



PLANNING COMMISSION & TOWN COUNCIL
Joint Public Hearing & Special Meeting
Cape Charles Civic Center
February 3, 2015
6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Mike Strub, having established a quorum, called to order the Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Planning Commission. In addition to Vice Chairman Strub, present were Commissioners Andy Buchholz, Dan Burke, Joan Natali, Sandra Salopek, and Bill Stramm. Chairman Dennis McCoy was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Interim Town Manager Bob Panek, Town Planner Larry DiRe and Town Clerk Libby Hume. There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

Mayor George Proto, having established a quorum, called to order the Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Town Council. In addition to Mayor Proto, present were Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilmen Bennett, Brown and Godwin and Councilwoman Natali. Councilman Wendell was not in attendance.

Town Clerk Libby Hume read the public hearing notice which was published in the Eastern Shore News, Eastern Shore Post and on the Town's website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments to be heard nor any written comments submitted prior to the hearing.

Motion made by Joan Natali, seconded by Dan Burke, to close the Planning Commission Public Hearing. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilman Godwin, to close the Town Council Public Hearing. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Flood Plain Ordinance:

Vice Mayor Bannon stated that the majority of the town would be out of the flood zone per the new FEMA flood maps. If a resident were to cancel their flood insurance coverage and if FEMA were to designate their property in a flood zone on a future flood map, would the resident have to purchase flood insurance at that time at a higher rate?

Bob Panek stated that would be the case. An article had been published in a past edition of the Gazette advising residents not to cancel their flood insurance. If residents were to keep their flood insurance even though their property was not in a flood zone, the premiums would be much lower than they were now.

Mayor Proto suggested that residents discuss this issue with their insurance companies.

There was some further discussion regarding insurance premiums, requirements of mortgage companies and homeowners' associations.

Motion made by Dan Burke, seconded by Bill Stramm, to recommend Town Council approval of the Flood Plain District Ordinance as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Joan Natali, seconded by Dan Burke, to adjourn the Planning Commission Special Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor Proto asked Council whether there were any other questions or further discussion.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilman Bennett, to adopt the Flood Plain Ordinance as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Godwin, to adjourn the Town Council Special Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman Mike Strub

Mayor George Proto

Town Clerk