

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Kimberly B. Lawson, Mayor
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Erik Emely, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Rick Pollitt, City Manager
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Absent: Council Vice President Scott; Councilwoman Johnson; Valerie Swift, Secretary

Also in attendance; Dean Bozman, Codes Enforcement Officer; Danny Thompson; Rev.

Charles Bagley; Angenette Stewart; Keith Campbell; Dan Nelson, Kim Hopkins; Billie Jo

Chandler; Kerry Palakanis; Shawna Kearsley; Elija Kearsley; Jason Loar; and Andy Haynie.

INVOCATION, LORD'S PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Lawson requested approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of February 10, 2016. Approval so moved by Councilman Atkins and seconded by Councilman Emely.

Motion carried unanimously. Councilman Konapelsky recused himself from the vote as he was absent from this meeting.

AUDIT REPORT – PRESENTED BY ANDY HAYNIE, CPA

Mr. Haynie presented the annual audit report for the City of Crisfield for the year ending June 30, 2015.

He noted that the City had received an unmodified audit opinion, which is the highest that can be received. He also advised that the accounting standards required by GASB68 regarding pension and liability received an unmodified opinion as well.

Mr. Haynie also advised that no A133 Audit was required for June, 2015.

He also noted under Auditors Communications that the vacation policy of carrying over no more than 80 hours by the employee's anniversary date must be enforced.

Councilman Atkins commented that it is good to see an unmodified report.

This is a reflection of the excellent work done by city hall employees.

LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PLACES – BAYSIDE HARVEST MARKET PRESENTATION

Ms. Shawna Kearsley presented information about the Local Food, Local Places

program as a result of the program established by the White House project in 2015.

She made reference to the launch of Somos, Inc., on March 19th.

Councilman Emely reminded about the Blessing of the Boats.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pollitt reviewed his bi-weekly report. He also noted that 5 loads of sand were being donated from the County to the Beach.

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to send a Thank You letter to the County. Motion seconded by Councilman Emely and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONTINUED DISCUSSION/DECISION CONCERNING GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES

Mr. Pollitt presented an update concerning garbage collection services and advised that he is ready to send out an RFP.

2ND READER – ZONING ORDINANCE #658 – TEXT CHANGE AMENDMENT

Mr. Pollitt made reference to the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. He noted that the change was item 14) §112-35 removing “provided that all goods baked on the premises shall be sold at retail from the premises.” He noted that at the Public Hearing, only positive comments were received and the change was recommended by the Planning Commission.

Approval for 2nd Reader so moved by Councilman Konapelsky, seconded by Councilman Emely, and carried unanimously 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

EVENT APPLICATIONS

Mayor Lawson reviewed the Event Application for the annual Organization Day Parade on Sunday, April 17th. Approval so moved by Councilman Emely, pending submission of proof of insurance for said event to be filed with the City by the date of the parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawson reviewed the Event Application for the Jaycees Bike Ride on May 28th. Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to approve the event, pending submission of proof of insurance for said event to be filed with the City by the date of the bike ride. Motion seconded by Councilman Emely, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawson also noted that on March 19th, the new radio station on 7th Street will be going on the air, along with the Crisfield Birthday events.

COUNCILMAN KONAPELSKY – RE: STREET VENDORS

Councilman Konapelsky requested that Mr. Pollitt review and update Chapter 83 of the City Code pertaining to Hucksters Licenses, in order to encourage huckstering downtown.

PRESENTATION – GREATER CRISFIELD ACTION COALITION

Mr. Jay Tawes presented for review, the Greater Crisfield Action Coalition Action Plan 2016-2020. He noted that Board Members were himself, Charlotte Scott, who was absent, Angenette Stewart, Erik Emely, and Keith Campbell.

Mr. Tawes requested that the Mayor and Council study the Plan and offer ideas of improve-

ments.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL Q & A

MAYOR – ROAD REPORT

Mayor Lawson reviewed the status of the paving project and locations. He noted that Muritech received the award for bulkheading by the County Commissioners and Mr. Pusey, Director of Technical and Community Services will award the funding, which must be used by July 1, 2016. He made reference to the Mayor and Council grading the streets, along with Mr. Charles and Mr. Bozman.

Mayor Lawson advised that Hebron Savings Bank has quoted a rate for a financial package for road repairs to coincide with the road repairs to be done with Sandy money. He advised that he received a quote on the amount of \$850,000 at a 2.92% interest rate. (see proposal)

Mayor Lawson made reference to the paving of the road at the American Legion and Lori Quinn Drive, which would be done with \$30K HUR and \$80K Supplemental HUR. He noted that next year's HUR would be used for paving and equipment.

Mayor Lawson made reference to the Golf Cart legislation which will be adopted either on July 1 or October 1. He advised that golf carts will be permitted only in the City, and the driver must have a license and a properly equipped cart.

Mayor Lawson made reference to his negotiations with MDE concerning several sewage overflows in the past three years, advising that they are agreeable with the City paying \$1,000.

COUNCIL REPORT/COMMENTS

Councilman Konapelsky thanked Ms. Kearsley for her presentation regarding Local Foods/Local Places and the Greater Crisfield Action Coalition for their presentation.

Councilman Atkins commented that it would be a great idea for the new Marina Manager to get involved with the Greater Crisfield Action Coalition's endeavors.

Councilman Emely thanked everyone involved in the upcoming events in Crisfield and also thanked Mr. Tawes for the Greater Crisfield Action Coalition presentation.

Councilman Emely advised that he is very upset that the Crisfield High School Soccer team was not recognized by the Mayor and Council for their championship win as he had done the leg work for the proposed Challenge Coin.

Councilman Emely also made reference to the parking signs on 9th and 10th Street, and questioned that tickets hadn't been given to cars parked there for extended periods of time.

Councilman Emely advised that Mr. Buddy Carson has stated that he wants to pay for curbing at Hammock Point. Mayor Lawson advised that the street width is 30' and he wants 35'. He advised that he would get an answer at the workshop for paving and grading.

Councilman Emely advised that he wanted the soccer team presentation completed and proposed a motion that the Mayor and Council meet with the team prior to the next meeting, preparing some type of certificate to give them. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky.

During discussion, Mayor Lawson advised that he had spoken to Mr. Harold Frock, Coach,

today, and advised him that the team had not been forgotten.

Councilman Atkins commented that he doesn't feel that the City Hall meeting room will accommodate the team and their families, suggesting that it be done at Crisfield High.

Motion carried 2-1, with Councilman Atkins voting nay.

PUBLIC INPUT

Rev. Charles Bagley, site Pastor at "God Can", 143 Charlotte Avenue, inquired as to how he could help the City with outreach. He made reference to the building a bridge to help with the relationship between the citizens and the police department.

Rev. Bagley advised that he has been mentoring at the high school and advised that he had a group who would like to restore the basketball courts at the housing authority.

Mayor Lawson made reference to grant funding for the playground, etc.

Rev. Bagley commented regarding the Housing Authority relocation study and suggested just re-developing the Housing Authority with new housing so residents won't have to move.

Councilman Emely commented that we are in Public Input only, advising Rev. Bagley that he could get on the Agenda. Mayor Lawson advised him to contact Mr. Pollitt.

Mrs. Billie Jo Stern presented sample Welcome Bags to be distributed to the Marina, Airport, Hospital, ect.

Mr. Jason Loar had nothing to comment on.

VOTE TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

M&C 3916

Councilman Atkins made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into a closed session as per Subsections 3-305(b)(1)(i)-(ii) 7 and 14 of the general provisions article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, reading the notice verbatim. Motion seconded by Councilman Emely and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary