW BUSINESS

EVENT APPLICATION ST. PAUL AME 5K MEMORIAL WALK/RUN 10/8/16

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

Mayor Lawson noted a change of venue for the October Second Saturday Event Application; from the downtown parking lot to the wooden area at the depot from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Emely noted that the rules for use of the depot have never been established but advised

that he would still make a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawson also noted the Chamber Volunteer Appreciation Day and the rescheduled Crab Derby Concert on October 8<sup>th</sup> as well.

Councilwoman Scott made reference to the need to know who is doing what and when, in reference to who would be following up on the previous meeting concerning the depot usage regulations.

Mayor Lawson also noted that he would be scheduling a Greenspace Committee meeting in the next two weeks; members of the committee are himself, Council Vice President Johnson, Councilman Emely, Councilman Konapelsky and Mr. Pollitt.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL Q & A AND REPORT

Councilman Konapelsky commented that he is a Councilman for the City of Crisfield. He stated that he always acts in the best interest of the City. Councilman Konapelsky advised that he will not be bullied into making a decision he does not feel is right.

Councilwoman Scott addressed Council Vice President Johnson concerning the Open Door meetings at City Hall. She advised that she had kept a folder of attendance since the beginning, noting that she doesn't always have people; sometimes it's one or two at a time.

Council Vice President Johnson thanked Councilwoman Scott for her report.

Council Vice President Johnson made reference to the previous meeting and stated that Crisfield is at a point that is disturbing to her as an eleven year Councilmember. She stated that City Hall does not need to be a battleground. Council Vice President Johnson advised that she would meet with GCAC and work things out. She advised that we have to get past the malice and stumbling blocks.

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Councilwoman Ward advised that as a new member, she is still listening and learning, but feels Crisfield is on a positive track.

Councilman Emely advised that he had three issues to address; 1) the parking signs downtown are still not done; 2) he is disturbed to see David Mason's new building being constructed outside, as Mr. Mason had wanted to go to Carvel Hall; and 3) at the last meeting GCAC attendees were told that if they spoke out of turn, they would be thrown out, which was not welcoming.

At this time, Councilman Emely made a motion to schedule a work session with GCAC in the next two weeks. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Council Vice President Johnson advised that she is waiting on the Ethics report; then will hold a meeting.

Mayor Lawson noted that with all of the events previously mention, October 8<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day.

He also made reference to the 350 Anniversary celebration this Saturday advising that all are invited to the free activities.

Mayor Lawson noted that Trunk or Treat would be held in the Marina this year on October 29<sup>th</sup>, advising that over 150 children attended last year.

Mayor Lawson noted that Josh Nordstrom from Midway, had left literature at the Chamber office concerning an upcoming 5K walk and Trunk or Treat.

Mayor Lawson noted that LESMA would be held this Thursday at the new Library.

Mayor Lawson made reference to the recent golf cart meeting and advise that registration and inspection requirements were established. He advised that at the next meeting, the map for usage and crossings will be defined.

Mayor Lawson noted that on October 1<sup>st</sup>, KRW and Tawes Brothers will have golf carts and low

speed vehicles on display at the Marina.

Mayor Lawson made reference to a meeting with Tony Pucciarella concerning drone operations at the airport. Mayor Lawson also made reference to UMES's purchase of a plane and a request for an MOU with the Crisfield Somerset County Airport for a fuel and tie-down agreement.

Mayor Lawson advised that the Marine Trawler Association of 40 boats will be in the marina on September 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> and will be bringing in gifts for the Police Department for their Christmas event.

Mayor Lawson also made reference to being designated by the Chamber to head a Halloween/Fall storefront decorating committee, for both occupied and non-occupied storefronts. He advised that there would be only one prize and the judging would be done on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Lawson made reference to a continuous feed YouTube video at the chamber office of different historical City events and stories pertaining to the City.

Mayor Lawson briefed on the paving work on Chesapeake Avenue.

