

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
3:30pm

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilman Albright met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Ryan Hicks and Town Clerk Andrea Brady and Matthew Martin with ETC.

April 28, 2021, Closed Session – Wednesday, April 28, 2021, the Mayor, Councilman and Town Manager held a closed session at 4: §3-305(b)(3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. The Council discussed the possible purchase of property at 4155 and 4109 Indian Head Highway and an offer on the properties. The closed session adjourned at 4:15pm.

ETC (Energetics Technology Center) – Mr. Martin gave background information on his company and their experience, and he is asking to be designated by Town resolution as an instrumentality of the Town to solidify their status as a nonprofit tied to a local government.

The purpose of the proposed instrumentality designation would be to allow ETC to apply for grants and funding to make projects happen, such as a proposed SKIF (Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility) building. ETC would also be able to assist with finance and technology ecosystem development and marketing to help attract contractors to this area. Mr. Martin and the Council discussed the proposed SKIF as well as STEM program opportunities. Vice Mayor Sitoula asked if the instrumentality designation would legally bind the Town in any way. Mr. Martin Does not believe the instrumentality would legally bind the Town to fund ETC, or to do anything for them, it would make it easier for partnerships in the future. Town Manager Hicks requested a written request/proposal to provide to the Town's attorney for legal review. Mr. Martin will draft their ask outlining how they feel it should be structured and will forward to Town Manager Hicks and the Council. The Council to make their final decision following legal review.

Perry Station Parking Lot – TM received an email from Ms. Hall about the parking lot that currently belongs to the Town when you first come into the neighborhood. This parking lot was originally intended to be parking for the Boardwalk but with the neighborhood not having sufficient parking, the Council may want to consider deeding it to the HOA as requested by Ms. Hall. Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilman Albright discussed their reluctance to deed the parking lot to the HOA when there should be parking available to all residents who wish to use the Boardwalk. Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested turning it into a metered lot. Town Manager Hicks explained that the Town would not have anyone to do enforcement on a metered lot. The current parking issues in the lot would be handled by the HOA if it is deeded to them, or it would currently need to be ticketed by a sheriff's officer. Town Manager Hicks and the Council discussed parking enforcement issues. Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested that if the parking lot were deeded to River Watch, there would need be a clause that during the daytime that residents utilizing the Boardwalk not be towed during daytime hours. Councilman Albright also expressed his concerns over residents who want to use the Boardwalk potentially getting towed if a clause was not put in place. Mayor Paulin spoke about the possibility of having Code Enforcement issue parking violations. Town Manager Hicks will also reach out to traffic ops to see if they have a suggestion on how to handle the ongoing parking issues, he also suggested Council be prepared for possible pushback from those who do park there without adequate parking in the neighborhood.

June Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions. The Council discussed when to go back to in person Town meetings. Town Manager Hicks informed the Council that the MAC is helping with repairs at the Pavilion, and it will not be available for in person meetings until the repairs are complete. The

Council is considering holding in person Town meetings in the fall, but they will review this month by month before making a final decision.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin suggest giving the Latham family a Town seal for their representation of Indian Head on the Family Feud. Council agreed. The Council previously discussed a request they received to recognize Mr. Eastburn and Mr. Wilkerson with a plaque at the Village Green Fountain in recognition of their work to build it. Mayor Paulin has received validation that it was Mr. Eastburn and Mr. Wilkerson that constructed the fountain and he suggested presenting them with Town seals and a plaque dedication at the 101. Council agreed.

Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested the Council recognize Eddie Hall with a Town seal. He holds a high school running record. Council agreed to do the recognition following the family's approval. Mayor Paulin offered to obtain further information to use on the seal. Councilman Albright suggested having a segment of the 101 dedicated to the heroes of Indian Head. Council agreed. Mayor Paulin has spoken with Lackey to include the sports teams in the 101 parade.

Councilman – Councilman Albright asked if there would be an employee appreciation day, possibly held at the stadium. Town Manager Hicks will look into further information on availability at the Blue Crabs stadium.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks informed Council that the Town Hall is reopened, and we are in the process of doing cut offs which may take a couple of weeks to complete. Town Manager Hicks looked into having Washington Gas run the line to the Senior Center. Right now, this is cost prohibitive with the cost being almost \$60,000. Town Manager Hicks will look back into this at a later date. The developer of the proposed grocery store is requesting an MOU with the Town. As of today, the Town still has not received ARP funds.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady gave an update to Council on Fred Sussman's response about changing Town elections to be handled by trained election judges provided by the County Board of Elections.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the open session at 4:10pm. Mayor Paulin made a motion to move into closed session per §3-305(b) (3). VM seconds the motion. Motion carried. The Council moved into closed session at 4:11pm.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk