

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SMYRNA TOWN COUNCIL
September 17, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricia A. Stombaugh at 7:30 p.m. Council members present were Joanne Masten, Regina I. Brown, Robert C. Johnson, Jeff Flairty, and Anthony H. DeFeo.

Councilwoman Valerie M. White was excused.

Also present were Town Manager David S. Hugg III, Chief Wilbert R. Bordley, Attorney D. Barrett Edwards, and Recording Secretary Valerie L. Heritage.

Mayor Stombaugh asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Stombaugh asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

Councilman DeFeo made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Flairty made the motion to accept the minutes of August 28, 2012 and September 4, 2012 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Masten and carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Bills & financial statement – Mr. Hugg said Council should have received the current bank balances report on Friday; Council also should have received the most updated statement of revenues and expenditures.

B. Presiding officer – Mayor Stombaugh congratulated Citizens' Hose Company on their 31st win of the Governors Cup and for the good job that they did representing Smyrna. She also wanted to congratulate Charlie Boyer and asked for Mr. Boyer to be present at the next Council meeting – he has been elected President of the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association.

C. Town attorney – Mr. Edwards stated he had nothing at this time.

D. Police chief – Chief Bordley reported that their search is still ongoing for a police officer, and that the Senior Olympics Bike Race went well with the help of Jo Johnson,

Valerie Heritage, Joanne Masten and a number of volunteers. He also attended the Caribbean Night at Lake Como – they had good attendance and a good time.

E. Town manager – Mr. Hugg said Council has a copy of his report; he saw that the Chief had an air conditioning unit fail, we did too – it was a bad week for air conditioners in town buildings. He said Council received some information on impact fees – it is not a legal analysis. Mr. Hugg said Senator Carper and Senator Coons will be in town on Friday.

F. Committees – Councilman DeFeo said the Public Safety Committee met September 13th, and briefly reviewed items discussed at the meeting.

Councilman Flairty said the Long Range Planning Committee met earlier this evening, and briefly reviewed items discussed at the meeting; the next Long Range Planning Committee meeting will be October 15th.

Councilman Johnson said the Utility Committee met September 5th, and reviewed items discussed at the meeting.

Mayor Stombaugh said the Business Development Committee met September 6th; she asked Mr. Hugg for an update from that meeting. Mayor Stombaugh said the Finance Committee met September 12th and will meet again on September 19th.

Councilwoman Brown said the Police Building Review Committee will meet September 19th and the Smyrna Public Library Advisory Board will meet tomorrow.

Councilwoman Masten said the Tree Commission will meet September 19th. She said the Personnel Committee met September 11th, and reviewed items discussed at the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Visitors present were Daryl Jester, Michael Tholstrup, Ed Ide, Keith Faulkner, Melissa Burke, Conrad Hebert, David Edgell, Ann Laumbach, Dean Laumbach, Ken Fearn, and Cindy A. Cogar.

Cindy Cogar, 123 West Hamilton Lane came forward to speak. Ms. Cogar asked about accreditation for the police department – why aren't we accredited now, what is required for the whole accreditation process. Chief Bordley explained that it is a list of requirements and listed parts of the process.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Design Team presentation of the results of the Route 13 Charette – Jim Galvin with the Dover-Kent Co. MPO came forward to speak. Mr. Galvin explained how the Route

13 Charette came about. He said this was coordinated with the help of the Dover-Kent Co. MPO, Town of Smyrna staff, DelDOT, and the State Planning Office.

Betsy Mastaglio with McCormick Taylor came forward to speak. Ms. Mastaglio said it was an honor working on the charette. Ms. Mastaglio then gave a PowerPoint presentation from the week long charette.

Councilman Flairty expressed his gratitude on behalf of Council and the Town – the MPO, the State Planning Office, the consultants – in five days did an extraordinary job; he was really proud of the community.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if there were any questions. Cindy Cogar came forward to speak. Ms. Cogar asked how is this plan implemented – how does it start. Mayor Stombaugh explained that this is a 20 year plan. Ms. Cogar asked how this all came about. Councilman Flairty explained that it was town staff that communicated with State Planning and the MPO. He also explained that a lot of the implementation is a staged process, the first thing that has to happen is that this has to be finalized and accepted by the town – it is a process of being reviewed by Planning & Zoning as well as Long Range Planning and then it comes to Council for approval. Councilman Flairty said once that is done there is a series of steps.

Mayor Stombaugh thanked everyone that was involved.

B. Continued discussion and possible action regarding construction management services for Town projects – Councilman Flairty made the motion to have Mr. Hugg contact i3a Consulting Engineers to negotiate a contract to provide construction management services for the Town. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Masten and carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stombaugh adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Council Secretary