

**County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2018**

The County Council of Dorchester County met in regular session on July 3, 2018 with the following members present: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; William V. Nichols; Rick M. Price and Don B. Satterfield. Also present were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; Jeremy Goldman, County Manager; and Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist.

REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Travers led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mr. Goldman advised that after publication of the agenda an offer to purchase a tax sale certificate for 723 Hughlett Street was removed and the following items were added: Request to Purchase Vehicles-Emergency Services and a FY 2019 Pretrial Services Program Grant Submittal Request-LMB-Dept of Corrections-State's Attorney. The Council approved the amended agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- JUNE 19, 2018

The Council approved the minutes of June 19, 2018.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers with additions as presented with Councilman Travers abstaining for payments made to Simmons Center Market. Councilman Price abstained for payments made to Hyatt and DGH.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Travers reported total cash and investments as \$5,779,832.00.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

The Council convened into Regular Session on July 3, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613 and motioned to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. Present were: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; William V. Nichols; Rick M. Price and Don B. Satterfield. Also present were Jeremy Goldman, County Manager and Donna Lane,

Executive Administrative Specialist. Voting in favor of the Closed Session were all of the present Council Members.

The Council convened in a Closed Session on July 3, 2018 at 5:46 p.m. and approved the June 19, 2018 Closed Session minutes. Present were: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; William V. Nichols; Rick M. Price and Don B. Satterfield. Also present were Jeremy Goldman, County Manager and Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist. The purpose of the Closed Session is also set forth in the Written Statement of Closing a Meeting Under the Open Meetings Act, which will be provided upon request. Voting in favor of the Closed Session were all of the present Council members.

REGULAR SESSION

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE-PLANNING AND ZONING

Brian Soper, Environmental Planner, advised that public workshops on the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan will be held on: July 24, 2018, Hurlock Elementary School, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm; July 26, 2018, South Dorchester K-8, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and July 31, 2018 at the County Office Building, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He explained that the consultant met with him and the following individuals: Jeff Trice, Economic Development Director; Amanda Fenstermaker, Tourism Director; Jeremy Goldman, County Manager; Planning and Zoning staff and the Planning Commission members. He stated that in addition to sending a mailer with the tax bill regarding the update, information has been placed on the Planning and Zoning website and the County website. He said next week notification will be made to the media including the Dorchester Banner and WBOC. Councilman Price queried whether the format for the workshops will include active participation from attendees. Mr. Soper said the method the consultant utilizes is not traditional. He explained that the workshops will set up as a walk through from station to station at which individuals will be available to answer questions. He noted that they will collect attendees' information.

PRESENTATION OF REIMBURSEMENT CHECK-AWARD

Shelia Hickman, Claims Manager, Senior Account Manager Commercial P&C, RPS ISG International, presented a reimbursement check which represents a dividend refund from the insurance company to Dorchester County; and an award to the Dorchester County Fireman's Association (DCFA) in honor of its commitment to workplace safety. She recognized that Dorchester County pays for Workers' Compensation and an Accident Sickness policy for the volunteer fire companies. Steve Tolley, President, DCFA, thanked the Council on behalf of the organization. The Council agreed to display the plaque in Room 110.

MANAGERS COMMENTS

REQUEST TO USE PARKING LOT-ELECTRICAL OUTLETS-CUBMOBILE DERBY

The Council approved the request of Mike O'Connor, Cubmobile Chair, to use the parking lot and grounds at the County Office Building as well as the electric and water on the outside of the building for the Annual Cub Scout Cubmobile Derby on October 7, 2018 for which he has

provided a Certificate of Insurance. Jeremy Goldman, County Manager, noted that the parking lot must remain public.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT-CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDING-DOWNTOWN CAMBRIDGE

The Council approved the request of Katie Clendaniel, Executive Director, Downtown Cambridge, for a letter of support for the organization's request to the State of Maryland under the Operating Assistance Grant Main Street Improvement Fund for \$20,000 to fund a part-time marketing and events coordinator.

SALE OF TAX LIEN PROPERTY-832 PARK LANE-FINANCE

Based on the recommendation of Cindy Smith, Grant Administrator, the Council accepted the offer of Anthony R. Strawberry to purchase 832 Park Lane, Cambridge, a County owned property obtained via tax sale, for \$500, the minimum required amount. The Council acknowledged that he plans to merge this lot with the one he owns at 834 Park Lane.

