

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2019

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Tonga Turner, President of the Board of Town Commissioners;
Wanda Leonard, Commissioner; Linda Pennoyer, Commissioner/Treasurer

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk/Administrator; Kyle Snyder/Chief of Staff; UMPD Chief Burse;
William Morgan/Director of Finance; Darnell Bond/Public Works Superintendent

Also present: Town Attorney/Kevin Best; SCW Chair Evelyn Stephens; TUMHC Chair Skews; NAACP PGC
Chapter Vice-President/Jody Wildy; and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

The Regular Town Meeting minutes from May 14, 2019, the Town Charter Public Forum minutes from May 23, 2019, and the Board Work Session minutes from May 28, 2019 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. Commissioner Leonard motioned to approve the three sets of minutes, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. All minutes from May's Regular Town Meeting, Public Forum and Board Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2019, Commissioner Leonard seconded. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

President Turner then asked that Agenda line item #8 "Presentation from the PGC NAACP" be delivered at this time, and the Reports section of the Agenda be forgone for tonight's meeting. Before the presentation, the President recounted the history of overt and covert racism, from in and outside of Town, and her personal experiences with it since running for office for the 2018-2020 term.

Presentation

NAACP/Prince George's County Chapter: NAACP Chapter Vice-President Jody Wildy delivered a thirteen-minute presentation on the history of the NAACP, current race-relations issues, and the positive progress in diversity brought forth with the election of President Turner. The floor was then opened by President Turner for public comment.

Business

Ordinance 2019-04 Town Operating Budget for FY2020: Finance Director William Morgan delivered an overview of the proposed FY2020 Town Operating Budget via a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included: 1.) Anticipated County and State grants; 2.) Business License Fee ordinance and schedule; 3.) Diversified portfolios; 4.) Raised meter rates; 4.) Increased Highway User Revenues (HUR), and State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP); 5.) Raised Public Utility and Commercial Real Property tax rates; 6.) Grant award letters; 7.) New employee salaries, positions and training; Restricted Funds spending priorities/ Town Playground, Visitor Welcome Center; and, 8.) Capital Improvements Projects/ IT infrastructure. During the presentation, Town Attorney Kevin Best noted that the County had just signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town, enabling the ownership and operation of 100 additional parking meters on Governor Oden Bowie Drive.

President Turner then motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019-04: Town Operating Budget for FY2020. Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. With all in favor, the motion was unanimously approved.

Emergency Ordinance 2019-05 Budget Amendments for FY19: President Turner motioned to amend Ordinance 2019-05 as an emergency ordinance throughout the document, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. With no one opposed, the motion was unanimously approved. The President then asked for a

motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-05 as amended, to which Commissioner Pennoyer motioned, and Commissioner Leonard seconded. With all in favor, the motion was unanimously approved.

Old Line Bank/account presentation: This item was tabled to an undetermined future date.

Annexation Resolution 01-2019 Annexation Phase I: President Turner explained how the Phase One area to be annexed did not include any residential properties, and how the current Annexation Plan benefits the best interests of the Town. Attorney Best elaborated on specific details. Clerk Williams then introduced the Annexation Resolution pending final legal review. President Turner then asked for a motion to adopt AR 01-2019 as introduced, to which Commissioner Pennoyer motioned, and Commissioner Leonard seconded. It was noted the Resolution was subject to final approval according to the AR schedule listed on page 11.

The Annexation Plan was then reviewed and introduced by President Turner. Commissioner Leonard motioned to approve the Plan as stated, and Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. With all in favor, the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2019-02: Commission Meeting Regulations: After reviewing the Resolution's history of public comment and discussion, the President explained how this Resolution will assist with proper policy and procedure for Board Meetings. President Turner then re-introduced Resolution 2019-02, and, asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Leonard motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. A vote of the full Board was then conducted with President Turner and Commissioner Leonard both voting "Yea", and Commissioner Pennoyer voting "Nay". The motion was passed by majority vote of the Board.

Professional Services Contract(s): The President explained the value of the Greenwill Consulting Group who was hired to lobby on behalf of the Town for project funding at the County and State level. Stating their contract was up for renewal, she motioned to approve the renewal contract and Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion was unanimously approved.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Greentree, a service contractor previously utilized to remove a tree that fell across a Town road and was beyond the capabilities of the Town to properly remove in a timely manner, was presented for Board approval by President Turner. After explaining the benefits of having the MOU to ensure timely resolution with such matters, the President motioned to approve the MOU pending legal review by the Town Attorney. Commissioner Pennoyer seconded the motion. With no one opposed, the MOU was unanimously approved.

The President explained the need to change the auditing firm that conducts the Town's Annual Audit. Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to approve the 4-year contract with C. Brown & Associates from June 30, 2019 through November 30, 2023, pending legal review. The contract was approved with a full majority vote of the Board.

Staff Contract: A Board vote of approval for an employment contract for the Director of Finance & Human Resources had been overlooked, but, was put forth to the Board for approval, pending legal review. Commissioner Pennoyer requested the deletion of "or Treasurer" from the contract, and, motioned to approve the contract, as amended, and pending legal review. With all in favor, the motion was passed.

Special Message from the Mayor: The President thanked everyone for all the kind words of encouragement this evening, and then read aloud her letter of resignation from the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Upper Marlboro effective June 30, 2019. She added that, though the position has been the greatest experience of her career, she has a greater priority to see to her family duties and responsibilities at this time. She noted it has been a great honor to serve the Town, and then motioned for the Board to accept her letter of resignation. Commissioner Leonard seconded. With no one opposed, the motion was passed.

Adjournment

With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk/Administrator

