



TOWN COUNCIL
Work Session
Cape Charles Civic Center
January 5, 2017
6:00 p.m.

At approximately 6:00 p.m., Mayor George Proto, having established a quorum, called to order the Work Session of Town Council. In addition to Mayor Proto, present were Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilmen Bennett, Brown and Buchholz, and Councilwomen Natali and Sullivan. Also present were Town Manager Brent Manuel, Town Planner Larry DiRe and Town Clerk Libby Hume. There were five members of the public in attendance.

A. Historic District Review Board Appeal Process:

Larry DiRe stated that he had received the paperwork requesting an appeal of a decision made by the Historic District Review Board and was providing information to Council regarding the appeal process.

Mayor Proto asked whether anyone had any questions regarding the process. There were none.

Larry DiRe stated that the appeal would be heard at the January 19, 2017 Town Council Regular Meeting.

B. Citizen Request for Curbside Recycling:

Brent Manuel stated that a letter was received from Mr. Jon Dempster who was requesting Council consideration of curbside recycling without increasing fees to residents. The town was currently in the final year of the trash contract. In his previous town, it was not affordable to offer curbside recycling on a town by town basis, but a number of towns worked together to attract larger recycling companies to bid on a contract to provide service to the region. They were able to obtain curbside recycling every other week and trash pickup every week for \$8 per property. Cape Charles currently paid \$13.85 per trash receptacle but charged \$13.76.

There was much discussion regarding the benefits of recycling and the convenience centers provided by Northampton County which included recycling. Mr. Dempster suggested paying for the recycling through meals and transient occupancy tax revenue, but the Sanitation Fund was an Enterprise Fund and needed to be self-sufficient. The tax revenue was included in the General Fund.

One of the attendees was a representative from Waste Watchers of ESVA and was given permission to speak. She stated that Waste Watchers was trying to promote recycling and that nationwide, the easier it was, the more likely that people would participate in recycling. She had contacted Davis Disposal and they were not interested. She had been in discussion with TFC Recycling in Chesapeake, which was the company used by Northampton County for the convenience centers. TFC was willing to provide recycling services to individuals, but it would be less costly if localities could work with her and TFC to offer the services. The towns of Chincoteague and Onancock were also interested in providing recycling services. She was also working with the A-NPDC regarding possible grants. She concluded by inviting all to attend the next Waste Watchers meeting which was scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, at 2:00 p.m.

There was additional discussion regarding individuals having the ability to contract with TFC for recycling services vs. the town offering the services. There was also an issue with the summer rentals. This topic would be discussed further during the budget meetings.

C. Pending Matters Discussion:

Brent Manuel distributed the Strategic Planning – Areas of Focus handout. The list was pulled from the list used in the Comprehensive Plan update which was a summary of discussions from the Strategic Planning Session held on December 10. He went on to ask Council their preference on how to work on the items – work on one item at a time or work on several at once to get them completed.

After much discussion regarding prioritizing the items, Mayor Proto summarized that the four most important items were: Level of Service, Main Street and associated items, Harbor Development, and Facilities and Public Spaces.

It was noted that several of the items were similar and could be grouped together to complete and discussion continued regarding items that could be combined.

Councilwoman Natali stated that Council was having a lot of discussion regarding areas of focus but suggested that Brent Manuel review organizational issues to ensure that the town was operating optimally and the items discussed as priorities were able to be accomplished.

Motion made by Councilwoman Natali, seconded by Councilman Buchholz, to adjourn the Town Council Work Session. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01p.m.

Mayor Proto

Town Clerk