



WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2025

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Council President D'Shawn M. Doughty, Council Vice President Angela M. Blake, Councilwoman April Jackson, Councilwoman Michelle R. Gregory, Councilwoman Sharon C. Dashiell, Mayor Randy Taylor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Infrastructure & Development Director Nick Voitiuc, Deputy Chief Chris O'Barsky, Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Ashley Bosché

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The City Council convened in a Work Session on January 27, 2024 at 6:23 p.m. in the Government Office Building Council Chambers, Room 301, located at 125 N. Division Street. After reviewing the emergency exit instructions, President Doughty asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION – Pastor Robert Reinert – Faith Baptist Church

PROCLAMATION – Human Trafficking Awareness Month
Mayor Taylor and the Human Rights Advisory Committee

Resolution – to amend and restate the terms of an Annexation Agreement associated with property that was the subject of the 2007 “Hobbs Road-lott Property Annexation”, now known as the “Hobbs Road Annexation”

Mr. Voitiuc explained that over the last 20 years a lot had changed with the terms in the annexation agreement. The developer would benefit from the newer terms.

Having no Council comments, Council reached unanimous consensus to move this forward to Legislative Session.

Resolution – to rezone a property located at 413 Snow Hill Road from R-10 Residential to General Commercial

Mr. Voitiuc explained that the property next to Backstreet Grill and Chuck's Backyard was previously zoned incorrectly and they would like to rezone to make it commercial so they can expand their business.

Ms. Dashiell asked if the remaining house on the block was residential. Mr. Voitiuc responded by adding that the house is zoned as residential but they could also rezone and become commercial if they wished.

Having no further Council comments, Council reached unanimous consensus to move this forward to Legislative Session.

Ordinance – authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Wicomico County Health Department and approving a budget amendment of the FY2025 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds received from the Wicomico County Health Department in the amount of \$10,000

Chief O'Barsky explained that this was a continued partnership with the health department for their Safe Station. He added that the Safe Station was a resource for individuals that were suffering from addiction and often times EMS would get called to pre-evaluate the individual before deciding if they needed to be transported to Tidal Health.

Having no Council comments, Council reached unanimous consensus to proceed with the annexation.

Resolution – to amend the Rules of Order

Ms. Bosché stated that she had made all of the changes that Council had proposed from the last work session and asked if there were any questions regarding the changes.

Ms. Dashiell thanked Ms. Bosché for making the changes. She asked that the public be able to see the old rules and then the new rules side by side with the changes underlined in red. Ms. Bosché added that the old rules were currently listed on the city website.

Having no further Council comments, Council reached unanimous consensus to move this forward.

ADJOURNMENT/CONVENE IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

With no further business to discuss, the Work Session adjourned at 6:39 p.m.


City Clerk



Council President