

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Thursday, June 27, 2024
3:36pm

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Thursday, June 27, 2024. Also, in attendance Town Manager Ryan Hicks, and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

Lead & Copper Rule Revisions Letter – Town Manager Hicks explained the purpose of the letter, and the requirement to send the letter per the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Town is working with ARRO to get everything done and he is seeking Council approval of the letter to get the ball rolling. Everything is due in October. Council approved the letter. Town Manager Hicks will let ARRO know to move forward.

Camera Rebate Program – Mayor Paulin felt if proof of receipt and photos are provided of the cameras on the home, he feels that would be acceptable to take part in the rebate program. Councilwoman Grumbine agreed. The rebate form will be revised.

Draft Ordinance: Waiver of Commercial Permit Fees – Mayor Paulin is in favor of extending the waiver of permit fees through the new budget year. Councilwoman Grumbine agreed. The Ordinance will be added to the July Town Meeting agenda.

July Town Meeting Agenda – The Ordinance for waiver of commercial permit fees will be added for introduction.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin spoke about the MML Conference and his meeting with the University of Baltimore and their credited program in management. The benefit of this is that the program is free. The state is paying for it at this time. Mayor Paulin will send out the link. He requested a letter from the Town Council to submit with his application for the program. Mayor Paulin asked Town Manager Hicks to share the information with town staff. Mayor Paulin asked for an update on Eazy Nails partially painted building. During the June Planning Commission meeting they did not approve the pink color currently on the building. ARRO is putting together an approved color list for the Planning Commission's approval. Council would like to see the building fully painted before the July 4th Celebration, and asked Town Manager Hicks to look into a solution while the approved color list is being finalized.


Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Sitoula thanked Town staff for their help with everything for the MML conference. He spoke about the need for a resolution with the camera issue in the River Watch neighborhood. Mayor Paulin suggested on a Saturday, he and Vice Mayor Sitoula walk the neighborhood and provide information on the camera rebate program, or give out some of the remaining cameras that are available at Town Hall. Town Manager Hicks stated there are currently 7 cameras at the Town Hall and more can be ordered. Mayor Paulin feels this would address some of the concerns, and it is something offered to every community within the Town. Vice Mayor Sitoula agreed this was an excellent idea, he and Mayor Paulin will work on a date to hold their walkthrough.

Councilwoman – Councilwoman Grumbine offered to join Mayor Paulin and Vice Mayor Sitoula for their walkthrough in River Watch.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks gave an update on the Black Box Theatre roof. The contractor assessed the roof and found that they will have to remove everything and put down a new roof because there are already too many layers on it. This will add an additional \$10,000 to the cost of the project, making the cost around \$33,000. He asked how Council would like to proceed. Mayor Paulin felt the pricing was fair based on the size of the building and scope of work. He is in favor of moving forward with the existing quote. Councilwoman Grumbine agreed. Town Manager Hicks is soliciting a rain date for the 4th, he has stated it would be the 5th and asked for Council agreement. The Council agreed July 5th will be the rain date for the 4th of July fireworks, but they hope it will not be needed. Charles County Government has made the 5th a holiday for their employees and Town Manager Hicks wanted to bring that to Council attention for their consideration. Council agreed with making the 5th a holiday for Town staff.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady gave an update on the recent hold up with the final program for the 4th of July Patriotic Kick-Off.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk