



TOWN COUNCIL Work Session

November 9, 2006
4:00 p.m.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. in Town Council Chambers Vice-Mayor Bruce Evans called to order a Town Council Work Session. In addition to Vice-Mayor Evans, present was Councilman Chris Bannon, Town Manager Tim Krawczel, Town Treasurer Pat Buckley, Town Clerk Joy Pelletier and approximately five members of the public.

BUSINESS

A. *Presentation – Waterman’s Society.*

Maria Hutton and John Crumb presented a brief history of the proposed Waterman’s Memorial. Using a model of the proposed park, they explained the fund raising process.

They explained they were not soliciting a donation from the Town, but wanted the support in getting the word out to the Public.

B. *Presentation – Mary Ann McDevitt*

i. Classical Music at Sunset

Ms. McDevitt asked for support and approval to capitalize on the westerly facing sunset at the beach by broadcasting approximately fifteen minutes of music. She explained there would be no expense to the Town, but needed to go through the permitting process to place the audio equipment and suggestions from the Town Officials of where to place the equipment.

ii. Potential Sources of Funding for Marketing of Cape Charles

Ms. McDevitt proposed using a percentage of the meals tax to help in a co-operative effort of advertising the town merchants to target audiences.

C. *Wind Turbines*

Councilman Bannon opened for discussion the use of windmills as an alternative energy source for the Town in an effort to reduce energy costs. He referred to a successful program in Hull Massachusetts.

D. *Utility Deposits*

Vice-Mayor Evans opened the topic by explaining to those present that landlords of rental property are held responsible for delinquent tenant utility bills. The purpose of this topic was to discuss the feasibility of charging a deposit for utility usage placing more responsibility on the tenant. Town Treasurer, Pat Buckley, explained a condition of the USDA Bond was to place a lien against property for any delinquent utility payments, thus putting the property owner in the responsible position. She outlined a proposal for deposits and several variations were discussed. The main point of conversation was to give equal treatment to all involved.

Also discussed was the relationship between late charges and reconnection fees and current misinterpretations of both. Suggestions were made to clarify the code.

E. *Seasonal Banner Design Selection*

Town Manager, Tim Krawczel, announced the banners had been ordered and would be installed prior to the progressive dinner.

The meeting was closed at 5:00 p.m.

Vice-Mayor

Town Clerk



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TOWN COUNCIL Regular Session November 14, 2006 7:30 p.m.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, Mayor Dora Sullivan called to order the Regular Session of Town Council. In addition to Mayor Sullivan present were Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Brown, Burdiss, Bannon, Evans, and Elliott. Also in attendance were Town Manager Tim Krawczel, Town Planner Jason Pruitt, Town Treasurer Pat Buckley, Town Clerk Joy Pelletier, several members of staff and approximately fourteen members of the Public.

John Burdiss led the Invocation and Charles "Sambo" Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

A. *Comments from General Public*

Melvin Dudley – 303 Madison Ave.

Mr. Dudley addressed the recent approval to allocate \$145,000 to fund and aerial ladder fire truck which he indicated as a necessary expense. He stated, however, in order to approve the expense, other planned items had to be dropped from the budget. He asked if there were any other unallocated funds in the General Operating account to cover some of these dropped items.

Mr. Dudley's second remark related to Town Council meeting with the County Supervisors of the proposed uses of the Sustainable Technology Industrial Park. He asked Council to come to agreement among themselves prior to addressing the Supervisors.

His third concern was over the ethics code. Mr. Dudley remarked he understood logically the need for an Ethics Policy, but in his heart he could not grasp why such a thing should have to be legislated. He then read the Oath taken by each Council member when accepting office.

B. *Presentation: America Sail Program*

Mark Danes of Bay Creek Marketing presented to Council the opportunity for the Town of Cape Charles to host the 2010 America Sail Program. Mr. Danes drew on the recent experience of Beaufort, NC that hosted the Program most recently. He outlined the work involved and touched on the infrastructure needed to host the two to four day event attended by approximately 250,000 people. Mr. Danes highlighted that it would be a rare opportunity not only for Cape Charles, but for Virginia's Eastern Shore. He asked Council to scrutinize the matter thoroughly for the feasibility of such an undertaking but to look at it in a positive light.

