

**County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021**

By conference call, open to the public, the County Council of Dorchester County convened in Open Session at 6:05 p.m. on the 6th day of July 2021. A roll call of the members was conducted. Present on the conference call and in Room 110 were: Jay L. Newcomb, President; Libby Handley Nagel, Vice President; William V. Nichols; George L. Pfeffer, Jr. Also present via telephone was also Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager and E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, who were also present in Room 110. Councilman Travers joined the meeting late.

REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

After publication of the agenda, the following items were added: Correspondence Request-Tour-Deer Population and Request to Sole Source-HVAC Replacement-Eastern Shore Innovation Center. The Council approved the amended agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes of May 11, 2021.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers as presented with Councilman Travers abstaining for payments made to Simmons Center Market.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Newcomb reported total cash and investments as \$7,695,285.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

By conference call, the Council convened into Regular Session on July 6 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613 and motioned to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; and pursuant 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter,

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By conference call, the Council convened in a Closed Session on July 6, 2021 at 4:31 p.m. to discuss the following items pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) and §3-305(b)(7):

- 1- Approved the request of the Emergency Services Director to remove individuals from the on call list by a 3 to 2 vote;
- 2- Approved the request of the Emergency Services Director to hire individuals as full time Paramedics by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 3- Approved a request for an individual to remain on call as an EMT-B by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 4- Approved the request of the Tourism Director to hire four individuals as on call Visitor Center Clerks by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 5- Approved the request of the Public Works Director to hire an individual as a Motor Equipment Operator IV position by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 6- Approved the request of the Public Works Director to promote an employee to a Roads Foreman position by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 7- Approved the requests of the Public Works Director, by a 4 to 1 vote, to: 1) laterally transfer an employee from a MEO III position at the Landfill to a MEO IV position at the Highway Division; 2) to hire an individual as a Landfill Equipment Operator III; 3) to reclassify a Landfill Equipment Operator position to a Working Face Supervisor position and hire an individual to fill the position; 4) a salary adjustment to a current Landfill employee; 5) to hire an individual to fill a Landfill Manager position.
- 8- Approved the request of the Public Works Director to merge two Mechanic positions by a 4 to 1 vote;
- 9- Approved the request of the Finance Director to hire an individual to fill a vacant Fiscal Clerk position by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 10- Received legal advice from the County Attorney regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for the leasing of space for the Emergency Services Department-agreed to discuss in open session.
- 11- Received legal advice from the County Attorney regarding a Memorandum of Understanding regarding equipment-agreed to discuss in open session.

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RETIREMENT COMMENDATION-STEVE GARVIN

The Council presented a Commendation to Steve Garvin congratulating him on his retirement and commending him for 17 years of service to Dorchester County.

RETIREMENT COMMENDATION-RON SHORT

The Council presented a Commendation to Ron Short congratulating him on his retirement and commending him for 12 years of service to Dorchester County.

RETIREMENT COMMENDATION-SUZANNE RICHARDSON

The Council presented a Commendation to Suzanne Richardson congratulating her on her retirement and commending her 9 years of service to Dorchester County

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Council adjourned into Legislative Session.

PUBLIC HEARING

BILL NO 2021- 12 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO ENACT NEW SECTION 40-14(E) ENTITLED "EXEMPTION - BROADBAND PROJECTS" TO SECTION 40-14 ENTITLED "PERMIT REQUIREMENTS" TO ARTICLE II ENTITLED "EXCAVATIONS" TO CHAPTER 40 ENTITLED "ROADS" OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR BROADBAND PROJECTS FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE SQUARE FOOT SURFACE OPENINGS IN THE SURFACE OF ANY ROAD, STREET OR THOROUGHFARE.

E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, said a public hearing is being held on Bill No. 2021-12 to amend the County Code to add a new section 40-14(E) entitled "Permit Regulations" to Article II entitled "Excavations" to Chapter 40 entitled "Roads" of Article 10 to provide an exemption for broadband projects from the payment of the square foot surface openings in the surface of any road, street or thoroughfare only. He noted that no one signed up to speak. He asked if anyone from the audience or on the telephone wished to speak. There was no response.

The roll call on Bill No. 2021-12 was: Nichols-nay; Nagel-aye; Newcomb-aye; Pfeffer-aye and Travers-aye.

BILL NO. 2021-14 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND ACTING PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, WHICH ENTRUSTS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH LAND USE PLANNING AUTHORITY TO GUIDE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND ACTING PURSUANT TO TITLE 27, CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS, SUBTITLE 01, CRITERIA FOR LOCAL CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS (COMAR) AND ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-1808 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA TO AMEND SECTION 68-1(B) OF CHAPTER 68 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA", PROVIDING FOR A DEFINITION OF THE TERM NONWATER-DEPENDENT PROJECT AND TO ADD NEW SECTION 68-25(N) TO CHAPTER 68 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE PROVIDING FOR THE PERMITTING OF NONWATER-DEPENDENT PROJECTS ON STATE OR PRIVATE WETLANDS WITHIN THE 100 FOOT AND EXPANDED BUFFER OF THE CRITICAL AREA.

Mr. Merryweather said before Council for introduction is legislation to amend Section 68-1(B) of Chapter 68 of the Dorchester County Code entitled "Chesapeake Bay Critical Area", providing for a definition of the term Nonwater-Dependent Project and to add new Section 68-25(N) to Chapter 68 of the Dorchester County Code providing for the permitting of Nonwater-Dependent Projects on State or private wetlands within the 100 foot and expanded buffer of the Critical Area. The Council agreed to proceed with the publication of a public hearing.

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC HEARING- AMENDMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council convened into a public hearing. on the request of the Dorchester County Sanitary District for an amendment of the 2004 Dorchester County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (Plan) to amend Chapter 4, Sewage, Chapter 4, Table 4-3, and to add a Sewer Service Area Map illustrating the change from "No Planned Service" To "S-1" (Sewer Available) of an area located along Brooks and Cherry Point Road (also referred to as Mckeil Point), Tax Map/Block/Parcel Number 39/22/18, Zoned Rr (Rural Residential), in Election District 16.

Bill Forlifer, Environmental Health Officer, Dorchester County Health Department said the amendment will allow service to existing 12 improved lots but will not deny access to two vacant lots. He noted that Bay Restoration Grant funds require that the lots that can be included at Mckeil Point must have been improved prior to 2008.

Herve Hamon, Planning and Zoning Director, said this is a pilot program in that there are several Berm Infiltration Ponds around the County that are showing signs of distress and may be included in future amendments. He noted that the Maryland Department of Environment is becoming more diligent in considering such connections.

Senate Adelaide Eckardt thanked those individuals who pursued this amendment. She stressed the need to educate those across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge who unaware of the need for infrastructure in Dorchester County to promote sustainability and be resilient during water events.

Chris Hauge, Vice Chair, Dorchester County Sanitary Commission (Sanitary Commission) said is important to Dorchester County, the Sanitary District's customers and the taxpayers in the County to assist customers now and in the future.

E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, asked if anyone wished to speak. Debbie and Kurt Tribble, who have owned property in Cherry Point four years now spoke in favor of the amendment. Keith Graffius, Community Liaison, Congressman Andy Harris cited his support of the amendment. Aubrey Vincent, Chair, Sanitary Commission, said she appreciates the County bringing this amendment forward.

The Council adopted the Resolution to amend the Plan.

MANAGERS COMMENTS

FY22 CATEGORICAL BUDGET-ANNUAL BUDGET CERTIFICATION STATEMENT- BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Council approved the request of Dave Bromwell, Superintendent of Schools to: 1) approve the Board of Education's (BOE) Categorical Budget based on the County's FY22 allocation to the BOE of \$20,812,142 for operating expenses and \$141,000 for capital expenses; and, 2) execute the Annual Budget Certification Statement for the fiscal year.

REQUEST TO USE COUNTY PROPERTY-LEGISLATIVE BOND APPLICATION REQUEST-ALPHA GENESIS CDC

The Council approved the requests of Adrian Holmes, President and Program Director, Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation (Alpha Genesis CDC) to:

- Use the Dorchester County Courthouse lawn on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9 am to 3 pm. to celebrate the annual Day of Resilience which will start at 11:30 to 1 pm. The additional time prior and afterwards is for setup and cleanup.
- Use the Dorchester County Courthouse lawn on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 7am to 4 pm. to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Harriet Tubman's birth.
- Enter into a grant agreement with Alpha Genesis CDC which was awarded a \$50, 000 legislative Bond Bill towards the purchase of the Harriet Tubman Statue being installed at the Dorchester County Courthouse and for Dorchester County to become the beneficiary of the bond so the funds can be dispersed which will then be sent to the sculptor Wesley Wofford.

