

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Work Session**  
**August 8, 2006**  
**6:00 p.m.**

At approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, Mayor Dora Sullivan called to order the Town Council Work Session. In addition to Mayor Sullivan present were: John Burdiss, Mary Harris, Charles “Sambo” Brown, Gerald Elliott, Bruce Evans and Chris Bannon. Also present were Town Manager Tim Krawczel, approximately six staff members and approximately twenty members of the Public.

The Work Session was called to discuss and clarify items dealing with the Cape Charles Police Department. The items discussed follow:

*Boats parked on the street.* Chief Eder explained to the new Council that he was instructed by previous Council to look at safety issues first. As it was explained, many of the boats parked on the street are owned by weekend visitors. Rather than alienate a visitor if there is no safety issue, it was previously suggested to leave the matter alone. Safety issues were to be addressed by contacting the owner and asking that the boat be moved. It was pointed out by Councilman Brown that there was no Town Ordinance restricting boats from street parking. He mentioned Town Ordinances address only recreational vehicles and trailers. Councilman Burdiss suggested the Council look at revising the outdated Ordinances in regards to this matter.

*Unmarked Police Cars.* Councilman Burdiss asked about the necessity of the Town the size of Cape Charles to commission unmarked cars. Chief Eder explained budget constraints for the fiscal year 2005-2006 did not include the markings; however, the funding had been approved for the current fiscal year. Councilman Brown indicated the markings had been ordered, but not yet arrived. Several comments were made indicating the unmarked cars help to combat speeding and aggressive driving, as well as aiding certain types of police investigation.

*Police Manual.* Chief Eder explained the process of development from the consultant’s work to input from other Police Departments, and finalization with comments from the State Attorney General. It was pointed out that several areas of the Police Manual conflict with the Town’s Personnel Policy Manual. A committee will be formed to work through the differences and make suggestions for co-ordination.

*Patrol Car Equipment.* Chief Eder briefly described the various gear equipping the patrol cars. Discussion over the use, maintenance and necessity of the video cameras followed. Also discussed was the time savings by use of the lap top computers.

*Out of Town Jurisdiction.* Chief Eder explained the Town of Cape Charles Police force works in conjunction with the local Sherriff's Department as well as the State Police but that the Town's force responds to calls outside the Town limits only when dispatched by the other agencies. Limited discussion followed to further clarify the policies. Also discussed at this juncture was public perception of following policy. Chief Eder agreed to address each item as it was brought to his attention.

**Motion made by Charles "Sambo" Brown, seconded by Bruce Evans and unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session.**

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Mayor

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Town Clerk