

**TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**Teleconference via GoToMeeting**  
**Wednesday, July 22, 2020**  
**3:30pm**

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilman Albright met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Ryan Hicks and Town Clerk Andrea Brady. The meeting was open to the public via the GoToMeeting site.

Town Name – The Mayor recently received a request from the Piscataway Conoy Tribe to meet and discuss the Town’s name. The Council agreed to meet and discuss the Town’s name at next month’s work session. The Council will also discuss the name of the Town’s newsletter.

Commission Application – The Council reviewed Anita Sampson’s commission application. Ms. Sampson’s term on the Planning Commission has expired and she listed reappointment to the Planning Commission or appointment to the Community Activities Committee as her top two choices. Mayor Paulin suggested moving Ms. Sampson to the Community Activities Committee to allow her the opportunity to serve on a different committee. Council agreed.

August Town Meeting Agenda – Council requested to add a Resolution to appoint Ms. Sampson to the Community Activities Committee. The Council also agreed to continue holding the Town meetings virtually at this time.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Last year the Council had a group of children attend the Town Meeting requesting a skate park. Mayor Paulin has been looking into grant opportunities and he found the Tony Hawk’s foundation called the Skate Park Project. Mayor Paulin has had the opportunity to speak with the foundation and they provided a lot of information for the Council’s review and they said the Council can feel free to say they are working with a foundation that is operated by Tony Hawk to hopefully get a skate park in the future. Mayor Paulin will forward the information to the Council for their review. Councilman Albright spoke about the liability insurance requirements, which can be a large cost. The Council will review the information provided by the foundation and will have a future discussion about possible locations. The Council would like a census message added to the Town sign. Mayor Paulin stated that since Councilman Smith’s resignation there has not been anyone to restart the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the Mayor would like to take on that responsibility and pursue the Sustainable Maryland

Designation. The Council discussed the point system involved with the designation and agreed with the Mayor should move forward with pursuing the designation.

Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Sitoula spoke about former Mayor, Roy Budd. Mr. Budd’s son requested formal recognition from the Town for his father’s service. Vice Mayor Sitoula will keep the Council informed as he has further information. Vice Mayor Sitoula recommended providing a thank you lunch for the town staff for their service to the Town during COVID-19.

Council agreed. Town Manager Hicks will handle the details. Vice Mayor Sitoula stated that the Lieutenant Governor's visit went well and allowed the Town's progress to be highlighted. Several months ago, the Town of La Plata was designated as bird city. Vice Mayor Sitoula would like to pursue this designation for the Town of Indian Head. Council agreed. The Census has been extended to the end of September and it is important to use available platforms to encourage residents to fill out their census information. Vice Mayor Sitoula went to Kenneth Court and saw the house that burned down. Vice Mayor Sitoula feels the Council need to find a way to reach out to show support during time of tragedy and asked what has been done in the past. Town Manager Hicks stated that Mayor Paulin reached out to the Chen family who lost a home to a fire but is not aware of anything being done in the past. Vice Mayor Sitoula asked for contact information for the homeowners so the Council can reach out to them. A few meetings ago Vice Mayor Sitoula wanted to reach out to the director at CSM to find out how the Velocity Center would benefit the Town's residents. Mayor Paulin will reach out to representatives to schedule a walking tour and discussion.

Councilman – None.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks stated that the Council will need to schedule a hearing for adoption of the Zoning Ordinance. Delaying adoption of the Ordinance may start to hold up progress. The Council will set a date for a virtual hearing and will provide a written comment period prior to the hearing for anyone who is not comfortable with the virtual meeting platform. The changes to the Zoning Ordinance will be outlined in an executive summary. Town Manager Hicks Will have building code updates before Council soon. Town Manager Hicks received a negative email about mosquito spraying, but he has also received 40 to 50 calls asking when it would start. Mosquito spraying usually takes place on Wednesdays. The Council needs to come up with a resolution to address the resident's concerns. Councilman Albright stated that mosquito spraying is a service to the Town, and it has been to the benefit of the residents and he suggested proceeding. Vice Mayor Sitoula was also in favor of continuing to spray but feels it would be worth looking into alternative methods as well. The Council agreed to continue spraying at this time.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady suggested moving the date of the November work session because it is currently scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving. The Council agreed to move it to the week before Thanksgiving. The November work session date will be November 18, 2020.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the work session at 3:53pm.

  
Andrea Brady, Town Clerk