

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL WORK SESSION MAY 10, 2021

- I. Patrick J. Mahoney, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance remotely were Dr. Valerie Beaudin, Derek J. Favret, L. Charles Fink, Lawrence P. Jaworski, Gregory J. Morris, and Keith L. Pardieck, Council Members, Holly K. Wahl, Town Administrator, Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk, Dale Clark, Town Treasurer, Todd Pounds, Town Attorney, James Berry, Public Works Manager, Jon Castro, WRTP Manager, and Wayne Newton, Acting Town Engineer.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked a moment of silence in memory of Ron Draper.

III. Informational Discussion on the following items:

- 1. Short-Term Rental Update Mrs. Wahl reported that as the Town Council was notified via memo on April 9, 2021, the Town has initiated a poll through the services of Gonzales Research and Media Services for information purposes only in order to understand citizens feedback related to short term rentals. Results should be finalized this month and are expected to be presented to Town Council during its June meeting for discussion.
- 2. <u>RFP Richfield Station Water Tower painting</u> Mrs. Wahl reported an RFP was released for painting and repairs of the Richfield Station Water Tower. The RFP was posted on eMaryland Marketplace and sent to 39 potential bidders. The Town received 6 proposals and staff is still reviewing with no recommendation at this time. It was noted that branding of the water tower was included in this RFP. This is a FY21 budgeted expenditure.
- 3. <u>RFP Water Reclamation Treatment Plant Filter Covers</u> Mrs. Wahl reported an RFP was released for the Water Reclamation Treatment Plant Filter Covers. The RFP was posted on eMaryland Marketplace and sent out to nineteen potential bidders. A mandatory pre-bid was held with only two bidders in attendance with only one proposal submitted. It was noted that the proposal came in higher than expected. This is a FY21 budgeted expense under the capital improvement plan. The Town will hold off at this time and review other possible options.

- 4. Water Reclamation Treatment Plant Bearing Close Out Mrs. Wahl stated a settlement agreement has been reached with Bearing Construction to close out the ENR upgrades project. The Town will pay half the costs determined to be owed for change orders to close out the project and receive final U&O permits. These costs will be shared with the Plant's partners.
- 5. <u>Resolution addressing access to Bayfront Park</u> The Council was presented with Resolution R-21-5, addressing limited capacity at the Bayfront Park. This resolution would limit usage of the Park to the Town of Chesapeake Beach residents, First Responders of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, and their guests. The Council also recommended that the Twin Beach deputies be included as First Responders also.

IV. Council Lightning Round -

- 1. Dr. Beaudin stated the Green Team will be sponsoring a Bayfront Park clean-up on June 5th beginning at 9 am. Plans for a Fall Railway Trail clean-up is also being planned with more information to follow. Lastly, on May 15th a free oil change is being sponsored. Contact Dr. Beaudin for details.
- 2. Mr. Fink commented he was able to attend the Green Team meeting that included Calvert County Parks & Recreation and was able to rehash a number of the walkability topics previously discussed. Mr. Fink hopes to provide a hard schedule soon that can be sent out eblast and possibly placed in the newsletter. The Walkability Group will hold a meeting May 17th at 7 pm.
- 3. Mr. Jaworski reported the Economic Development Committee is working on preparing comments that they will submit to the Planning and Zoning in regard to the Comprehensive Plan. Also, wanted to make folks aware of the up-coming Memorial Day ceremony activities beginning at 10 am Saturday May 29th with an opening ceremony at the Veterans Park. Details can be found on the Town's website.
- 4. Mr. Morris wanted to thank the Mayor for having a moment of silence in remembrance of Ron Draper. Mr. Morris commented, over the many years of knowing Ron and exchanging conversations, came to realize the vast amount of knowledge he held. It was a privilege to know him, and he will truly be missed by all.
- 5. Mr. Pardieck reported the next Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness meeting will be June 3rd at 6 pm.
- 6. Mr. Favret recalled a special memory where he and Councilman Morris visited Ron's home and had a conversation about the features of the creek and how it affects the dredging. It was a pleasure to see and hear the passion he possessed for everything in Town. He will definitely be missed. On another note, Mr. Favret just wanted to give kudos to the Planning Commission and commend them on all the

hard work they are doing. He looks forward to the short-term rental discussion next month and the survey results and lastly, looks forward to passing the remaining budgets next week.

V. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Jaworski. Seconded by Councilwoman Beaudin, all in favor.

Submitted by,

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Town Clerk