CONTINUED-COMMERCIAL LEASE-HANGAR SPACE-AIRPORT

The Council took no action on the request submitted by Steve Nuwer, Airport Director, on behalf of Mr. Carl Deakyn, (Eastern Shore Sport Aviation), to convert his current lease with the County for \$325 a month for space in the South Hangar for non-commercial aircraft storage to one contiguous commercial lease for South Hangar Spaces D and A2 for the purposes of aircraft maintenance and repair which was deferred from the last meeting.

REQUEST TO WAIVE STANDBY FEES-CAMBRIDGE CLASSIC POWER BOAT RACES & THUNDER ON THE CHOPTANK

The Council approved the request of Terri Robbins, on behalf of the Cambridge Power Boat Racing Association, Inc. and the Kent Narrows Racing Association for ambulance support for the 110th Annual Cambridge Classic event will be run on October 9 to October 10, 2021 and the Thunder on the Choptank will be run July 24-25, 2021. The Council also agreed to waive the fee for such support. The Council acknowledged that the request is for an ambulance be stationed at Great Marsh Park during the time boats are on the water which will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day.

REFERRAL TO PLANNING COMMISSION-RELIANCE ROAD WATER AND SEWER AMENDMENT-RELIANCE MOBILE HOME PARK-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council approved the request of Herve Hamon, Planning and Zoning Director, on behalf of Ryan Showalter, Esquire, representing the Reliance Mobile Home Park, to refer to the Planning Commission for its review and recommendation to Council to change the sewer classification for the mobile home park from "No Planned Service" to "S2".

Brandon Maloney, Esquire, McAllister, Detar and Walker, said if approved the mobile home park will no longer be connected to the Federalsburg system and instead there will be on-site septic system.

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT REQUEST-MARYLAND STATE POLICE-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council approved the request of the Maryland State Police (MSP) for the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to provide them access to the address points and centerlines which the County submits as part of the quarterly updates to DoIT. The Council acknowledged that this is a renewal and that MSP will use the address points and centerlines for the purpose of mapping within MSP internally to create the calls for services and monitor the troopers on the road.

CONTRACT APPROVAL REQUEST-CONSULTANT-HOOPERSVILLE RESILIENCY STUDY

The Council acknowledged its June 15, 2021 decision to award the bid for the Hoopersville Resiliency Study to BayLand Consultants and Designers at the cost of not to exceed \$55,000 and approved the contract pursuant to the request of Mr. Hamon.

FY22 CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE REQUEST-STRYKER POWER LOAD COTS-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Dozia Rahilly, Emergency Services Director to expend FY22 Capital Budget funds to sole source with Stryker and purchase eight new power load cots, at the cost of \$128,362, which will provide a trade in for existing cots that are in poor condition using FY22 Capital Budget funding. The Council acknowledged that included in the FY22 Capital Budget is \$130,000 for cot and stair chair replacement and since there are other funding sources that may be used for the stair chair replacement, the majority of this funding is being used to purchase the power load cots.

REVIEW-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICY-911 ALERTING ON SPECIAL CALLS-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council agreed to continue with the current Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Policy regarding 911 alerting on special calls.

Adam Pritchett, Chief, Rescue Fire Company, said they sought an adjustment at 911 center for alerting RFC. He advised that he is the one who determines how RFC responds, noting that they can respond to all medical calls in their first due.

EMERGENCY SERVICES TRANSPORTER SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM REQUEST-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council discussed with Ms. Rahilly her request to enter into an agreement with the Maryland Department of Health to participate in the Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program. The following information was provided to the Council: 1) by entering into this supplemental program, an additional 50% on top of a flat fee of \$100 for medical transports will be provided to the County; 2) to enroll into this program certain criteria must be met; 3) the agreement includes a termination clause; 4) the anticipated amount in additional revenue is \$800,000; 5) there is no cost to enter into this program however preparatory work needs to be completed for qualification purposes; 6) Ms. Rahilly recommends that a company be hired for the preparatory work; 7) it is her understanding that the company can obtain payment from the revenue prior to it being distributed to the County.

