

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
April 16, 2020

Patrick J. Mahoney, Mayor, called the public hearing to order at 6:50 p.m. In attendance remotely were: Dr. Valerie L. 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, Connie O'Dell, Code Enforcement Officer, Wayne Newton, Acting Town Engineer, Marilyn VanWagner, Water Park General Manager, Jon Castro, WRTP Manager, and Lieutenant Naughton.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and read into the record Ordinance O-20-6.

Ordinance O-20-6, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the General Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and setting municipal tax rates.

The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments received.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and read into the record Ordinance O-20-7.

Ordinance O-20-7, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Water Reclamation Treatment Plant Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

The Mayor stated he is requesting the Town Council consider tabling this ordinance until the May 21st Town Council meeting due to issues needing to be addressed with the Plant's Partners. This will be discussed at the May work session as well.

The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments received.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and read into the record Ordinance O-20-8.

Ordinance O-20-8, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Mitigation Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments received.

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Jaworski. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

Submitted by,

Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2020**

- I.** Patrick J. Mahoney, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Wayne Newton, Acting Town Engineer, Connie O’Dell, Code Enforcement Officer, Marilyn VanWagner, Water Park General Manager, Jon Castro, WRTP Manager, and Lieutenant Naughton.

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting the new Town Attorney, Todd Pounds, and Wayne Newton, Acting Town Engineer.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance.** The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for retired Prince George’s County Police Officer, Jerry Manley, who passed away at CalvertHealth Medical Center from the COVID-19.

- III. Approve the Agenda.**

MOTION: Councilman Fink moved to approve the agenda.
Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

- IV. Public comment on any item on the agenda.** None

- V. Approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2020 Town Council meeting.**

MOTION: Councilman Fink moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2020 Town Council meeting. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

- Approval of the minutes of the April 6, 2020 Informational Work Session.**

MOTION: Councilman Fink moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 Informational Work Session. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

- VI. Petitions and Communications –**

- A. Town Administrator’s Report – Mrs. Wahl reported that the Town is doing a great job on the Census with a 59.1% response rate. Mrs. Wahl briefed the Council on the status of the Safe Routes to School.
- B. Town Treasurer’s Report – No report submitted.

- C. Public Works Report – Councilman Morris requested a copy of the Kellam’s Field topography study once completed.
- D. Town Engineer Report – Mr. Newton briefed the Council on the limits of town maintenance responsibility of the constructed facilities serving the Rod N Reel property.
- E. Deputy’s Report – Lt. Naughton briefed the Council on the number of patrol checks, disorderly calls, and the stolen vehicle.
- F. Mayor’ Report -The Mayor took the opportunity to deliver some good news amid the COVID-19, reporting the Calvert County BOC approved the tax differential for the Town for FY21 and the Town will soon receive the executed deed for ownership of the Kellams Complex property. On another note, the Mayor received a progress report from Senator Miller on a grant he has been working on for the Town, and anticipating approval, the Council will pass the General Fund budget which includes a tax rate decrease, making it the fourth year in row. The Mayor thanked the citizens for staying safe by social distancing, washing hands, and wearing face coverings and thanked the entire town staff along with the Town Council, for what they are doing to support this Administration.

VII. Resolutions & Ordinances:

- A. Vote on Ordinance O-20-6, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the General Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and setting municipal tax rates.

MOTION: Councilman Fink move to approve Ordinance O-20-6. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

- B. Vote on Ordinance O-20-7, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Water Reclamation Treatment Plant of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

MOTION: Councilman Jaworski moved to table Ordinance O-20-7 until the May 21, 2020 Town Council meeting. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

- C. Vote on Ordinance O-20-8, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Mitigation Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

MOTION: Councilman Fink moved to approve Ordinance O-20-8. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

- D. Introduce Ordinance O-20-9, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Water Park for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. **A public hearing will be held at the May 21, 2020 Town Council meeting beginning at 6:55 pm.**

- E. Introduce Ordinance O-2-10, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Utility Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and setting rates, charges, and fees related to water and sewer service by the Town. **A public hearing will be held at the May 21, 2020 Town Council meeting beginning at 6:57 pm.**