Mayor Lawson advised that he had spoken to the Chief concerning the part-time officer and had advised the Chief to start the search for one.

Mayor Lawson advised that the Visitors Center is open 7 days a week.

Mayor Lawson advised that the electric hook-up has been done at the kiosk at the park as well as the water connection to the utility building.

Mayor Lawson advised that the bike lanes are being labeled on Maryland and Richardson Avenue.

Mayor Lawson advised that on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Maryland and Richardson Avenue speeds drop from 35 to 30.

Mayor Lawson advised that he had been notified of mold on the uniforms at the Salvation Army Youth

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Club. He noted that the building was cleaned up last winter. Mayor Lawson advised that he feels the full time employee should have moved the uniforms from a bad location.

Councilman Emely expressed concern that mold is back in the building after it had been cleaned out.

Mayor Lawson reminded the Council that the City did not receive any bond money from the State to make the necessary improvements. He advised that Mr. Bozman would have to obtain an air sample and have the rooms scrubbed again. Mayor Lawson advised that the building needs adequate ventilation.

Mr. Dean Goldsborough, Youth Club representative, advised that maintaining the building is killing the City. Mayor Lawson advised that the City has to maintain the building due to the Historical Trust agreement.

Mayor Lawson advised that the ladders and life rings have been installed at the docks and the decking at the small boat harbor. He also noted the continuing problem with litter at Randy Burke's shanty.

Mayor Lawson advised that the City had received \$80K in supplemental HUR funding.

He advised that the number one street to be paved with this money is Hammock Point and advised getting bids and prices.

Councilman Konapelsky advised that he would like to look at the top five streets. Mayor Lawson advised that he would reject this suggestion.

At this time, Councilman Emely made a motion to get prices on paving Hammock Point ASAP. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried with an abstention of Councilwoman Scott.

Mayor Lawson noted that Councilwoman Scott had recused herself as she is a resident of Hammock Point.

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Council Vice President Johnson made reference to discussion last year concerning drones and jobs.

Mayor Lawson advised that he would talk to her about some delays.

Councilwoman Ward advised that she had received compliments on the paving on Chesapeake Avenue.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Dr. Kerry Palakanis presented an update concerning the telemedicine drone program. She advised that she is on the cover of this month's telemedicine magazine, as well as other meetings.

Mr. Dave Palakanis made reference to the sign at the Crab Place and the issue concerning Councilman Konapelsky. He commented that this is not beneficial to the City and advised that an ordinance is needed for moving signs.

Mr. George Friedley noted that an issue regarding personal bike thefts was resolved by the Chief.

Mr. Friedley advised that he is appalled at the sign at the Crab Place concerning Councilman Konapelsky. He advised that he trusts Councilman Konapelsky and Council Vice President Johnson on their decisions. Mr. Friedley also asked if there could be public input before a vote is done on a second reading of an Ordinance.

Mr. Dean Goldsborough advised that he appreciates the job that the Mayor and Council does.

He stated that everyone needs to come together and noted that he also complained about the sign at the Crab Place as he had to spend time explaining it to potential customers.

Mr. Greg Cain advised that he does not take what is on his sign lightly. He advised that he had asked for a response from Councilman Konapelsky regarding a Facebook post, and did not receive one.

Mr. Jason Loar advised that he had nothing to report at this time.

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Mayor Lawson advised that he would need to talk with Mr. Loar concerning development plans around the turbine.

Mayor Lawson noted that the new generator for the Maryland Avenue well is on today.

Mayor Lawson advised the Council to stay informed concerning water treatment and the chemicals used.

Mayor Lawson made reference to scheduling a meeting with Dean Goldsborough concerning a kayak launch site on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Lawson advised Mr. Goldsborough that the garbage issue he has with his neighbor is being addressed by Mr. Bozman.

Mayor Lawson made reference to the flashing sign ordinance with regards to the sign at the Computer Store and asked the Council to come up with a code to change it.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that this sign is small and he doesn't agree.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary