



**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting**  
Cape Charles Civic Center  
October 9, 2014  
Immediately following Public Hearing

At 6:04 p.m., Mayor George Proto, having established a quorum, called to order the Town Council Special Meeting. In addition to Mayor Proto, present were Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilmen Bennett, Brown and Wendell and Councilwoman Natali. Councilman Godwin was not in attendance. Town Clerk Libby Hume was also in attendance along with three members of the public.

Mayor Proto announced the business for the evening would be to review the comments heard at the public hearing earlier this evening and make a decision regarding the proposed ordinance that would temporarily suspend a portion of the Sign Regulations.

Staff had recommended a temporary suspension of the prohibition of off-premise signage for businesses located on Strawberry, Peach and Nectarine Streets until such time that a way-finding sign could be constructed or the sign regulations were revised provided that i) any off-premise sign was limited to 10 square feet in area; ii) the signage would be located at the intersection of Mason Avenue and the street which the advertised business occupied; and iii) the sign was removed at the end of each business day.

**Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilwoman Natali to adopt Ordinance 20141009 which would temporarily suspend a portion of the sign regulations pertaining to off-premise signs, with the previously mentioned stipulations.**

Councilman Bennett stated that he was supportive of the proposed ordinance but did not like the open-ended timeframe and asked that Town Clerk Libby Hume ask Town Planner Rob Testerman to look into the design, cost and construction of the way-finding signs on the three corners of Mason Avenue. Councilman Bennett continued to state that he would like to get these signs recorded in the Capital Improvement Plan with a cost associated with it so it could be included in the budget. Council needed to see the types and size of signage and what it could look like. Councilman Bennett added that this project could be funded by transient occupancy tax revenue. This project was good for the town and would promote tourism.

**Mayor Proto read Ordinance 20141009-Temporary Suspension of Enforcement of a Portion of the Sign Regulation for Businesses Located on Side Streets and asked for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of those in attendance. Roll call vote: Bannon, yes; Bennett, yes; Brown, yes; Natali, yes; Wendell, yes.**

**Motion made by Councilwoman Natali, seconded by Vice Mayor Bannon, to adjourn the Town Council Special Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

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Mayor Proto

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Town Clerk