



MAYOR & COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
January 30, 2020

***Meeting minutes are transcribed in a summarized format.
Tape recording of actual discussion is available at Town Office***

Mayor Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Andrews, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer and Town Manager Resele.

Agenda

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Invited Guest –

Judy Morgan of Think Big spoke to the Mayor & Council about Data Centers and residential connections to Kent County fiber optic network.

Transportation –

Updated DCT Transportation schedule was shared with Council. It will be posted on Town website.

Information on the original trolley service owned and operated by Gary Stein prior to the Jeep/Tram system, was provided to Council as reference material.

A discussion was held about the proposed Shuttle Bus and Mini Trolley. Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve a refundable deposit of \$2,000.00 (shuttle bus) and \$5,000.00 (mini trolley) for two (2) weeks pending research of grant and other financing opportunities. Councilmember Collyer second the motion. Mayor Jacobs, and Councilmembers Andrews, Collyer and Jones voted in favor, Councilmember Edwards was opposed. Motion carried.

Grant Writer –

A discussion was held about hiring Valerie Mann as Grant Writer for the Town on a consulting basis. Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to engage Valerie Mann to perform grant research and applications. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CDBG –

Income survey questionnaires have been printed. Still working on address labels.

Utility Rate Study –

The Council has decided to postpone the study pending installation of new water meters to insure accurate read on all properties.

Kent County IT –

The Council discussed IT office equipment needs – new versus refurbished and upgraded as proposed by Kent County IT. It was decided there needs to be further discussion with concerning this solution and timing and status of MOU.

Opening Meetings Act Requirement –

Patrick Thomas, Town Attorney with MacLeod Law Group, informed the Mayor that meeting of the Transportation Task Force and the Rock Hall Heritage Steering Committee are required to operate under the Open Meetings Act Requirement. Future meetings will be posted along with minutes of all meetings as approved.

Budget Adjustments –

Discussion about the last part of the Budget adjustments was held and it was decided to table until the next meeting on February 3, 2020.

Next Meetings –

Transportation Taskforce – Friday, January 31, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Heritage Meeting – Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.


Special Workshop Meeting – will be determined.

A motion to adjourn the Special Workshop Meeting was made by Vice Mayor Andrews. Seconded by Councilmember Jones. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

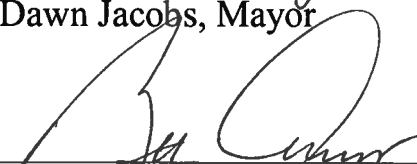
Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl M. Butler

Approved by:



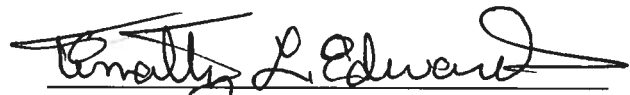
Dawn Jacobs, Mayor



Beth Andrews, Vice Mayor



Carolyn Jones, Councilmember



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember