



MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2022

****Meeting minutes are transcribed in a summarized format. For full discussion and further detail of the meeting you can view the streamline video at the following link: <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/rock-hall-md>. They are also available at the Town Office****

Mayor Jacobs called the Regular Workshop meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Cook, Town Manager Resele and Chief Dempsey. Councilmember Collyer was absent.

Agenda

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Regular Workshop meeting minutes April 4, 2022. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Transportation Presentation

Dawson Hunter from Kent County Transportation and Rock Carter from Delmarva Craft are looking to restart the Rock Hall Trolley from years past but will be called the Summer 22 Shuttle. They are asking for a letter of support from the Town

Council to support this initiative for the Kent County Commissioners to fund this pilot shuttle for the Summer of 2022.

Main Street Committee

Meg Parry asked the Council for a Letter of Support for a grant in the amount of \$20,000-\$25,000 to help build a Social Media platform.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve a Letter of Support for a technical assistant grant to assist Main Street Rock Hall. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Eastern Shore Heritage Group

Mayor Jacobs said that the Eastern Shore Heritage Group was going to apply for a \$50,000 grant and would like a Letter of Support from the Council.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to support the initiative for the Eastern Shore Heritage Group. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Swearing in of Officers and Board Members

David Whitman – Code Enforcement Officer
Martin Heinefield – Police Officer
Robert Resele – Town Manager

Police Body Cameras

Chief Dempsey told the Council that Choptank Electric Trust has agreed to fund the startup of the Police Body Camera Program in the amount of \$8,531.99 for four (4) cameras.

Town Hall Building Project

General Review of Community Meetings – Councilmember Cook said the surveys received were just shy of 200. Will set up a Special Meeting to go over the surveys.

Status of State Capital Project Awards and Federal Earmark Request – The State Budget was passed for the \$500,000 award. Still waiting on the Federal to do their Budget.

Museum Artifacts Discussion – The Museum Board had a meeting with two (2) specialists on preservation, care and cataloging the items. Need to start getting the artifacts out of the Old Municipal Building as soon as possible. Will discuss further at the Regular Business Meeting on May 12, 2022.

Old Business

Civic Center Drainage Project

Waiting on the design from the engineering group.

Hotel Tax – Air B&B Project – Update

No update.

Real Property Transfer Tax Project

No update

Highway Users Fund

Has been extended for four (4) more year.

Transparency in Tax Rates

Needs to be presented year next year for hopeful passage.

Dog Park

Councilmember Cook has a drawing. He is waiting on a construction cost to present to the Council.

Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund

Jamie Williams from the Kent County Economic Development Office stated that 50 million dollars will go to regional councils in Maryland. 10 million dollars for Cecil, Queen Anne's and Kent County will be divided up for Economic Development, Transportation and Remediation for artifacts for Museums.

New Business

Special Events

The Rock Hall Library will host events at the Civic Center on June 22nd and 29th and July 6th, 13th 20th and 27th and August 3rd and 10th.

Circuit Rider Letter of Interest

Town Manager Resele would like a Letter of Interest for the Town to be considered.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to authorize Town Manager Resele to sign the Circuit Rider Letter of Interest. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Mosquito Control

Mayor Jacobs need to sign the Mosquito Control contract for the 2022 spraying in the Town limits in the amount of \$1,690.00.

For the Good of the Town

No Comments

Next Meeting Dates

Regular Mayor & Council Business Meeting will be Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Next Regular Workshop Meeting will be Tuesday, May 31, 2022.


Special Workshops for Building Renovation/Demo Project to be determined as needed.

Budget Planning – must have Budget approved by June 30, 2022. Need to get Budget Workshops scheduled.


Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Regular Workshop Meeting at 8:36 pm. was made by Councilmember Edwards. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

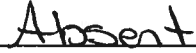

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Approved by:


Dawn Jacobs, Mayor


Carolyn Jones, Vice Mayor


Timmy Edwards, Councilmember


Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember


James Cook, Councilmember