



MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2023

****Meeting minutes are prepared 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 6:31 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, Councilmember Cook and Town Manager Resele.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Regular Workshop Meeting minutes of November 28, 2022. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of November 28, 2022. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Hall Building Project - Updates

Sale of Municipal Property

Appraisal company coming next week to appraise the building.

There are two Real Estate Agents that are interested in listing the building to sale.

Frank Hodgetts to review the building with his architect to see if they want to purchase the building.

Purchase of Municipal Property

Need to ask Legal the process of selling off Municipal property and buildings.

Relocation of Museum Artifacts

Museum Board will be going forward with the RFP for the relocation of the artifacts. New quote for moving the artifacts came in at \$31,500.00. A discussion followed.

Financial Planning Project

Need to work on a spreadsheet that shows all the projects and shows when the need for funds should start.

Old Business

Airbnb's

Expanding Economic Development and Tourism by focusing on short term rentals. Rental taxes and licenses are income for the Town. Need to look at the Counties list for registered Airbnb's in Rock Hall. Will need to talk to legal about the possibility of changing the ordinances for the short-term rentals, Airbnb and VRBO.

Auditor RFP

Nothing to report.

Basketball Court – Light Management

Ordered new lights.

Certificates of Recognition

Mayor Jacobs presented a list of People or Organizations that she would like to receive a Certificate of Recognition. Council approved the list.

Civic Center Drainage Project

GMB inspected existing conditions on September 27, 2022. They have developed a scope list and will be discussing with the Council the work to be prioritized for completion in current grant funding.

Code Enforcement Fines

Will discuss at the next Regular Business Meeting.

MDRC Circuit Rider Grant Program Management

Mayor Jacobs would like to have a report once a month.

Property Transfer Tax

Councilmember Cook is still working on this.

Special Events Application

None

There was a discussion about speeding ticket revenue. Councilmember Cook will work on that.

New Business

Committee Board Sizes

There was a discussion about the committee sizes. It was determined as follows:

Museum Board – 11 members – Tabled for now.

Parks & Rec. – 7 to 13 members.

Will discuss with Legal at the January 12th Regular Business Meeting.

Communication Board Scope

This is still a work in progress and will discuss at the next Regular Workshop Meeting on January 30th.

New Trash Cans

A discussion followed on who should get cans and the possibility of a new Ordinance.

Sea Level Rise

Mayor Jacobs stated that the Town should start working on starting a Special Committee to work in the Sea Level Rise.

Resignation Letter

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to accept Tot Strong's resignation letter to the Museum Board. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Weather Issues

Town Manager Resele talked about how to communicate better with residents when there is an emergency at their residence when they are not there. Like when pipes freeze and burst.

Town Manager Resele wants to start a program where all the houses in Rock Hall display their 911 address. He also would like to get information on EV charging stations and locations within the Town.

There was a conversation about moving the Town Hall Conversation Session from Sunday, January 8, 2023 to Sunday, January 22, 2023. Council agreed for the session to be moved.

For the Good of the Town

No Comments

Next Meeting Dates

Planning & Zoning Town Workshop – Rock Hall Comprehensive Plan – January 11, 2023.

Regular Mayor & Council Business Meeting – Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Rock Hall Town Hall Conversation Session – Public Works Status – Sunday, January 22, 2023, 3pm to 5pm, St. John's Hall.

Next Regular Workshop Meeting – Monday, January 30, 2023.

Special Workshops for Town Hall Building Project as needed.


Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Regular Workshop Meeting at 8:19 pm. was made by Councilmember Edwards. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cheryl M. Butler

Approved by:


Dawn Jacobs, Mayor


Carolyn Jones, Vice Mayor


Timmy Edwards, Councilmember


Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember


James Cook, Councilmember