E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, said there is no provision for a thirty day without cause termination clause in the agreement. Ms. Rahilly said she is unsure if the State contract can be amended. In response to a query from Councilman Travers, Ms. Rahilly said is unsure whether other counties in the State have enrolled in this program. She noted that the agreement

must be signed by July 15, 2021. Pursuant to a question posed by Councilman Pfeffer, Ms. Rahilly said she became aware of this program at the end of May 2021. Councilman Travers made a motion to defer the request in order to obtain clarification regarding the cost for a third party to perform the preparatory work. Troi Lynn Faith, Emergency Services Administrative Specialist, suggested a poll be conducted after Emergency Services staff provide information regarding a potential vendor and confirmation on whether the cost incurred for the third party can be taken out of the revenue prior to being distributed to the County. The Council approved an amended motion to allow Emergency Services staff to obtain the requested information and for a poll to be conducted.

RADIOLOGICAL ENERGY PLAN UPDATE-EMERGENCY SERVICES

Pursuant to the request of Ms. Rahilly the Council approved the updated Radiological Energy Plan so it may be executed by the Council President and sent to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PLAN EXTENSION REQUEST-RECREATION AND PARKS

The Council approved the request of Mike Diaz, Recreation and Parks Director, to seek an extension for the submission of the County's Annual Program Open Space (POS) plan which is due July 1, 2021 for an additional thirty days.

REQUEST TO FORM COMMITTEE-SAILWINDS PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT-RECREATION AND PARKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Diaz to form a new committee with its scope of work being for the development planning of the Sailwinds Park Enhancement Project. The Council recognized that the project being discussed by the Committee will consist of a WIBIT floating Water Park, a Splash Pad and two Sand Volleyball Courts. The Council acknowledged that the Committee members are Mr. Diaz, Jeff Powell, Chad Malkus, Susan Banks, Amanda Fenstermaker or a designee from Sailwinds Park Board and Frank Narr. In response to a question posed by Councilman Pfeffer, Mr. Diaz said all of the proposed members are willing to participate.

GOVERNORS OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT-SHERIFF'S OFFICE-FINANCE

The Council acknowledged that pursuant to Finance Staff: 1) a grant award was received from the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) of a FY21 Police Recruitment and Retention Grant in the amount of \$5,000; 2) there is no record that the submission of this grant nor the award were approved by Council. The Council accepted the grant award. The Council recognized: 1) the list of individual they were provided who will receive an equal amount of funds from these grant proceeds as retention bonuses: and, 2) the Authorized Official for GOCCP grants must be listed as the County due to the use of its Federal Identification Number based on a prior legal opinion from E. Thomas Merryweather County Attorney. The

Council agreed to send correspondence to GOCCP noting that the Authorized Official is the County.

BARTUS TREW GRANT-LETTER OF SUPPORT-BAYLY CABIN-TOURISM

The Council approved the request submitted by Amanda Fenstermaker, the prior Tourism Director, on behalf of the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area (HCCHA) and the Dorchester County Tourism Office to submit a grant proposal entitled "Saving the Historic Bayly Cabin Grant" for \$25,000 to make improvements that will enable the cabin to be safe for public access and also asking a letter of support for the application. The Council acknowledged that this grant is the match for a Maryland Heritage Area Authority grant proposal that was submitted earlier this year and will be awarded in July 2021. The Council also recognized that a Project Manager will have to be named if the grant award is approved as it is currently listed as Amanda Fenstermaker who be resigning on July 15, 2021.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-COVID AGREEMENT-SECOND AMENDMENT-LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Council acknowledged that: 1) Dorchester County was awarded Community Development Grant funds totaling \$100,000 that were awarded to Delmarva Community Services for distribution; 2) on May 31st Council was notified of proposed changes to the agreement which were advertised for public comment as required; 3) no comments were; and 4) the notification has been approved. Based on the request of Nancy Shockley, Local Management Board Director, the Council approved the amended agreement.

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL REQUEST-LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Council approved the Request of Ms. Shockley to approve Emergency Rental Assistance Program Grant applications for the below in the total amount of \$38,330 which will be provided to the landlords of those individual who lease from them. In response to an inquiry from Councilman Newcomb, Ms. Lane confirmed that Ms. Shockley is using the required eligibility criteria when evaluating applications. In order to ensure that individuals are not evicted from the places they rent, the Council agreed to conduct telephone.

RIG Holding, LLC	\$4,175
Choptank Property Management	\$3,000
NOVO Properties	\$7,430
JKL Holding, LLC	\$3,040
Warren Saunders, Jr.	\$9,000
Cambridge Property Management, LLC	\$11,685

REQUEST TO PIGGYBACK ON STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT- DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Dave Edwards, Public Works Director, to piggyback on the State Highway Administration Contract XX1675474R with David A. Bramble so the County's workforce can be subsidized to complete several extensive projects which expires on December 31, 2021 with Councilman Travers opposing. The Council recognized that the projects will be completed before the expiration date and operational funds will be used to support construction.

REQUEST TO INCREASE PIPE COSTS-PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Edwards presented his request to increase the cost to the public for Aluminized Type 2 Metal Pipe and/or HDPE Drainage pipe, which has not been raised for several years. He said there was an increase in the cost of this pipe in the bid that was awarded the contract for these types of pipes by the Council to Lane Enterprises. Councilman Pfeffer questioned whether the County will lose money if the prices remain the same. Mr. Edwards said there will not be a loss to the County, noting that the cost of these types of pipes is less to the public than if they obtain the same from an outside vendor.

Rusty Eberspacher, resident, inquired about the Council's opinion on the the land owners' responsibility for the cost of a pipe if the County changes drainage on land adjacent to a County road. Mr. Edwards said if the County created the drainage, the County would pay for a pipe if a land owner affected by the work, has trouble accessing their property. Mr. Eberspacher advised that on Fork Neck Road the County changed the direction of waterflow by a field by installing a ditch and the landowner was advised that they need to pay for the pipe. Councilwoman Nagel made a motion to approve the increase. Councilman Nichols seconded the motion.

Councilman Newcomb questioned whether the County's Schedule of Fees needed to be amended in order to change the pipe cost. Mr. Edwards said that cost is not included in that schedule. Ms. Lane advised that the installation cost is included in the schedule not the cost of the pipe. Pursuant to a question from Councilman Pfeffer, Mr. Edwards stated that selling the pipe takes multiple resources away from the Public Works Department. A discussion ensued regarding only selling to the pipe to an outside contract at the new fee. Based on a queries from Councilman Newcomb, Mr. Edwards said selling the pipe results in a profit of \$28,000. Councilwoman Nagel cited her belief that the revenue should be returned to the Public Works Department budget in order to ensure that they are able to purchase a sufficient supply to address all needs. She noted that some individuals had to wait until July 1, 2021 as there was insufficient funding in the budget to perform work. Martha Sparks, Assistant Finance Director, said revenue and expenses are in separate accounts. Mr. Edwards expressed his understanding that the Directors do not have access to the revenue, noting the does not have that capability.

The Council approved Mr. Edwards' request.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS-CRS-2/POLYMER-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to advertise for proposals for CRS-2/Polymer, a new product Public Works staff have experimented with, which has better results with stone remaining on the road and can be spread at a broader air temperature range for better production.

REQUEST TO ALLOW CONTRACTOR ACCESS-SLAUGHTER CREEK DREDGING PROJECT-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to allow a contractor access and dredge material placement areas for the Slaughter Creek Dredging project. The Council acknowledged that the proposed areas have been approved by Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) and are expected to be approved by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). Mr. Hamon said work will be commencing soon on the dredging of Hurst Creek. He asked if there will be collaboration between the Public Works Department and the contractor in terms of the dredging aspect. Mr. Edwards cited his belief that Army Corps and MDE will consider these two separate projects. In response to an inquiry from Councilman Newcomb, Mr. Graffius expressed his belief that the project will be performed in a reasonable timeframe once it is approved. The Council agreed to send correspondence to Army Corps, MDE and the Maryland Port Administration regarding the need for the dredging of the Honga River/Tar Bay Channel.

REQUEST TO SOLE SOURCE-PURCHASE REPLACEMENT MOWER-DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Council approved the request of Mike Diaz, Recreation and Parks Director, to sole source with Atlantic Tractor and piggy back on a State of Maryland contract to purchase two mowers at the cost of \$9,031.84 each using FY22 Capital Funds of which \$25,000 has been allocated for this purpose.

