

**TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**Teleconference via GoToMeeting**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 2020**  
**3:30pm**

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilman Albright met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, June 24, 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.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – The Council discussed the suggested rescheduling date for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Community Affairs Director, Karen Williams suggested September 25, 2021. The Council also discussed the possibility of combining it with the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Town Manager Hicks stated that it may be more difficult to have dignitaries available on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and some groups currently lined up to help with the 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration may not be available. Town Manager Hicks suggested the Council hold the celebration in September as suggested, and to still add to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration to make it a bigger event and also use it as an opportunity to advertise for the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration. Mayor Paulin expressed concern with combining it with the 4<sup>th</sup>, that they could lose people that had planned to travel in from out of town for the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration event and you will be competing with a number of other things at that time. The Council discussed changes they would like to see in the amusements/rides offered at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Following discussion, the Council agreed to up the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and hold the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in September. The Council discussed the possibility of calling it Indian Head 101. The Council also received an email from Karen with a statement for the cancellation of the 4<sup>th</sup>, the Council approved the wording and asked to send that out as soon as possible in all available formats.

Food Delivery to Indian Head – Councilman Albright is bothered by the exclusion of Indian Head from food delivery services such as Grub Hub and Uber Eats, and suggested that the Council may want to contact the Commissioners to bring this up to prevent the exclusion of the Town from these types of offerings and to make it accessible to the residents even if it is a certain meeting place to take part in the service. Mayor Paulin is unsure how it is determined on where they do and do not deliver, but he is willing to reach out to find out and work on getting the Town included in those services if possible. Vice Mayor agreed and thought it may be worthwhile to go to the individual restaurants in La Plata to ask them to expand their services into the Town. The Council also discussed the possibilities of a meeting point. Mayor Paulin feels the conversation with the services should be started with delivery directly to town, and if they are unable to do that, then suggest a meeting point and obtain permission from the property owner for that location. Mayor Paulin will keep the Council updated on what he is able to find out.

July Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions. Vice Mayor Sitoula asked when the meetings at the Village Green should start again. Mayor Paulin suggested to continue the teleconference in July and have the discussion again for August. The Council would like to continue remote work sessions permanently.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin spoke about the Town’s recent purchase of the Henderson property to spur economic development. The Mayor would like to hold a special meeting of Council to outline each of the Councilmen’s vision for the property and to begin formulating a plan and RFP for partnership with the private sector to get the project moving forward. Mayor Paulin would like to see the RFP go out by year’s end. The meeting will be held before the July work session. Mayor Paulin spoke about MML President Spiegel’s statement on racial injustice. President Spiegel asked municipalities to sign on. The Council agreed for the Town of Indian Head to sign on. Vice Mayor Sitoula spoke about racial injustice and the things he has learned within the past month and his appreciation of the MML President’s letter. Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested the Town Council also have a statement against racial injustice and offered to draft a letter for Council’s review. Council agreed. Mayor Paulin has had a couple of residents reach out about having a peaceful protest/march on the Village Green. Council was in full support with allowing the peaceful protest/march. Mayor Paulin had an opportunity to tour the Velocity Center last week, he said it was the most beautiful building in Southern Maryland. The next time the Mayor receives an invite he plans to invite the rest of Council to come along. Mayor Paulin has received a request from CSM for a letter of support for their grant request from Rural Maryland. Council agreed to provide a letter of support.

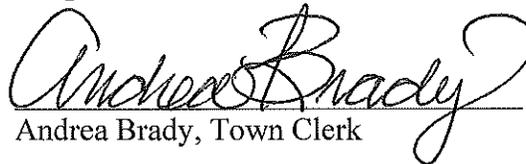
Vice Mayor – None.

Councilman – Councilman Albright spoke about his DBE company. Councilman Albright asked how the discussions went with the owner of Clarity. Mayor Paulin stated that the owner plans to open in July, and he is still waiting to hear back on his applications for the available programs. The owner understood the Council’s stance on his waiver request.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks spoke about the current projects currently being worked on in house that equate to a large amount of dollars, i.e. the Village Green restrooms project, the Boardwalk project, Cares Act COVID-19 funding, the PNC building, the Henderson property, and Town Manager Hicks would like to apply for a Bond Bill once the Council decides the purpose of the property moving forward.

Town Clerk – None.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the work session at 4:04pm.

  
Andrea Brady, Town Clerk