

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Charlotte Scott, Councilwoman
Erik Emely, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. City Manager
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Kimberly B. Lawson, Mayor; Barbara Ward, Councilwoman

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Jennifer Rafter; Mike Tabor, Chief of Police; Dean Bozman; Code Enforcement Officer; Dennis Parkinson, Superintendent of Public Utilities; Sarah Rayne; and Richard Crumbacker.

OPENING PRAYER, PLEDGE TO FLAG

Council Vice President Johnson called the meeting to order, opening with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Emely requested that the Agenda be amended to add an Event Application to New Business.

Councilman Emely made a motion to approve the Agenda, with amendment, for the regular meeting of Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

FIRST PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Council Vice President Johnson read aloud the Public Input disclosure.

No public input was offered at this session.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pollitt reviewed his report highlighting its contents.

Council Vice President Johnson made reference to the item concerning holding only one regular meeting in July and August.

At this time, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to hold one regular meeting in July and August, holding special meetings if necessary. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Scott and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Scott commented that six sets of minutes were just approved, so we need a break from meetings.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Tabor noted that there will be extra patrol for the Freedom Fest event this Saturday.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Bozman noted that the concrete work is done at the Greenspace and Lifetime will be in tomorrow to do the planter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 2ND READER BUDGET

Mrs. Morgan made reference to several budget workshop meetings that had been held, and

presented a balanced budget for 2017-2018, with amendments.

Mrs. Morgan reviewed the areas that were reduced in order to maintain the .87 tax rate and not go with the Constant Yield Tax Rate. She also noted that all employees received a 2.5% raise.

At this time, Councilwoman Scott made a motion to adopt the 2017-2018 Budget for 2nd Reader. Motion seconded by Councilman Emely, with discussion. Councilman Emely advised that he appreciated the Department Heads working with the Mayor and Council to balance the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that after First Reader, there was public feedback concerning the Constant Yield Tax Rate. He commended Councilman Emely and Councilwoman Scott for their challenge and Council Vice President Johnson for her strong leadership.

Council Vice President Johnson also commented that after First Reader, tax payers expressed concern. She also commented that employees needed a raise. She also thanked the Council for all of the meetings and the Department Heads.

Councilwoman Scott commented that she is proud that all five joined together and worked it out.

NEW BUSINESS -RESOLUTION - TAKE HOME VEHICLE POLICY

Mr. Pollitt reviewed the Resolution concerning Take Home Vehicles, and noted that this was a cost saving measure.

At this time, Councilwoman Scott made a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Both Councilwoman Scott and Council Vice President Johnson thanked Mr. Pollitt for writing the Resolution.

REQUEST – COMMUNITY BEACH TO BAY

Council Vice President Johnson read aloud the request for a second P.A.L. light at the Wellington Beach.

Approval so moved by Councilman Emely and seconded by Councilman Konapelsky.

During discussion, Councilwoman Scott inquired who pays for the light after the first year. Councilman Emely noted that the City pays.

Mr. Bozman advised that it will be a new LD light.

Mr. Pollitt advised that Delmarva Power will be preparing us a cost analysis of all lights.

Councilwoman Scott commented that the beach is an asset and Beach to Bay takes good care of it.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ADDENDUM – EVENT APPLICATION – DINNER AT THE DEPOT PAVILLION

Councilman Emely advised that this event, scheduled for this Friday, was originally going to be held on the beach, but the Greenhead flies were too bad, so the venue was changed to the depot pavilion. He advised that use of electricity is all that is needed from the City. He also

noted that there is no alcohol being sold and no parking needed.

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to approve the request, noting that he felt an Event Application was not even necessary. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried, with abstention from Councilwoman Scott.

Mrs. Morgan noted that we will soon be moving forward with Mr. Pollitt reviewing and approving Event Applications.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Emely advised that he had spoken with the Depot Committee. He also noted that only Non-Profit organizations can obtain alcohol licenses, so a permit can be obtained through the Fire Department or Ambulance Squad.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she had no comments.

Councilman Konapelsky reminded everyone about Freedom Fest this Saturday at the Marina as well as the Fly-In at the airport.

Ms. Rafter had nothing to report.

Council Vice President Johnson commented that this had been one of the shortest meetings on record.

FINAL PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Richard Crumbacker, Editor, County Times, made reference to the effective date of the 2017-2018 Budget.

Mr. Pollitt advised that the State is aware of the delay and that City government won't notice anything different in operations.

Mr. Crumbacker inquired as to how this would affect the audit. Mrs. Morgan advised that no advertisement was required as long as the Constant Yield was not exceeded.

Councilman Emely noted that the ambulance squad met with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Pollitt noted that the County Commissioners also want to meet with the City.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary

