

Town of Onancock
Town Council – Work Session Meeting
January 14, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Fosque called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and roll was called. Mayor Fletcher Fosque and Councilmembers Joy Marino, Ray Burger, Maphis Oswald and Joshua Bundick were present. Councilmembers Robert Bloxom and Catherine Krause were absent. A majority of members were present, and a quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Items of Business:

- a. Presentation of the Code Red System – C. Ray Pruitt, Accomack County Director of Public Safety: Mr. Pruitt, Director of Accomack County Public Safety, presented the Code Red notification system that the County has been using. Mr. Kerbin reached out to Mr. Pruitt about the Town partnering with the County to utilize the Code Red system as well. The County has agreed to the partnership with the Town at no cost to the Town. Mr. Pruitt explained that this system is geography based and only those in affected areas will receive the notice. Mr. Pruitt also gave some examples of scenarios in which the Town would be able to use the system; storms, fires, missing person, and criminal activity. This system reaches out to landlines automatically, those with cellphones would need to register their number at www.co.accomack.va.us under Public Safety Department.

Council discussion followed. Council expressed their interest in partnering with Accomack County to utilize this service.

- b. Review of Proposed Condemnation Ordinance – Town Manager William Kerbin: Mr. Kerbin explained that some changes have been made from the original document that Council was presented with in November. In the November Work-Session Meeting, Council indicated that a definition of unsafe/derelect building needed to be added to this proposed Ordinance along with some changes to the prescribed timing for the Town Council and Town Manager to move forward with condemning a property.

Council discussed followed. There was a question of who would inspect these properties. A comment was also made that the Town's current Nuisance Ordinance has more teeth than this proposal. Council discussion continued, and it was decided that the Town Manager refer this item back to the Town Attorney for review of the current ordinance and how that matches up with the new proposal.

- c. Discussion of the Proposed Procurement Policy – Town Manager William Kerbin: Mr. Kerbin reviewed both proposed policies. The first one had tighter requirements while the second one was less stringent.

Council discussion followed. Discussion centered around the different dollar thresholds, best value versus lowest bid, how to best proceed with emergency purchases, and at what point Council would be pulled in for official approval.

- d. Discussion of the Bids received for Landscaping Services in Town – Town Manager Kerbin: Council reviewed the proposal from Browder Hite for landscaping services. This proposal would include all of the plantings and mulching on certain Town properties.

Councilmember Marino expressed her concern that the Town had not reached out to enough people and felt that others should also have the opportunity to submit a proposal.

- e. Review of the Proposed Rental of Town Parks/Facilities Application – Town Manager Kerbin: Mr. Kerbin reviewed the proposed rental application with Council.

Council discussion followed. Some items discussed were the possibility of waiving the application fee for groups of certain size and the possibility of allowing these applicants to have alcohol at their event with an approved ABC event license.

Adjourn:

Prior to adjournment Mr. Kerbin briefed Council on the transfer of some of the Town streets. Mayor Fosque also mentioned that there is an upcoming class being hosted by VML in Richmond which will review the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. Mayor Fosque invited other members to attend if they had the availability.

Councilmember Bundick made a motion to adjourn. Council Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Lisa Fiege, Deputy Clerk