

Town of Cheverly
Worksession Minutes
July 23, 2020

Motion to Adjourn Closed Session: CM Radloff, seconded by CM Fry. Unanimously approved.

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

In attendance: Mayor Riazzi, Council Members Radloff, Watson, Bryner, Munyeneh, Garcia, and Fry. Staff: Town Administrator - Mr. Galloway, Director of Public Works - Mr. Brayman, Town Clerk - TC Hegeman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda adjustment bring item #8 Craftsman Development Inquiry up before item #6 Enterprise Zone.

Residents, Mayor and Council share their thoughts on the passing of Congressman John Lewis.

Maryland Public Information Act Request for Outside Counsel will vote to secure outside counsel. **Motion to Hire Outside Counsel for the MPIA:** CM Garcia, seconded by CM Munyeneh.

Motion Amended by CM Garcia: **To Hire Outside Counsel for both Requests.** Seconded by CM Munyeneh. Approved by CM Bryner, CM Munyeneh, CM Garcia and CM Fry. Opposed by CM Radloff and CM Watson.

CM Munyeneh the Town Administrator should find the new Town Attorney. This should be a directive, empower the Town Administrator. CM Munyeneh does not trust the current Town Attorney.

Motion to leave the Town Attorney Choice to the Town Administrator and to not exceed the hourly rate of \$200 per hour: CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Garcia.

Motion Amended by CM Munyeneh: **Hourly Rate not to exceed \$275 per hour.** Approved by CM Bryner, CM Munyeneh, CM Garcia and CM Fry. Opposed by CM Radloff and CM Watson.

WSSC Beaverdam Basin Director Brayman and Calvin Harris of WSSC explain the process and the scope of the work to be completed. WSSC will give a seven-day notice to residents before work begins.

9:20 pm, CM Garcia lost power and Administrator Galloway stepped away.

Craftsman Development - Attorney Andre Gingles reached out to Town Administrator about a client interested in purchasing the Craftsman Building. The client is looking to have a warehouse distribution, big trucks in, little truck out. We should know by the end of August if they will purchase the property. We do not know who the potential buyer is.

Enterprise Zone – *Andre Plummer* (Financial Services Program Manager, Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation) explained what enterprise zones are and the qualifications required to receive the tax credit.

Margaret MacDonnell of the Planning Board expressed concern about the lack of incentive for the Town to designate the Craftsman Building as an Enterprise Zone. It will not benefit the Town to offer 10 years of tax incentives.

Administrator Galloway recommends holding off on the Resolution for the Enterprise Zone until the August Town Meeting so we can get feedback from the owner and our County Council person.

Andre Plummer we will be moving forward with our application with or without a Resolution from Cheverly.

Motion to Adopt Resolution for Application for the Enterprise Zone for the 2019 Version of the Map Presented by Andre Plummer: CM Bryner, seconded by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

Washington Gateway Project – Mayor gave an update on the project.

Kilmer Park Planning Process – *Mayor* choosing a date to begin the virtual planning process. CM Bryner, a good start date would be in mid-September because of staff workload and new school year.

Grant Request – Brie Boswell with CPRC details the annual request for funds to provide children with school supplies. Mayor and Council reserve their vote until the August Town Meeting.

Board of Elections – John LeGloahec, Board Supervisor explains the process of selecting replacements to fill the two immediate vacancies. He will also need to have his appointment confirmed. We will need to address some issues before the next election in 2021.

CM Garcia expresses a desire for overview of the process/election box to ensure transparency.

Non-Citizen Voting – *Administrator Galloway* gives an update on the timeline. This will entail a Charter Amendment but first there must be a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be scheduled to occur on August 27, before the Worksession. The Charter Amendment will go into effect 50-days after the last Reader (approximately January 1, 2021) assuming there isn't a Referendum.

COVID-19 Report – Administrator Galloway gives his bi-weekly report to Mayor and Council. Beginning in August bulk trash will be picked up twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday.

In Defense of Black Lives Resolution Mayor and Council suggest and discuss various areas to focus on.

Motion to Adjourn: CM Bryner, seconded by CM Garcia. Approved unanimously.

12:38 pm