



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 11, 2022**

- I.** Patrick J. Mahoney, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Dr. Valerie Beaudin, L. Charles Fink, Margaret P. Hartman, 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, and James Berry, Public Works Manager.
- II.** **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III.** **Informational Discussion on the following items:**
1. Richfield Station Water Tower Change Order – Ms. Wahl and Mr. Berry presented a request to the Council for a change order to the Richfield Station water tower contract. The Town entered into a contract with K&K Painting to make repairs to the water tower and during repairs, recognized that the interior of the tank needed addressing as well. A change order was requested from the contractor to complete interior cleaning and patching. Staff is requesting Council authorize a change, in the amount of \$15,000, to perform the cleanout. This cost is within the FY22 budget. Mr. Berry addressed the Council's questions.
 2. Snowplow Emergency Expenditure – Ms. Wahl and Mr. Berry presented to the Council a request for authorization to pay an expenditure in the amount of \$11,602.50 from Windmill Farms, for 112.5-man hours for the clearing of roadways and sidewalks due to the snow event on January 3rd. These funds are within the budgeted \$40,000 under the Snow and Ice Removal line item in the General Fund. Mr. Berry addressed questions from the Council. The Council expressed their thanks to Mr. Berry and his crew for an outstanding job during the snowstorm.
 3. Town Council to consider canceling the August 18 Town Meeting for summer break – The Mayor presented to Council, for consideration, the cancellation of the August Town Council meeting. The Mayor stated the Council has used the month of August as a summer break for the last several years. It was noted that if there was business that needed attention, the Council would hold the August meeting.
 4. Town Council to consider moving the June 16th Town Meeting to June 9th due to a conflict with the Maryland Municipal League Conference – The Mayor is requesting the Council consider moving the June 16th Town Council meeting to June 9th due to the Maryland Municipal League Conference being rescheduled to earlier in the month, falling on the week of the Town Council meeting.

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5. Ethics Ordinance Amendments proposed by Ethics Commission – The Mayor stated the Council was provided with a copy of proposed amendments submitted by the Ethics Commission for consideration. Phil Kete, Chairman of the Ethics Commission, was present and gave an overview of the proposed amendments with explanation. The Council expressed their concerns on several issues and Mr. Kete addressed those issues.

IV. Council Lightning Round –

1. Ms. Hartman commented she enjoyed the ethics discussion and thanked Mr. Kete.
2. Mr. Pardieck wished all a great evening and looks forward to seeing everyone at their next meeting.
3. Mr. Morris wished everyone a Happy New Year, commenting, another year to live in this remarkable and growing bayside town.
4. Mr. Jaworski wished everyone a Happy New Year and hopes everyone received their Town calendar, if not, you can pick one up at various locations throughout Town. Stay safe.
5. Mr. Fink thanked the public works crew again for an excellent job during the snowstorm and for everyone to stay safe. The Walkability Committee will meet on January 24th at 7 pm and the public is welcome.
6. Dr. Beaudin also thanked the public works and town staff on the excellent job of snow removal. She thanked Mr. Kete and the Commission for all their work and announced the Green Team will meet again on January 27th at 6:30 pm.

V. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Jaworski. Seconded by Councilman Fink, all in favor.

Submitted by,

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