VIII. Report of Officers, Boards and Committees:

- A. **Planning & Zoning Commission** – No report.
- B. **Board of Appeals** – No hearing held.
- C. **Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society** -
- D. **Economic Development Committee** – Councilman Jaworski stated, with so much information circulating around, wanted to let the residents and businesses know that up to date information can be found on the Town’s website and the Calvert County website. The Calvert County Economic Development Committee has organized a number of meetings to discuss getting financial assistance to our businesses. Another website called the Maryland Business Relief Wizard provides assistance in researching for Federal and State assistance programs. Other information circulating is the requirement to shop on certain days. While it is encouraged, it is not required, but a face covering to go into public places will be mandatory.
- E. **Twin Beaches Opioid Abuse Awareness Coalition** – Councilman Pardieck reported there have been 17 non-fatal opioid overdoses in the county since January and four (4) fatal. For those who are struggling with addiction, the Calvert County Behavioral Health Department offers help through its Recovery Rapid Response program any day from 7 am to 11 pm, just call 1-877-467-5682.
- F. **Walkable Community Advisory Group** – Councilman Favret reported he and Mrs. Wahl conducted a telephone meeting with the Planning Firm last week to get an update on the current status of things. Also discussed were plans to hold a meeting with the work group and how to go about soliciting for public input.

IX. Unfinished Business: None

X. New Business:

The Mayor took the opportunity to wish Councilman Jaworski a Happy Birthday! Also wished a Happy Birthday to Mrs. Wahl whom shares the same birth date as his wife.

- 1. Council to approve the purchase of a Bobcat Skid Loader from Metro Bobcat in the amount of \$43,544.34.

MOTION: Councilman Fink moved to approve the purchase of a Bobcat Skid Loader from Metro Bobcat. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

2. Council to award a three (3) year contract, with a one (1) year option to renew, to Barbacane Thorton for audit services in the annual amount of \$23,000 and \$3,000 for a single audit.

MOTION: Councilman Fink moved to award a three (3) year contract with a one (1) year option to renew, to Barbacane Thorton for audit services. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

3. Council to award a contract for rental inspection services to American Property Consultants, Inc. for one (1) year, with two (2) one (1) year options to renew.

MOTION: Councilman Fink moved to award a one (1) year contract, with two (2) one (1) year options to renew for rental inspection services to American Property Consultants, Inc. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

XI. Public comment was received by:

1. The Town Clerk read into record a public comment from Lee Osberry of the 2020 Census.
2. Mrs. O'Dell took the opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, kind words, and flowers during the loss of her mother.

The Mayor at this time asked for a moment of silence for Mrs. O'Dell's mother.

XII. Council Lightning Round:

1. Dr. Beaudin commented this is a stressful time for our high school seniors, and for anyone interested, you can "adopt a senior" from Northern High School. For more information go to their website or Facebook and sign up. Take proper precautions and take care of yourself.
2. Mr. Fink encouraged everyone to check in on your neighbors during these times. Mr. Fink shared an anecdote concerning one of his neighbors, commenting on just how a ten minute talk can lift one's spirit. Mr. Fink mentioned that he attended a virtual meeting on the library. The committee is looking for community feedback. They will be holding two meetings on April 22nd, one at 2 pm, and another at 7 pm. If interested, you can find more information on the Town's website or the Calvert County Library site. He encourages all to get involved.
3. Mr. Jaworski thanked everyone for congratulations on passing the climate change professional class, the birthday wishes, and encouraged everyone to support our local businesses as much as possible, stay safe, and stay healthy.
4. Mr. Morris stated the Town is doing a great job with the census as was mentioned earlier, but encourages those that haven't to please do so. Stay safe, follow the guidelines that have been set, and working together we will all get through this crisis.
5. Mr. Pardieck echoed comments for all to stay safe, well, and sane during these times.

6. Mr. Favret wanted to thank Mrs. Wahl, Mr. Clark, and the Town managers for the efforts put forth in putting these budgets together, and once again this year, job well done. As mentioned previously, we need to continue with following the guidelines put in place knowing that we will need to ease back into things. He looks forward to seeing everybody back in Town Hall.

XIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Fink. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

Submitted by,

Sharon L. Humm,
Town Clerk