

COUNCIL AND UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL**TOWN OF ROCK HALL**

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MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 6, 2012

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES
June 6, 2012

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 8:30 P.M. All Councilmembers were present, Councilmember Francis showed up during the conversation of the Hawthorne Avenue leak at 8:50 p.m. The Town Manager was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of April 30, 2012 as presented; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:

The Town Manager read the sewer allocation report into the record.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Town Manager mentioned a leak that is in front of Rock Hall Landing toward Rock Hall Marine Railway. It's a line that is underneath the town's street, it is part of an installation of a second meter. The book reads "the secondary meter shall be under the ownership of the property owner and the cost, installation, and maintenance thereof should be the sole responsibility of the property owner." You have to ask if the pipe that is leaking is part of the installation of the second meter, or is that part of the town's infrastructure. In my opinion it's part of the installation of the second meter. The Town Manager then stated that the Mayor and Council could handle this situation however they so choose to now that he's given his opinion. Mr. Bovee has indicated that he thinks this is the town's responsibility and that's why it's been brought to your attention. The Mayor and Council then went into a discussion in regards to this issue. Councilmember Price suggested that we get this fixed and share the cost of the repairs with the Bovee's. Then, after this initial fix it will be their sole responsibility to fix anything that may occur here on after. The Mayor and Council

decided to have the town dig down to the pipe and see how things look from that point and then we'll go from there.

The Town Manager went into a discussion in regards to the two bids the town has received from companies that can fix the water clarifier. Councilmember Price made a motion to award the bid to McCrone for the cost of \$14,737.00. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to recess the Utilities Board meeting to move into an Executive Session - Under the Maryland Open Meeting's Law, Section 10-508, Subsection A; Paragraph 14, to discuss before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor reconvened the Utilities Board meeting at 10:07 p.m. The Mayor and Council discussed drivers for the trams. Oddmund Angel is going to be invited to our next meeting to discuss possible annexation. And we also discussed the business license fee, which was agreed to set the fee at \$75.00. The Town Manager is going to have a conversation with Mr. Brawner for a proposal to have a museum up town built by Mr. Brawner. We will have a budget hearing at our next meeting for the 2012-2013 fiscal year budgets.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WORKSHOP MINUTES

June 6, 2012

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:00 P.M. All Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Councilmember Francis. The Town Manager was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Board Meeting of April 30, 2012 as presented; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Mayor started the meeting with the Committee Updates. Mr. Mark Einstein gave an update on the Watermen's/Waterfront Committee and the projects that they are currently working on.

Mr. Jack Heffner gave an update on behalf of the Business Committee. The committee has not been able to have a meeting recently due to the start of the summer season, and we don't have any plans to meet again until October because of the busy schedules of the summer season.

Mrs. Mary Etta Reedy gave an update in regards to the Citizens Committee.

There were members of the fire department present to discuss the traffic control during the 4th of July fireworks event, held on July 3rd. Councilmember Jones asked if it would be possible to shut down a portion of Hawthorne Avenue between Waterman's and Bayside Avenue for pedestrian traffic just before the start of the fireworks, and immediately following the fireworks for a period of time to allow the walking crowd to die down. Captain Dempsey and Chief Moore stated that it would take more man power than they have to be able to cover that scenario. And that it would just cause more problems than they can control with the staff that they have available.

There was a discussion among the Councilmembers, the Mayor and the Town Manager in regards to the transportation system.

The Town Manager read a letter from the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area. They wrote to the Mayor and Council asking for a donation to help in the cost of maintaining their program. The program is asking for a donation of \$2,000.00. The Mayor and Council decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

The Mayor gave an update on the dredging of the harbor. The dredging is supposed to be finished on Friday. The channel marker is going to be located to its new permanent location once the dredging has been finalized.

The Town Manager spoke about the update of the solar panel farm. They have started to move some equipment in and will be putting a fence up around the perimeter.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember