



TOWN COUNCIL
Work Session
Cape Charles Civic Center
December 4, 2014
6:00 PM

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor George Proto, having established a quorum, called to order the Town Council Work Session. In addition to Mayor Proto, present were Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilmen Brown, Godwin and Wendell and Councilwoman Natali. Councilman Bennett was not in attendance. Interim Town Manager Bob Panek and Town Clerk Libby Hume were also in attendance. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Proto stated that Ms. Holly Carpenter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was here to provide an update regarding the Harbor Dredging Project.

Ms. Carpenter stated that the last dredge of the Town Harbor was in the late 1980s. The current project plans would be finalized in the next couple of weeks and would be solicited online. Since the project was considered to be a federal project under FEMA, the permitting and plan review would be performed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The project consisted of three contracts, the first of which was awarded in September for the rehabilitation of the upland placement site. The contractor was awaiting the land disturbance permit before commencing the work. The other two contracts, for the hydraulic dredge of the Harbor of Refuge, Mud Creek and the inner channel, and the outer channel, had not yet been solicited. No public notices had been advertised yet.

The USACE was trying to award the contracts by the end of January. The pipeline placement would take about three to four months followed by the dredging and sand placement. New processes had been put in place in July 2014 and the USACE was working through several issues and the work should be able to start in February.

There was much discussion regarding the uplands site preparations and the amount of sand being removed. 93K cubic yards would be placed on the Cape Charles beach. Initially, the sand would be dark but would lighten in several weeks after it dried. Interim Town Manager Bob Panek suggested that, when the time came, a notice could be published in the Gazette.

Ms. Carpenter stated that she would keep the Town informed of their progress and asked Council to email her any further questions.

Mayor Proto thanked Ms. Carpenter for providing the update and information regarding the project.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilman Brown, to adjourn the Town Council Work Session. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor Proto

Town Clerk