



**Minutes of the
Colonial Beach Town Council
Regular Meeting held on
Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

Colonial Beach Town Center
22 Washington Avenue
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

Present

Mayor, Mike Ham
Vice Mayor, Tommy Edwards
Member, Pete Bone
Member, Linda Brubaker
Member, Jim Chiarello
Member, Wanda Goforth
Member, Gary Seeber

Also Present

Town Manager, Val Foulds
Town Attorney, Andrea Erard
Town Clerk, Kathleen Flanagan
Police Chief, Libby Legg

Call to Order

Mayor Ham called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call of Members

Mayor Ham announced that all members were present.

Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Chiarello added a resolution (Resolution #80-14) that suspends Resolution #53-14.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Brubaker to approve the amended agenda and seconded by Mr. Chiarello. Mayor Ham called for a voice vote. All in favor, signify by saying “aye.” Mr. Seeber, Ms. Brubaker, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Chiarello, Ms. Goforth, Mr. Bone and Mayor Ham all said “aye.” The “ayes” were unanimous, the motion to approve the amended agenda passed.

Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

Council Announcements

Mr. Chiarello wished all citizens happy holidays. Mr. Bone wished the incoming council members elect the best.

Presentations

Proclamation

Mayor Ham read the Proclamation.

<p><i>Proclamation</i></p> <p><i>WHEREAS</i>, the Mayor and Town Council of Colonial Beach wishes to recognize those volunteers who have given of their time and talent to decorate our beloved town during this holiday season;</p> <p><i>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</i>, that the Mayor, Town Council, town staff and all citizens of the Town of Colonial Beach hereby acknowledge their appreciation to those volunteers, who wish to remain anonymous, who tirelessly gave of their time, energy and resources to decorate Town Hill and bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to the children and those young at heart.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____/s/_____ Michael S. Ham, Mayor Dated this 11th day of December 2014</p>

Police Chief Libby Legg

Police Chief Legg introduced all members of the Colonial Beach Police Department.

Val Foulds, Town Manager

Ms. Foulds did not have a report.

Larry Roberson, Westmoreland County Superintendent

Mr. Roberson will hold a meeting on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School to discuss Riverside Meadows and special tax districts.

The Board of Supervisors approved a wetlands policy that states you cannot subtract any wetlands.

Certificates of Appreciation

Mayor Ham presented Certificates of Appreciation to Councilman Gary Seeber, Councilman Pete Bone, Councilman Jim Chiarello and Councilwoman Linda Brubaker and thanked them for their service to the town.

Citizen Input

Kristine Guido, representing St. Mary's Church asked Council to consider assisting with the procurement of a large enough space to consolidate the existing food banks in town to create a unified food pantry.

Susan Tilt, representing the Artisan Trail for the Northern Neck introduced herself and invited all to learn about the development of the Artisan Trail on Wednesday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Jarret Thor Gallery in Colonial Beach.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Ham noted that because there will be a "majority change" on Council with four new members taking office in January.

According to Robert's Rules of Order, Council can establish a committee to approve any outstanding minutes from 2014.

Mayor Ham recommended the committee be appointed with Mayor Ham, Tommy Edwards and Wanda Goforth as committee members.

Ms. Goforth and Ms. Brubaker are both in favor of changing the way FOIA requests that include emails are handled by expanding the town's server's ability.

Motion to Cancel Work Session, Resolution #79-14

Ms. Brubaker made a motion to cancel the work session scheduled for December 18, 2014. Ms. Goforth seconded the motion.

Mayor Ham called for a voice vote on the motion. All in favor, signify by saying "aye." Mr. Bone, Ms. Brubaker, Mr. Chiarello, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Seeber and Ms. Goforth voted "aye." Mayor Ham voted "nay." The motion to cancel the work session scheduled for December 18, 2014 passed 6-1.

Resolution #79-14, Cancels Work Session of December 18, 2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the Work Session scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2014 is hereby cancelled.

Motion to Appoint Committee, Resolution #80-14

Mayor Ham made a motion to appoint a committee to review and approve minutes from 2014. Mr. Seeber seconded the motion. The committee will consist of Mayor Ham, Mr. Edwards and Ms. Goforth.

Mayor Ham called for a voice vote on the motion. All in favor, signify by saying “aye.” Mayor Ham, Mr. Bone, Mr. Chiarello, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Seeber and Ms. Goforth voted “aye.” Ms. Brubaker abstained because she will not be here next year. The motion to appoint a committee passed 6-1.

Resolution #80-14, Appoints a committee to review and approve remaining 2014 minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that Town Council hereby appoints a committee, consisting of Mayor Ham, Tommy Edwards and Wanda Goforth to review and approve any Town Council minutes for calendar year 2014.

Motion to Suspend Resolution #53-14, Resolution #81-14

Mr. Chiarello made a motion to suspend Resolution #53-14. Ms. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Mayor Ham called for a roll call vote. Mr. Seeber vote “no,” Mr. Edwards voted “no,” Ms. Goforth voted “aye,” Mr. Chiarello voted “aye,” Ms. Brubaker voted “aye,” Mr. Bone voted “no,” and Mayor Ham voted “no.” The motion to suspend Resolution #53-14 failed with a vote of 4-3.

Resolution #81-14, Suspends Resolution #53-14 **MOTION FAILED**

BE IT RESOLVED that Town Council suspends Resolution #53-14 until the new town council has a chance to evaluate and review how such a low sales price for Eleanor Park would impact and depreciate property values and, in turn, reduce real estate taxes and reduce the revenues from those real estate taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the signs should be removed until the study is done.

Adjournment/Recess

Mr. Seeber made a motion to adjourn.

Motion to go into Closed Session

Ms. Brubaker made a motion to go into closed session.

Adjournment/Recess

Mr. Edwards seconded the motion to adjourn.

Mayor Ham called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn. All in favor, signify by saying “aye.” Mayor Ham, Mr. Bone, Mr. Chiarello, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Seeber and Ms. Goforth voted “aye.” Ms. Brubaker voted “nay.” The motion to adjourn passed 6-1.

At 8:25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Kathleen Flanagan, Town Clerk

Mike Ham, Mayor