

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
11:30am

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Ryan Hicks and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

Home Business Listings – The Mayor feels that since it is difficult to track home businesses and licensure, to avoid anything coming back on the Town. Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilwoman Grumbine were in agreement. The Council will not include home businesses on the website at this time.

Boardwalk Benches – The Town has received the suggestion to include benches on the boardwalk from several residents to allow resting spots along the walk for those who cannot complete it all at once. Town Manager Hick said it is something that should be looked into. It can be priced out and there could be the option to purchase a bench for memorial or dedication. Mayor Paulin spoke about the benches on the Boardwalk in North Beach and they may be a good resource for information. Town Manger Hicks shared that the Town has done this previously at the trailhead plaza. Town Manager Hicks said once the SHA closeout process is complete he will move forward with the benches. Vice Mayor Sitoula said he had a resident approach him saying he didn't understand how the 911 boxes work, and someone expressed concern that it is not set up for use by blind people. Town Manager Hicks will look at the call boxes and determine the best way to move forward.

Boys & Girls Club – Mayor Paulin had a meeting three weeks ago with Joy and Mark from the Boys and Girls Club. They are extremely interested, and they have \$75,000 from the state and funding from the National Boys and Girls Club to locate in Charles County. They are interested in locating in Indian Head and would like to leverage the Pavilion. They will start using the Pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays in 2023. They have asked if we have the ability to let them utilize the Pavilion 7-days a week. It would be a full-time recreation center for kids of all ages. They come with the funding and staff. Mayor Paulin feels the Council should consider the request. While the old PNC building was purchased for that purpose, he feels the Pavilion could be the Boys and Girls Club and transfer the PNC building to a new Town Hall or work with the library to locate something there. Vice Mayor Sitoula asked how this will impact renting the space out and making it available for other meetings. Mayor Paulin stated the Boys and Girls Club plans on paying for use of the building, and the Velocity Center has meeting space available for any organization such as the MAC if they need to utilize it. The Boys and Girls Club is even open to sponsoring Town events. They also understand we would need use of the backstage and the large room for Town meetings or hearings. The details are still being worked out but Mayor Paulin wanted to put the information before the Council. Mayor Paulin asked to invite Mark and Joy to a future work session to discuss the idea in further detail.

November Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions.

Roundtable:

Mayor – None.

Vice Mayor – A resident sent an email regarding Veterans Day and he will forward the email to the full Council, it is in reference to green lighting. Mayor Paulin stated the Town will also be holding a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 10th. Council spoke about a recent Charles County Economic Development meeting. Recently there were people pulling on car doors in the River Watch Committee, and the information has been forwarded to the Sheriff’s Department. Vice Mayor Sitoula would like to add a “Lock Your Doors” reminder on the Town sign. Vice Mayor Sitoula stated there is money available from the Department of Homeland Security for cyber security related items and he will forward the information to the Town Manager Hicks.

Councilwoman – Councilwoman Grumbine asked for an update on the carousel project. Mayor Paulin put together a few board members to assist with the project and they are working together with Burke to help transition the project.

Town Manager – The Town is starting to see some of the orders placed with ARPA funding coming in. There were some recent sewer and storm drain repairs being done with the new equipment. The Town has some paving repairs that need to be taken care of, and those projects will be taking place in the next month or so. The reason the parking lot was dark at the Pavilion last in person meeting was a result of Fios boring. Town Manager Hicks explained the emergency that took place last week on Friday that caused the trash to be picked up on Saturday. Town Manager Hicks has a ride along on the trash truck scheduled for next Tuesday to help address some issues that have been occurring.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady reminded Council that there will be a public hearing held on Monday at 6pm prior to the Town meeting to review the rezoning request for 202-206 Blair Road.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk