

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Kimberly B. Lawson, Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Barbara Ward, Councilwoman
Joyce L. Morgan Clerk-Treasurer

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Dean Bozman, Code Enforcement/Public Works Director; Dennis Parkinson, Public Utilities Director; Lonnie Luedtke, Crisfield Police Department; (See sign in sheet for others in attendance)

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

Absent due to attendance at Handy's Anniversary Celebration – Councilman Erik Emely and Councilwoman Charlotte Scott.

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR LAWSON

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to approve the Agenda for this evenings meeting.

Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson, and carried unanimously 3-0.

Mayor Lawson noted that Councilwoman Scott and Councilman Emely were attending

the 100th Anniversary of the Handy Company.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – 9/13/17

Councilman Konapelsky noted a correction on Page 11 to add “have an active hazmat team”.

Mayor Lawson noted that on page 5, in the first sentence should be “takes”.

At this time, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adopt the minutes from 9/13/17, with the necessary corrections. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ward, and carried unanimously, 3-0.

PRESENTATION – DONATION TO A & E DISTRICT

Mayor Lawson noted that this presentation had been during the earlier A & E Meeting.

Mr. Bill Brown noted that he had presented a \$1,000 check to go toward the A & E District.

He advised that the check was from a producer friend of his from New York City, specifically for the City’s A & E District.

PROCLAMATION FROM GOVERNOR HOGAN – GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMUNITY AIRPORT MONTH

Mayor Lawson read the proclamation from Governor Hogan aloud.

FIRST PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Ms. Tillie Doyle noted that she had sold a house on Annemessex Ridge, due to the airport being there.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mayor Lawson noted that Mr. Pollitt was absent due to illness. Mayor Lawson reviewed Mr. Pollitt's report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain Lonnie Luedtke noted the Opioid Awareness meeting at the Library next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dean Bozman, Public Works director, noted that home construction has begun on Line Drive, and at the lot on the corner of Wynfall & Hall Highway.

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Dennis Parkinson, Superintendent of Public Utilities, made reference to the leak in front of Food Lion and advised that the cost for the insertion valve is approximately \$6,500 to \$7,700.

Mayor Lawson commented that this is an emergency repair.

Mr. Parkinson also advised that he would like to schedule a meeting with the Mayor and Council.

CIRCUIT RIDER'S REPORT

Jennifer Rafter, Circuit Rider, advised that she is working on two grants. She noted that she and Dean would be going to Annapolis tomorrow for a MEMA grant workshop concerning tide gate repair. She advised that this is a \$1,000,000 grant; 90% MEMA and 10% City.

She advised that the 2nd Grant is from USDA for \$4M for waste water I & I.

Ms. Rafter advised that the next grant funding she will be applying for will be from USDA for the Fire Department upgrade, for up to \$50K.

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to meeting with CDBG Secretary Ken Holt, from the Governor's office today, who requested that the City provide them with a list of our needs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 445 -A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council designating Council Vice President Johnson as the member of the City Council to receive training on the requirements of Maryland's Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Lawson read aloud the Resolution concerning Maryland's Open Meetings Act, noting that it had to be adopted by September 30th.

At this time, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously, 3-0.

EVENT APPLICATION

Mayor Lawson reviewed an Event Application Request from St. Paul AME Church for a Memorial Walk to be held on October 7th.

Approval so moved by Councilman Konapelsky, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously, 3-0.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments were given, but all wished Ms. Rafter congratulations on her upcoming wedding.

FINAL PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

None

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Vice President Johnson, seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary