



TOWN COUNCIL

Work Session

Town Hall

June 24, 2010

Immediately Following the Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. at the Town Hall, Mayor Dora Sullivan stated that a quorum had been established and called to order the Work Session of Town Council. In addition to Mayor Sullivan, present were Councilmen Bannon, Bennett, Elliott, Evans and Veber. Councilman Burdiss was not in attendance. Also present were Councilman-Elect Sullivan, Town Manager Heather Arcos, Town Consultant Bob Panek, Town Planner Tom Bonadeo and Town Clerk Libby Hume. One member of the public was in attendance.

Mayor Sullivan announced the business for the evening would be to discuss the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Service Authority (PSA) and the potential regional wastewater system.

Town Consultant Bob Panek explained that the County Planning Department had developed a preliminary map of the areas being considered for the regional wastewater for the North and South Nodes. The South Node consists of Cape Charles, Cheriton and surrounding areas. Bob Panek pointed out that Tower Hill and Kings Creek Landing were not included in the County's initial service area. The infrastructure would go by these developments for possible inclusion in the future. Bob Panek stated that the engineering firm was working to better define the proposed service area and should have their report finalized by July 8th Town Council meeting.

Bob Panek went on to review information and estimated cost figures regarding the debt service of just Cape Charles vs. the new South Node debt service.

Several Council members expressed their concerns regarding the make-up of the PSA Board with one (1) appointee per incorporated town and six (6) appointees from the County and there was much discussion regarding this issue. Councilman Evans stated that he felt that the Council should express their opinions regarding the PSA Board to the County.

There were many questions regarding whether Cape Charles had to transfer ownership of the new wastewater treatment plant to the PSA. Bob Panek explained that Cape Charles could retain ownership of the system and sell services to the PSA but added that over time, it would probably be beneficial for the Town to transfer ownership of the system to the PSA. After much debate, the Council reached a consensus to move forward with the discussions with the County and to join the PSA at the June 28th Joint Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the County Board of Supervisors and the Town Councils of Cape Charles, Cheriton, Exmore and Nassawadox.

Motion made by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Evans to adjourn the Town Council Work Session. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor Sullivan

Town Clerk