



MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2023

****Meeting minutes are prepared in a summarized format. For full discussion and further details of the meeting you can view the streamlined video at the following link: <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/rock-hall-md>. They are also available at the Town Office****

Mayor Cook called the Regular Workshop meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, and Town Manager Resele. Councilmember Seewald was absent.

Agenda

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Regular Workshop Meeting minutes of September 5, 2023. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of September 5, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Town Manager Report

Old Business

Town Hall Building Project Update

Miller Commercial Real Estate has a current bid for the building. Will discuss further in Closed Session.

Damaged Slide at Lagoon Playground

Nothing to report.

Parking at the Blue Heron

The owner of the Blue Heron requested a meeting with the Council and MDOT. A discussion followed.

50-acre Development

The Planning Commission wants some direction on this potential project.

Handicap Parking on Main Street in front of Methodist Church

Still waiting on the State Highway Administration.

New Business

Help Wanted

The Code Enforcer position was posted on the Website, Facebook, and the Kent News.

Special Events

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the 5K Run for Character on Saturday, October 14th from 9-10:30 am. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council Items

Old Business

Dog Park – Project Update – Fundraising Ideas

Mayor Cook applied for a privately funded Hometown Community Grant from T-Mobile.

Purchase of Property

Mayor Cook did a cost evaluation for the three properties.

Main Street and Rock Hall Avenue – 1.39 million

Acre Lot on Zeeman Road by Walgreens – 1.17 million

Corner of Route 20 and Rock Hall Avenue – 1.31 million

Vacant Lot on Main Street – Hotel Project

Nothing to report

Procurement Policy Update

Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 pm.

Trade School/Workforce Training Update

Mayor Cook and Chestertown Mayor David Foster will be meeting with the President of Chesapeake College, Cliff Copperfield to discuss the Trade School.

Increasing Engagement and Volunteerism – Ideas

Will have a table at Fall Fest for sign-ups.

New Business

Economic Development Committee and Coastal Resiliency Committee Scope

The council agrees to set up them as Advisory Committees.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to establish the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to establish the Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Library at the Civic Center

There will be a meeting at St. John's Hall on Monday, November 6th at 6:00 pm. This is a public information meeting with the Kent County Library on the possibility of Moving to the Civic Center and building a new facility.

Haven Road Water Main Project

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the first payment of \$169,353.00 to Lindstrom Excavating Contractors for the Haven Road Water Main Project. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Town

Nothing to report.

Closed Session

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to recess into closed session at 7:22 p.m. under General Provisions Art. 3-305(b)(1) "to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employee, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals". And §3-305(b)(14) "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process". Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

In attendance were Mayor Cook, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, and Town Manager Resele. Councilmember Seewald was absent.

Purpose

Personnel matters and Contracts.

Closed Session Discussion:

Board appointments and Town Hall sale offers

Actions taken in Closed Session:

No actions were taken.

Returned to Regular Workshop Meeting at 7:58 pm.

Discussion to make part-time employee to full-time

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to move the part-time employee to full time. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on offer to purchase the old Municipal Building – No Actions

Discussion on Board Nominations – No Actions

Next Meeting Dates

Regular Mayor & Council Business Meeting – Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Next Regular Workshop Meeting – Monday, October 30, 2023.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Regular Workshop Meeting at 8:01 pm. was made by Councilmember Edwards. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All present in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cheryl M. Butler

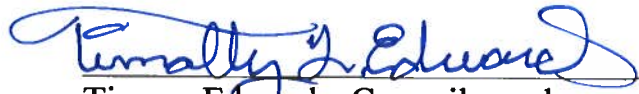
Approved by:



James Cook, Mayor



Carolyn Jones, Vice Mayor



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember



Richard Seewald, Councilmember