REVERSION OF PROGRAM OPEN SPACE FUNDS REQUEST-RECREATION AND PARKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Diaz to submit correspondence to Program Open Space seeking the reversion of funds for the following project to the County's allotment: 6298-9-162, Busick Park Tennis Courts, \$13,250 balance. The Council acknowledged that these funds can then be used the future for other projects provided they are included in either the County's Annual POS Program or its 5 year LRRP plan.

TOWER LEASE RENEWAL REQUEST-3 CEDAR STREET-T-MOBILE

The Council approved the request to renew the lease with T-Mobile Northeast LLC for space on the County owned tower located at 3 Cedar Street until October 31, 2021. The Council acknowledged that the tower to which they will move has an osprey nest located on it which cannot be disturbed until September.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

The Council appointed the following individuals to the Redistricting Commission which were nominated by the Republican and Democratic Central Committees: Matthew Merideth; Frank Horsman; Janette McCoy; Victoria Gebert Hubbard; Mike Detmer; Phillip Bramble; Theresa Stafford; Heather Roberts; James H. Slacum; and Zia Ashraf. The Council also appointed Linda Henry to this Commission as the Council's representative. The Council asked that the Commission members make a recommendation on a Chairperson.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

The Council agreed to appoint to the Charter Review Commission Linda Henry as an at large member and Susan Dukes as the District 4 representative. The Council acknowledged that an additional seven registered voters, including at least one member from the other four districts must be appointed to this Commission.

POLL CONFIRMATIONS

The Council, in the interim between meetings, via poll, confirmed its below decisions:

- approved request of Emergency Services Director to purchase an ambulance which includes a powerload for \$260,141 using FY 21 monies of \$257,603 and contingency funds of \$2,538 by a 3 to 2 (no response) vote; and,
- agreed to provide one day complimentary pool passes to youth in the City of Cambridge who cleaned the Wards in the City of Cambridge by a 5 to 0 vote.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

The Council deferred consideration of the entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. and Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company for space at these stations for Advanced Life Support unit and staff for one year.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUEST-TOUR-DEER POPULATION

The Council approved the request of Todd Eberspacher, on behalf of 33 farmers, petition to send correspondence to Jeannie Riccio, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Brian Eyler, DNR who is charge of the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Services as well as Joe Bartenfelder, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, to seek a night tour of the County to observe damage from the over population of deer and for them to assist with the deer population.

REQUEST TO SOLE SOURCE-HVAC REPLACEMENT-EASTERN SHORE INNOVATION CENTER

The Council approved the request of Susan Banks, Economic Development Director, to sole source with Gannon's Refrigeration Service to replace a HVAC unit at the Eastern Shore

Innovation Center at the cost of \$5,450, who has provided previous HVAC services and is familiar with ESIC's HVAC system layout using FY22 Economic Development budget funds or Capital Contingency funds.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-EQUIPMENT-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council agreed to defer consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding relating to the Gator housed at Rescue Fire Company.

ADJOURNMENT


With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

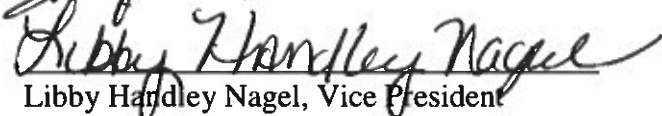


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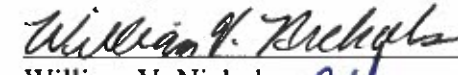
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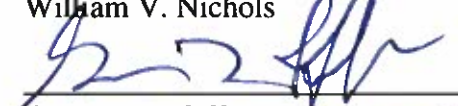
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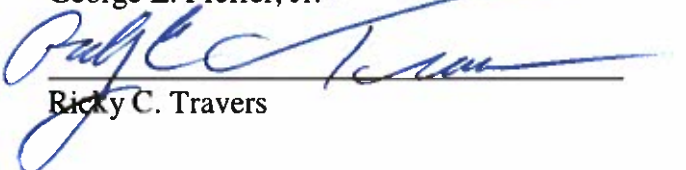
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Ricky C. Travers

Approved the 3rd day of August, 2021.