

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2013

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. In attendance were Council members James R. Gatto, Linda Kuiper, Mabel Mumford-Pautz and Mauritz Stetson, W. S. Ingersoll, Town Manager, Jennifer Mulligan, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting of June 3, 2013, or the Public Hearing on the budget of June 3, 2013. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of June 3, 2013 and the Public Hearing of June 3, 2013 on the budget as presented, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$1,228,302.53.

Mayor Bailey asked for a motion to pay bills. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve payment of the bills as presented, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Chief Baker gave the Police report for May 2013. He gave a copy of chart showing the breakdown of overtime for the department.

Mr. Ingersoll called forward Ms. Taylor Shriver, a student at Washington College, who was planning an Alzheimer's Walk on October 5, 2013 (with a rain date of October 6, 2013). She said that the walk would begin at the Wilmer Park and follow the Rails to Trails through Town. She asked for the Council's permission to hold the walk and for information concerning the need for liability insurance. Mr. Ingersoll said he would check with the Town Attorney on the issue of insurance and the Police would be requested to review their submittal to insure that the route and street crossings were safe for those participating in the walk. Mr. Ingersoll stated that approvals would be held off pending further information.

Mr. Ingersoll presented a Town Resolution to submit a Sustainable Community Area application (formerly the Community Legacy Program). He said that this application for eligibility would allow the Town to request funding in the future. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the Community Areas Resolution and submit the application, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ingersoll stated that a Bikeways Application for Phase III Rail Trail grant funding was filed for \$161,590.00 with a \$33,500 match. He said that last year Bikeways funded \$90,000.00 for the build out of Phases I and II. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the grant was not funded until October, so the build out would have to wait until then if grand funds were to be used.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he was in receipt of a permit request from Andy Goddard and the DCA to have an Independence Day Event on Friday, July 5th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the

Fountain Park. They have requested use of the stage, recycle bins and trash cans. The Council agreed to the request.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Ordinance 06-2013 Amending Chapter 134: Police Department was introduced at the last meeting and could be adopted at this meeting. This change would allow for a Police Chief to have an employment contract. **Mr. Gatto moved to adopt Ordinance 06-2013 Amending Chapter 134: Police Department, was seconded by Ms. Kuiper and carried with three (3) in favor, Mrs. Mumford-Pautz opposed.**

Mr. Ingersoll stated that there was a County liquor license hearing scheduled for the Super Soda Center II on Maple Avenue. The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday at the Kent County Commissioner's hearing room, 400 High Street.

Mayor Bailey stated that she would like to have the sign ordinances enforced at locations like Super Soda Center II, as there were too many signs in some of the shops windows. The Council agreed.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Mayor Bailey was the recipient of the 2013 William Donald Schaeffer Helping People Award for Kent County. The ceremony would be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Ms. Christine Betley and Ms. Trena Williamson submitted resignation letters from the Planning Commission to the Town. Mayor Bailey stated that it was difficult to lose these two valuable members of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Bailey nominated Mr. David Bowering to the Planning Commission. A copy of his resume was given to the Council.

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Mayor Bailey asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Colin Dickson to the Ethics Commission. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to appoint Mr. Colin Dickson to the Ethics Commission, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Tyson to the Ethics Commission. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to appoint Mr. Robert Tyson to the Ethics Commission, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that she would like to nominate Alexa Cawley to the Historic District Commission.

Mayor Bailey stated that there was a discussion at the last meeting about creating a study group to consider a new police station. Mayor Bailey asked if Mr. Gatto had prepared a mission statement for the study group. Mr. Gatto stated that he had a draft but would like this tightened up by the study group, once appointed. Mayor Bailey stated that Chief

Baker and Mr. Ingersoll and/or Mr. de Mooy should be part of the study group. Mr. Stetson stated that he would like to have Mr. Herb Friedman represent the Fourth Ward. Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that Ms. Joanne Clothier would represent the Third Ward. Ms. Kuiper stated that she would like to ask Ms. Susanne Hayman to represent the Second Ward. Mr. Gatto stated that he had a couple people that he would like to ask but did not divulge their names. Mayor Bailey stated that she would like to appoint Mr. Paul Showalter.

Mr. Gatto stated that the National Music Festival was a huge success. He thanked those who housed the musicians and who volunteered for the event.

Mr. Gatto stated that he would like to authorize an RFP for the Gateway Park for planning and engineering. He said that if the park was going to be built out, it should be done in the best way possible.

Mr. Stetson stated that he would like the Council to consider the possibility of allowing property owners in Chestertown town limits to launch their boats from the marina at no charge.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz asked if the bus to the Kent County Parks and Recreation Community Center would be running this summer. Mr. Ingersoll stated that it was funded in the budget.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz asked that property owners and tenants pick up their trash and put it out at the curb on the correct night for trash pick-up.

Mr. Stetson stated that his ward was plagued with potholes.

Ms. Kuiper asked about the upgrade to the Wi-Fi in the Fountain Park. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the work should be completed by the end of June.

Ms. Kuiper asked about the meter monitor not ticketing before 10:30. Ms. Mulligan stated that there was a discussion at a prior meeting about this subject but no motion was made. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved that parking meters not be enforced until 10:30 a.m., Mondays through Fridays beginning Monday, June 24, 2013, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried with three (3) in favor, Mr. Stetson opposed.**

Mr. Gatto asked that stickers be applied to the meters notifying the times that parking meters are enforced.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she met with Mr. Hickman regarding the Chestertown Farmer's Market signs. She said that there would be four (4) signs made of a heavy aluminum and attached to the "Welcome to Chestertown" signs at the entrance to Town. Mr. Ingersoll was asked to contact the SHA for permission to install the market signs below the "Welcome" signs.

Ms. Nancy McGuire of the Downtown Chestertown Association was in the audience and stated that the Wildlife Festival had left over "sandwich boards" and the Council was welcome to use them for the Farmer's Market initiative.

Ms. Kuiper stated that Shared Opportunity Services had office space for rent on the second floor.

Mayor Bailey stated that there were many people attending the Eastern Shore Association of Municipalities business and dinner meeting in Ocean City next week.

There being no further business, **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:


Jennifer Mulligan
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey
Mayor