Town of Cheverly Worksession

Minutes October 22, 2020

Call to order

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

In attendance: Mayor Riazi, Council Members Radloff, Watson, Bryner, Munyeneh, and Fry.

Councilmember Garcia did not attend.

Staff: Town Administrator – Dylan Galloway, Town Clerk - TC Hegeman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda adjustment: Low Impact Design Center presentation moves to November 1 along with one of the Grant requests.

Covid-19 Update – Administrator Galloway gave his bi-weekly report. Basketball hoops open for drills and practices only, no pickup games allowed. All Town owned parks, playgrounds and fields are open while maintaining social distancing. The Drive-Thru Flu Clinic and the Blood Drive were both a success. The next Blood Drive is on December 28.

Mayor the Halloween parade will start at 11:00 am at Cheese park and there will be goodie bags. At 6:00 pm starts the Thriller dance so upload your pictures to #CheverlyThriller and after that we'll have a virtual Halloween Monster Mash.

Grant Request – Dave Kneipp and Diane Beedle explain their request for \$2,000 for the Cheverly Native Plant Project.

Motion to Approve \$2,000 for the Native Plant Project: CM Radloff, seconded by CM Munyeneh. Approved unanimously.

Motion to Excuse CM Garcia: CM Bryner, seconded CM Radloff. Approved unanimously.

WSSC Presentation – Wesley McBride (Manager for Maintenance of Northern Prince George's County), David Wilkins (Customer Advocate), and Monica Marquina (Government Affairs Manager) discussed unidirectional flushing. This approach is different from what they have done in the past and should address the discolored water issues. There are no water quality issues only discoloration. They will notify residents prior to the start of the project.

Board of Elections Supervisiors Presentation: Board of Elections Chairman John LeGloahec updated Mayor and Council on proposed Charter Amendments. They include, changing the number of supervisors from three to five, same day voting, vote by mail ballots and early voting (voting on the Saturday prior to election day). If you would like to reach out to the Board of

Elections with questions or concerns, you may do so by emailing them at CHVBOES@gmail.com.

CM Munyeneh wants to mail a ballot to every resident in Cheverly.

Mr. LeGloahec expressed the desire that everyone exercises their democratic right to vote and doing that in person is paramount. That doesn't mean people can't mail in their ballot, but they should still be able to vote in person if they so choose.

Administrator Galloway we would like to have a Traffic Petition Hearing on December 10 at 7:00 pm for Lockwood Road. This petition was brought forth by CM Radloff. All were in agreement with the date and time.

Motion to Empower Mr. Galloway to Move Forward as Expeditiously as Possible with Scheduling a Hearing for the Proposed Charter Amendments: CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

Operational Traffic Analysis – Jack A. Goode, Traffic Engineer for Cheverly discussed the report he received from Traffic Concepts, the traffic consultant for the developer. He elaborated on the traffic model and what it entails. He did note that they did not calibrate the model by going into the field and comparing the data.

Mr. Goode it's not just a signal issue, it's also a capacity issue. Ultimately, a bridge reconstruction is needed, but a lane shift would help ease traffic because it would be easier than a bridge reconstruction. A lane shift would create two usable lanes. Adjusting the signal timing would be helpful too.

His suggestions include striping, pedestrian warning signs, cutting back foliage and a no turn on red sign. Also, signs stating right lane is a turn lane only and do not block the intersection would be helpful. More coordination between Maryland State Highway and Prince George's Department of Planning and Transportation to explore a lane shift before a bridge reconstruction would be his recommendation.

November Town Meeting

Draft of Defense of Black Lives

2nd Quarter FY21 Budget Review

Hotel development presentation

Low Impact Design Center presentation

Craftsman presentation by Atapco

Final reader of Non-Citizen Voting

Metro station solar project and Metro cutbacks

Special hearing on proposed Charter Amendments

December 3 as a combined November / December Worksession.

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

10:11 pm