

April 27, 2016

Present

Commissioners Joanne Clark, Ann Borders, Joyce Harrod, Jaime Windon, and Roy Myers, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Zoning Officer Sarah Abel, Administrative Clerk Suzanna Warnick., and 10 members of the public.

Call To Order

President Clark called to order the regular legislative session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 6:10 p.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcement of Prior Executive Session

President Clark announced that the Commissioner had met in Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to Maryland Code State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(1)(i)(ii).

Public Announcements

Mrs. Weisman announced that Election Day for Commissioners of St. Michaels will be Monday, May 2, 2016, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and she noted there were three candidates – Joyce Harrod, current Commissioner, William Boos, and Michael Bibb, who have all filed to run for three vacant Commissioner slots. Mrs. Weisman also said that the Police Department will be holding “Coffee with a Cop” sessions on the first Friday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at the 1812 Tavern. Mrs. Weisman said that the public was invited to come and discuss any concerns regarding law enforcement or just come and have a visit with an officer over coffee and donuts. Sean Goeschke, new fire chief, gave a general report on the activities of the Fire Department over recent months, and noted that the department is currently recruiting new members and is beginning its fundraising season. Mrs. Weisman added that she and Commissioners Borders and Harrod attended the Talbot County Economic Development breakfast at which Ilene Morgan and Brad Fout of St. Michaels was honored for their work on Midnight Madness event over the years. Ann Hymes of Grace Street provided details of her “open gardens” concept.

Consent Agenda

President Clark announced that a vote to approve the consent agenda would include approval of minutes for the month of March 2016, including minutes from the special budget sessions, approval of a permit for a beer sampling and tasting event on June 4, 2016 submitted by St. Michaels BrewFest, and approval of permit application from St. Luke’s Church for their annual Strawberry Festival, also on June 4, 2016. The Commissioners did not have any requests to remove items from the consent agenda, and after a brief general discussion, President Clark asked if there were additional comments from the commissioners or the public. As there were none, Commissioner Borders then made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Myers seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

Ordinance eligible for a Vote

- Ordinance No. 472: FY2017 Budget and Tax Rate

President Clark announced that Ordinance No. 472 was discussed by the Commissioners on March 15, 16, and 23, 2016, that a public hearing was held on April 13, 2016, at which Commissioners Myers, Windon and Clark introduced the ordinance. President Clark said the Ordinance No. 472 was now

eligible for a vote, and called upon Mrs. Warnick, who read the title of the ordinance into the record as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 472, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS
TO SET THE TAX RATE AND ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

As there were no comments or changes to the ordinance from staff and there were no additional comments from the Commissioners or the public, President Clark called for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 472 as presented. Commissioner Myers made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Windon, and which passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

Resolution for discussion and possible vote

- Resolution No. 2016-04: To Amend provisions for slip rental at Watermen's Heritage Park and Town Harbor

President Clark called upon Mrs. Weisman, who explained that the resolution had been reviewed by the State, and that the revised resolution allows the Town to give preference to the watermen regarding available slips at Back Creek. Mrs. Weisman said it also allows watermen that are in existing slips on the harbor side, and especially honeymoon bridge slips, to will their slips or pass them on to other watermen when they die or retire. Commissioner Myers had two minor changes to line 86 regarding the number of watermen slips in the harbor and line 64, reserved parking spaces adjacent to the honeymoon bridge slips. The Commissioners took public comment and questions. President Clark then called upon Mrs. Warnick, who read the title of the resolution into the record as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST.
MICHAELS TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS FOR THE RENTAL OF SLIPS AT THE
DOCK IN THE WATERMEN'S HERITAGE PARK TO SATISFY PROJECT
FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS FOR THE RENTAL OF SLIPS IN
THE TOWN HARBOR WITH REGARD TO WATERMEN**

As there were no other comments or changes, President Clark then requested a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-04 with the minor changes as discussed. Commissioner Windon made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Myers, and which passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

Items for Discussion

- Parking on Talbot Street

Mrs. Weisman reviewed her notes of parking issues as determined by the Commissioners' walk-through of Talbot Street, and discussions she had had with the State. After a discussion of some length and detail, the staff was directed to draft a letter to the State outlining the Talbot Street parking changes on which the Commissioners had consensus. The Commissioners then took public comment. Ann Hymes said that a number of residents were opposed to any additional parking on Talbot Street because of safety issues and would make their views known by petition to the State.

- **Utility Study**

President Clark called upon Mrs. Weisman, who said that two applicants had sent in proposals and that interviews were set up for May 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. with Booth & Associates and at 3:00 p.m. with AECOM. Mrs. Weisman also noted that the Town's attorney would be reviewing both proposals. Mrs. Weisman said she would compile questions resulting from the interviews and e-mail the Commissioners.

Commissioners' Calendar

The Commissioners and Mrs. Weisman made changes and additions to their meeting agendas in May 2016, including a discussion of tour bus parking in residential areas.

Comments from the Public

George Clark of Perry Cabin Drive cited a recent study by the State Highway Administration which found that the Town had ample parking in totality all over town, just not on Talbot Street. There were no additional comments.

Comments from the Commissioners

There were no additional comments.

Announcement of Future Meetings/Events

- May 2, 2016 – Election Day for Commissioners 7 am – 7 pm
- May 11, 2016 – 1:00 – Town Office – Special Work Session (interviews)
- May 11, 2016 – 6:00 – Town Office – Regular Working Session
- May 25, 2016 – 6:00 – Town Office – COSM Regular Legislative Session
- May 30, 2016 – Town Office closed for Memorial Day

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanna Warnick
Administrative Clerk

Public Handouts:

Agenda

Draft Ordinance No. 473 – FY17 Tax Rate and Budget

Draft Resolution 2016-04 – Amend Rental of Slips at Watermen's Heritage Park