CONTINGENCY FUND REQUEST-FINANCE

Mr. Goldman stated that pursuant to the County's fiscal policies and procedures Contingency Fund use must be approved by the Council. He presented Ms. Smith's request to approve the use of these funds to pay for the costs of \$800 (\$400 each) for appraisals for 6119 Twin Point Cove Road, Cambridge and 2136 Hoopersville Road, Fishing Creek, which were included in the Community Development Block Grant land acquisition grant application approved by Council on June 19, 2018.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Goldman noted that there are vacancies on several County Boards and Commissions. In response to an inquiry from Councilman Satterfield, Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist, advised that: 1) over the years several advertisements seeking persons interested on serving on the County Boards and Commissions were unsuccessful; 2) last year a press release was issued seeking expressions of interest; 3) the press release was sent to municipalities with a request to announce the vacancies at each of their meetings; and, 4) the press release can be forwarded to Department Heads for placement on social media sites. Based on Mr. Goldman's suggestion the Council agreed to a community radio advertisement. The Council also agreed to issue a press release, ask municipalities to make an announcement at their meetings and to send a request to Emergency Services, Economic Development and Planning and Zoning to place it on social media sites.

POLL CONFIRMATIONS

The Council, confirmed its following decisions in the interim between meetings, by means of a poll, with Councilman Nichols abstaining.

- To enter into a First Amendment to an Entrance and Public Road Improvement Agreement between Dorchester County and Marshyhope Operations, LLC which extends this North Tara Road agreement to incorporate additional properties recently approved

for the expansion of the Marshyhope Operations site and incorporates Exhibit A which was omitted from the previous document; and,

- To approve the request of Amanda Fenstermaker, Tourism Director, to submit a grant application to the Maryland Sports Commission for a Maryland Sports Grant for funding of \$25,000 to offset the licensing fee for the IRONMAN race. Private donations will be used as the match. Additionally, the County and City also have each allocated \$25,000 for Ironman.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE VEHICLES-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Anna Sierra, Emergency Services Director, to purchase two 2019 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles for a total of \$59,454.

FY 2019 PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT SUBMITTAL REQUEST-LMB-DEPT OF CORRECTIONS- STATE'S ATTORNEY

Mr. Goldman presented the request of Nancy Shockley, LMB Director, on behalf of Joseph Hughes, Director of Corrections, William Jones, State's Attorney, to submit a FY 2019 Pretrial Services Program Grant to the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention for funding not to exceed \$75,000. He advised that these monies will be used to supplement the existing Pre-Trial Program at the Detention Center for: a full time grant funded position with benefits, annual salary not to exceed \$30,000 plus benefits; GPS monitoring monthly costs; Risk Assessment online administrative/scoring system; and updates to the Jail Management System software to allow all required data to be collected. He explained that although the application requires that long term sustainability be addressed at the end of the cycle there is no requirement for the local jurisdiction to assume responsibility. The Council approved Ms. Shockley's request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Nichols wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July. He referenced the loss of a friend and encouraged the public to reconnect with old friends.

Councilman Satterfield thanked law enforcement for their service and applauded them and the community for their response to the recent incident. He thanked Highway Division staff who are working during the extreme heat wave. He asked citizens to be cautious and safe during the holiday. He commended Mr. Goldman, Council's Office staff and County employees for their hard work and assistance they provide to citizens.

Councilman Price acknowledged the efforts of public safety individuals, including the local and State Police who have experienced a recent increase in activity. He noted that they place their lives in harm's way to protect citizens. He asked residents to be mindful of seniors and the younger generation in light of the soaring temperatures and for those engaged in water related activities to remain safe and cool. He also reminded the public to be careful with fireworks due

to the hot and dry weather. Councilman Price advised that Governor Lawrence "Larry" Hogan and his staff visited Dorchester County since the last Council meeting. He explained that the Governor toured Amick Farms in Hurlock and spoke with the Manager as well as Mayor Michael Henry. He said there are multiple job opportunities available in Dorchester including at Amick Farms, which is willing to train. He noted that the Governor also visited the Freedom Shrine on Route 16 by Beulah and will coming back to the County for a Cabinet Meeting on July 17th at the American Legion. He wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Councilman Bradshaw echoed the comments of the other Council members about County employees, public safety and law enforcement as well as being mindful of the dry weather during the Fourth of July holiday. He recognized the Department Heads for their good stewardship of the resources they are entrusted and for being customer friendly.

Councilman Travers announced that the next County Council meeting will be held on July 17, 2018 at 6 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

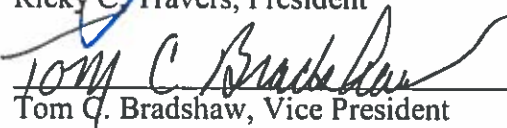


Jeremy Goldman
County Manager

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL:



Ricky C. Travers, President



Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President



William V. Nichols



Rick M. Price



Don B. Satterfield

Approved the 17th day of July, 2018.