

Town of Onancock  
Town Council-Work Session  
November 13, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Fosque called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and roll was called. Mayor Fletcher Fosque and Councilmembers Robert Bloxom, Joy Marino, Catherine Krause, Ray Burger, Maphis Oswald and Joshua Bundick were present. All members were present, and a quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited prior to roll call.

Public Business:

- a. Discussion of the Procurement Policy: Mayor Fosque explained that Town Manager William Kerbin feels that the Town should have a procurement policy. Mr. Kerbin's proposed policy was in the agenda packet for Council's review.

Council discussion followed, and the items listed below will be further reviewed at the January work session meeting: retaining only the language germane to Onancock; review State Code for the rules localities are to abide by; and, discussed the requirement of going with the lowest bid.

- b. Discussion of the Condemnation Ordinance: Mayor Fosque explained that the Town's current condemnation ordinance is lacking teeth and this proposed ordinance should help beef up the Town's current policy.

The following items were discussed: adding definitions; ask Accomack County's Building and Zonings department to review proposed language; time-frame too restrictive; as well as, identify the appropriate entity to make the condemnation determination.

- c. Discussion of Outsourcing Landscaping Services: Mayor Fosque shared that since there were no proposals in the agenda packet for them to review, this item would need to be discussed later.
- d. Discussion of Year-Round Access to the Marina Restrooms: Mayor Fosque explained that this item was in response to a resident's question at a previous Council meeting. According to Public Works Director, the cost to insulate the pipes under the parking lot would be about \$4,000.00.

The following items were discussed: having the restroom facilities open for special events; the concern over design of the restrooms which makes it impossible to leave open annually due to the showers; possibly work on making the current public restroom facilitates nicer; obtaining a firm cost to insulate the restrooms at the wharf; concern over heating a building that was not designed to be used annually; and, the possible purchase of a prefabricated restroom facility.

The consensus was that the wharf would not be left open year-round.

- e. Discussion of Town Property Use Policy: Council reviewed the current request by the Eastern Shore of Virginia's Chamber of Commerce to use the Onancock Wharf for a private event. This request has also sparked a need for Council to draft a policy for future requests.

Some items discussed were: hold harmless agreements; the event holders financial responsibility for the use of the Town's electric and Police Officers; a possible fee for those who are requesting the use of the Town's property; and, the concern of the actual benefit to the Town and its businesses.

- f. Discussion of a Condominium Ordinance: Mayor Fosque shared that in past discussions with previous Town Manager, G. Cabell Lawton, condominiums are really an ownership issue and not a zoning issue. Mayor Fosque explained that it will really come down to what districts will be allowed to have multi-family designations with a special use permit. Councilmember Bloxom suggested that Council decide if a certain zone will only be allowed to have multi-family, multi-family for rent, or a mixture of the two.


Council discussion followed.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Fletcher Fosque, Mayor

  
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Lisa Fiege, Deputy Clerk