MINUTES

The Mayor and Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and City of Crisfield Facebook Live.

PRESENT VIA ZOOM

Barry Dize, Mayor
Eric Banks, Council Vice President
Jimmy Ford, Councilman
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Charlotte Scott, Councilwoman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance via Zoom; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Dean Bozman, Code Enforcement Officer; David Dalfonso, Chief of Police; and Jason Loar, City Engineer.

Mayor Dize called the meeting to order

Council Vice President Banks opened with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

JASON LOAR – CIP PLAN

Mayor Dize noted that he had moved Mr. Jason Loar, City Engineer, up on the Agenda.

Mr. Loar presented and reviewed a summary of Capital Improvement Expenditures Detailed Project List. He noted that this is just a plan and a laundry list and summary of categorized projects. He advised that he would be bringing hard copies of the full document for everyone tomorrow.

Council Vice President Banks inquired if the hard copies would detail all that had been funded. Mr. Loar advised that was correct.

Mayor Dize noted that the meeting with Secretary Holt, Tracey Gordy, and several other State agencies is how all of this came about and he thanked DHCD.

Mr. Loar advised that the Council was welcome to call him with any questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Dize requested approval of the minutes from January 27, 2021.

Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Banks and carried unanimously, 4-0.

TENTATIVE APPROVAL – CRISFIELD PHARMACY DRIVE THROUGH

Mr. Bozman advised that he had presented this information at the last meeting and has an approved drawing and Planning Commission approval. He advised that he is waiting on a maintenance agreement. Mr. Sullivan noted that this will impact 200 square feet of city Right of Way. He noted that the Council can approve the recommendation so the owner can move forward.

At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation on the drive through at Crisfield Pharmacy. Motion seconded by Councilman Ford. Council Vice President Banks inquired about the drawing for the proposal. Mr. Bozman advised that this was included in their last meeting packet. The motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Dize noted that a Special Meeting would be held next Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to vote on filling the vacant council seat.

SURPLUS PROPERTY BID

Councilwoman Scott noted that she would recuse herself from this vote. Mr. Sullivan advised Councilwoman Scott to mute and turn off her video.

Mr. Sullivan advised that at their January regular session, the Council voted to declare as surplus, the property at the extreme northwest property corner of lands now owned by Crab Place Real Estate, LLC, liber 1106, folio 250. He advised that one bid was received.

Mr. Bozman read the one bid aloud from Mr. Greg Cain, Crab Place Real Estate, LLC., in the amount of $20K.

Councilman Atkins then made a motion to accept the $20K from Crab Place Real Estate, LLC. Motion seconded by Councilman Ford and carried unanimously 3-0 with one abstention.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Dize advised that he would like to appoint Cynthia Freeman to the Planning Commission. Approval so moved by Councilwoman Scott, seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously, 4-0.

DECISION REGARDING GCAC/STEM LETTER

At this time, Councilman Ford made a motion to table the decision at this time. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins.

Mayor Dize noted that neither Councilwoman Scott nor Council Vice President Banks could vote, due to their participation with GCAC, so we will hold on this item until after the swearing in of the new Councilmember.

DECISION REGARDING CARVEL HALL

Councilwoman Scott asked if the Council would consider waiting until we have a full Council.

Councilman Ford advised that he was ok with that.

Councilman Atkins commented that we could either 1) postpone the vote, or 2) accept or reject the proposals and re-advertise, getting proposals in 6 weeks from now. He advised that he is ok to move forward this evening.

Council Vice President Banks advised that he is ok with tabling the vote until we have a full Council onboard.

Councilman Atkins advised that he would like to re-advertise to cast the net forward.

At this time, Councilwoman Scott made a motion to table the decision for two weeks. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Banks and carried 3 to 1, with a vote of "nay" from Councilman Atkins.

Council Vice President Banks suggested putting it on the Agenda for the March 3rd meeting. Councilman Atkins commented that the new Council Member won't know the details.

Councilwoman Scott advised that it could be voted on at a meeting later in the month. Council Vice President Banks concurred that this would be fair, so it could be voted on March 10, 2021, as the meetings had been switched and the work session would be held on March 24th.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Vice President Banks advised that he doesn't have his information ready at this time.

Councilman Ford advised that he had nothing.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she is pleased with the Mayor's appointment of Cindy Freeman to the Planning Commission adding that she is a great fit.

Councilman Atkins advised that progress is being made on the Military Banners. He advised that anyone interested in purchasing can go to the website, but cannot pay with a credit card. He advised that he will be checking the status of the site and giving an update. He also noted that he is still pursuing a meeting with Mr. Donn Bibb, Director of the Housing Authority.

Mayor Dize thanked Mrs. Freeman for accepting the position as a member of the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Council Vice President Banks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan
Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary