

**County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022**

The County Council of Dorchester County convened in Open Session at 6:03 p.m. on the 1st day of March 2022. The meeting was also available to the public by conference call. 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.; and, Ricky C. Travers. Also present in Room 110 and via telephone were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; and Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager.

REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Pfeffer 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: Bid Award-Recreation Center-Recreation and Parks; Letter of Support- SB 726/HB1187 Transportation-Highway User Revenues-Revenue and Distribution; and, Poll Confirmations. The Council approved the amended agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes of February 15, 2022.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Newcomb reported total cash and investments as \$21,853,393.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

The Council convened into Regular Session on March 1, 2022 at 5:08 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. The meeting was also available to the public by conference call.

Present in Room 110 were: Jay L. Newcomb, President; Libby Handley Nagel, Vice President; William V. Nichols; George L. Pfeffer, Jr.; and, Ricky C. Travers. Also present in Room 110 was Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager.

The Council convened into a Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. on March 1, 2022 to discuss the following items pursuant to §3-305(b)(1):

1. Approved the request of Emergency Services Director for a conditional offer of employment to an individual to fill a 911 dispatcher position to by a 5 to 0 vote;
2. Approved the request of Public Works Director for the lateral transfer of two employees from the Landfill Division to the Highway Division by a 3 to 2 vote;
3. Discussed a matter relating to a specific individual's sick leave request;
4. Discussed personnel matters relating to specific individuals.

Present in Room 110 were: Jay L. Newcomb, President; Libby Handley Nagel, Vice President; William V. Nichols; George L. Pfeffer, Jr.; and, Ricky C. Travers. Also present in Room 110 was Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager. E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, joined the meeting late.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Council convened into Legislative Session.

PUBLIC HEARING

BILL NO. 2022-1 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 PURSUANT TO AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO AMEND 155 ATTACHMENT 1, D, ENTITLED "TABLE OF PERMITTED USES BY ZONING DISTRICT DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND", OF CHAPTER 155 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE TO ADD A NEW USE CATEGORY ENTITLED "UNCLASSIFIED" PROVIDING THAT NON-COMMERCIAL PERSONAL STORAGE USES ARE PERMITTED IN THE B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND THE B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND THE I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND THE I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, said a public hearing is being held on legislation to amend 155 Attachment 1, D entitled "Table of Permitted Uses by Zoning District Dorchester County, Maryland of Chapter 155, "Zoning," of the Dorchester County Code to add a new use category entitled "Unclassified" providing that non-commercial personal storage uses are permitted in the B-1 Neighborhood Business District, the B-2 General Business District and the I-1 Light Industrial District and the I-2 Heavy Industrial District, subject to certain conditions. Herve Hamon, Planning and Zoning Director, provided an overview of the reasons for the

pursuit of this legislation and of the amendment, noting that the Planning Commission made the recommendation to proceed with the legislation. There were no public comments.

The roll call on Bill No. 2022-1 was: Nichols-aye; Nagel-aye; Newcomb-aye; Pfeffer-aye; Travers-aye.

PUBLIC HEARING

BILL NO. 2022-2 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 68-5(J) TO CHAPTER 68 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE PROVIDING FOR THE PERMITTING OF NONWATER-DEPENDENT PROJECTS ON STATE OR PRIVATE WETLANDS, AND REPEALING AND REPLACING DORCHESTER COUNTY BILL NO. 2021-14 APPROVED AND PASSED ON AUGUST 3, 2021, BY THE DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL.

Mr. Merryweather stated that a public hearing is being held on legislation 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 "Chesapeake Bay Critical Area", providing for a definition of the term nonwater-dependent project and to add new Section 68-5(J) to Chapter 68 of the Dorchester County Code providing for the permitting of nonwater-dependent projects on state or private wetlands, and repealing and replacing Bill No. 2021-14 approved and passed on August 3, 2021, by the County Council. Anthony Kupersmith, Attorney for the applicant, summarized some of the amendments and cited support of the passage of the bill on behalf of his client.

The roll call on Bill No. 2022-2 was: Nichols-aye; Nagel-aye; Newcomb-aye; Pfeffer-aye; Travers-aye.

PUBLIC HEARING

BILL NO. 2002-3 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 513 AND SECTION 514 OF THE CHARTER OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, AMENDING THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE COUNTY BUDGET, CONSISTING OF THE OPERATING BUDGET, THE CAPITAL BUDGET, AND THE GRANT BUDGET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, TO PROVIDE A MID-YEAR COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT.

Mr. Merryweather said scheduled for a public hearing is legislation to amend the 2021-2022 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Dorchester County for the purpose of amending the County budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 and appropriately funds to provide for a mid-year Step increases for County employees as of January 2022. There were no public comments.

The roll call on Bill No. 2022-3 was: Nichols-aye; Nagel-aye; Newcomb-aye; Pfeffer-aye; Travers-aye.

REGULAR SESSION

The Council convened into Regular Session.

DELMARVA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION-DORCHESTER SEAFOOD HERITAGE ASSOC.-DREDGING-TAR BAY GAPS

Charles "Chip" MacLeod, Attorney, said, he, Bobby Whaples, President, Dorchester Seafood Heritage Association, and Captain Rob Newberry, Chairman, Delmarva Fisheries Association, are present to discuss the dredging of Tar Bay Gaps as part of the Mid-Bay Island project and the use of those dredge spoils as part of that project. He said they are aware of the Council going on record to support the dredging which will enable emergency access and assist commercial and recreational watermen. He stressed the need to ensure that the State and Federal government are aware that both the Associations, those in the seafood industry and the Council support the dredging of Tar Bay Gaps.

Bobby Whaples, President, Dorchester Seafood Heritage Association, said at a June 16, 2021, the Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Port Authority and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives met with local Dorchester County watermen and elected officials to discuss concerns regarding the location of the borrow area to source sand for the construction of Barren Island. He noted that on August 3, 2021, a Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration (Mid-Bay Island project) project Barren Island Coordination meeting was held. He said the U.S. Army Corps decided to move the dredging area to the north in lieu of dredging the Tar Bay Channel. Mr. Whaples showed pictures of the dredging

area of the Tar Bay Channel that occurred years ago. Mr. Whaples advised that the President of the Hoopers Island Volunteer Fire Company was present in light of his concerns about emergency access as well as Phil Gootee who has a charter service. Councilman Newcomb noted that as a result of the August 1st meeting a discussion regarding establishing a committee of five individuals, three watermen and business owners was held. He referenced the three individuals who were selected to be on the Committee: Boo Powley, Phillip Gootee and Bobby Whaples. He noted that samples were supposed to be taken. He stated that there was no response to the correspondence sent by the Council to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for assistance in this matter.

Councilwoman Nagel made a motion to send correspondence to the U.S. Corps of Engineers requesting that serious consideration be given to the dredging of Tar Bay Gaps and the use of those spoils for the Mid-Bay Island project. Mr. Whaples said the Tar Bay Channel is one of the best crab harvesting areas, noting that the placement of stone in the Little Choptank River has resulted in a decrease of productive bottom. She amended the motion to include representatives from DNR, the federal and state delegation and Governor Lawrence Hogan. Adam Xenides, resident, said he was in contact with Kristen Keene, Maryland Department of Transportation Port Administration and the U.S. Corps of Engineers and was advised that samples were not taken. He cited concerns that the core samples were not included in environmental assessment for public comments. He said he is considering filing an injunction with the assistance of an attorney against the entire project.

Mark Flowers, Jr., President, Hoopers Island Volunteer Fire Company, said depending on the route taken, it can take from 11 minutes to 26.5 minutes to respond to an emergency by boat. He said an additional item to consider is how much fuel will be needed. He noted that there is a County dock in the area that many cannot access from the Bay. He referenced the multiple businesses that are also impacted, including Barren Island Oysters, Russell Hall Seafood, and Gootees Marina. Philip Gootee, Captain, concurred with Mr. Flowers comments.

Dwayne Paul, waterman, advised that he has leased a boat slip at the County dock for over 40 years. He expressed his concerns about potential damage to marine vessels due to low tide due to the lack of dredging and increased travel times, particularly during an emergency.

Captain Rob Newberry, Chairman, Delmarva Fisheries Association, said there are several letters in which the U.S. Corps of Engineers advised that they will accept dredge spoils. He noted that direct response to emergencies is vital and cited concerns about safety navigating the Tar Bay channel. He expressed his belief that the dredging of the Tar Bay Channel will enhance Tourism. He thanked the Council for their time and effort in this matter.

Tom Bradshaw, Executive Board Member, Delmarva Resource Conservation and Development, referenced prior actions taken by the Council to tour the Tar Bay Channel with U.S. Army Corps of Engineer and other officials. He said he is also concerned about public safety.

Larry Powley cited concerns about the impact the elimination of the Tar Bay Dredging from the Mid Bay Island projects will have on watermen, recreational fishermen, local businesses, and the tourism industry. The Council agreed to send a letter to the U.S. Corps of Engineers requesting that serious consideration be given to the dredging of Tar Bay Gaps and the use of those spoils for the Mid-Bay Island project. The Council also agreed to seek an update at a future meeting. Councilman Newcomb cited concerns about the committee not being kept abreast of the project.

MANAGERS COMMENTS

REQUEST TO WAIVE STANDBY FEES-CAMBRIDGE CLASSIC POWER BOAT RACES-THUNDER ON THE CHOPTANK-CAMBRIDGE POWER BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Council approved the request of Terri Robbins, on behalf of the Cambridge Power Boat Racing Association, Inc. and Kent Narrows Racing Association for ambulance support for the two boat races to be stationed at Great Marsh Park during the times the boats are in the water (10 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. each day) and to waive the fee for this service. The 110th Cambridge Classic event will be run on May 21 & 22, 2022 and the Thunder on the Choptank will be run July 23 & 24, 2022.

BOND BILL SUPPORT REQUEST-FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE-CAMBRIDGE-DORCHESTER LODGE #27

The Council approved the request of Thomas R. Hurley, Lodge President, Fraternal Order of Police Cambridge-Dorchester Lodge 27, for a letter of support of a bond bill in the amount of \$608,000 towards the construction of a lodge building on a 10 acre property on Dailsville Road, outside of Cambridge, which is owned by Lodge 27. The Council acknowledged that: 1) they sought a Bond Bill for \$500,000 last year which Council supported and only received \$250,000; and due to rising costs they are seeking a Bond Bill for \$608,000 which includes the \$250,000 not received last year.

REFERRAL TO PLANNING COMMISSION-TEXT AMENDMENT-ALLOWABLE USES AC-RCA ZONE-PLANNING AND ZONING

Herve Hamon, Planning and Zoning Director, presented his request for Council's authorization to refer to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation to the Council a text amendment of the allowable uses in the AC-RCA that will allow an interpretive center building in the AC-RCA zone. He recognized that Midge Ingersoll, Shirley Jackson and Cathy Malkus of the Handsell Historic Site are in the audience. He provided information regarding the text amendment. Ms. Ingersoll provided information regarding the Handsell historic site which is need of bathroom facilities, space for progamming as well as lectures and amenities such as heat. She explained that approval must be obtained from the Maryland Historic Preservation Trust, which holds an easement on the property, for the construction of a building and the inclusion of two acres around the property. She showed pictures of the proposed barn structure. The Council approved Mr. Hamon's request.

SIGNAGE REQUEST-LEASED HANGARS-AIRPORT

Based on information Steve Nuwer, Airport Manager, provided on signage on leased hangars at the Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport, the Council agreed that Carl Deakyne, can place a 4 foot by 8 foot fabric sign on the south eastern side of the South Hangar in which he leases space for which no permits are needed.

BID AWARD-CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY BYWAY INTERPRETIVE PLAN-TOURISM

The Council approved the request of Holly Gilpin, Tourism Director, to award the bid for the development of the Chesapeake Country Byway Interpretive Plan to Conservation by Design at the cost of \$61,450. Funds for this purpose are from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority, \$50,000 and local contributions either in-hand or pledged from 7 counties and the 3 Heritage Areas at \$2500 each for a total of \$25,000. The Council acknowledged that the approval is contingent upon the inclusion of a third day termination for convenience clause and payment for services up to the date of termination in the contract pursuant to Mr. Merryweather.

FY22 MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITY BLOCK GRANT AWARD-MINI-GRANTS-TOURISM

The Council accepted a FY22 Maryland Heritage Area Authority Block Grant for \$25,000 which will be regranted to smaller organizations through the mini grant program. The Council acknowledge that the match for this project is from cash and in-kind contributions from partner organizations.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT-2021 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT-SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Council agreed to enter into an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for a 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance grant to the City of Cambridge and the Sheriff's Office reflecting a change made by Sheriff James Phillips to change the Sheriff's Office share from overtime to acquiring a K-9 (\$5,498.45) and to facilitate NIBRS compliance (\$170.05). The Council acknowledged that under this agreement the City will provide the County these funds from the grant award.

CONTINUED-REQUEST TO PURCHASE BODY ARMOR-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES-EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ms. Lane noted that its February 15, 2022 meeting, the Council deferred the request of Dozia Rahilly, Emergency Services Director, to purchase body armor for Emergency Medical Services employees, both full time and on call at the cost of \$20,500 from the Contingency Fund for additional information regarding the vests she proposed to purchase for its review and consideration at this meeting. She said pursuant to Ms. Rahilly: 1) she found 11 vests in a shed at Emergency Services which is not climate controlled which are in different sizes; 2) there are two different types of vests; 3) they are soft ballistic vests which are affected and deteriorate faster than their expiration date when exposed to heat and humidity; 4) depending on the brand

these types of vests expire within five to ten years; 5) even if within expiration she will have a contact manufacturer to ask if they are okay to use; 6) they will have to be fitted; 7) need 41 for full time and some for part time in a small variety of sizes; 8) the brand of the vests to be purchased, which are a IIIA, are Safeline and were researched between the Sheriff and James Windsor, Emergency Management Planner that are the same soft armor the Sheriff's Office uses daily and is used by EMS Departments across the nation; 9) cost is from \$450 to \$500 per vest with a 10% discount; 10) black vests are preferred as they do not want ES personnel to be a target as they will blend in their uniform; and, 11) they can always wear their reflective vests over them and their coats which are reflective. Councilwoman Nagel made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Travers questioned the reason the previously purchased vests were not used. He noted that Sheriff James Phillips has not provided his comments regarding this acquisition. Councilman Pfeffer noted that the vests were in an uncontrolled climate shed. He said he has received comments that the proposed color of the vests will be the same as law enforcement vests. Councilmen Pfeffer, Travers and Newcomb opposed. The Council asked that the vests be included in the budget and for clarification regarding the use of the stored vests.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS-RECYCLING CENTER FENCE-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Dave Edwards, Public Works Director, to advertise a Recycling Center Fence Request for Proposals for the Chesapeake Drive/Siding Road location. using funding from the Solid Waste/ Landfill FY22 Capital Budget. In response to Councilman Travers question, Mr. Edwards said there will be no gate.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS-MARINE FACILITIES PORTABLE TOILETS-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to advertise the Marine Facility Services Portable Toilet Request for Proposals for the period from May 1st to October 31st 2022 which will be covered by a Department of Natural Resources grant.

SURPLUS PROPERTY REQUEST-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to surplus Mosquito Control Truck #142, a 2005 Chevy Colorado, VIN # 1GCCS146658279393.

REQUEST TO SURPLUS VEHICLE FOR AUCTION-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to declare a 2001 Chevy truck, VIN #1GCEC14W81Z288607, as surplus property and sell the unit at auction.

BID AWARD-COURTHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to award the replacement of the historic and newer addition of the Circuit Court House roof to Ruff Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., the lowest bidder, at cost of \$748,640 using \$400,000 from the FY21-22 Capital Funds and \$348,670 from Transfer Tax funds and an additional \$50,000 of Transfer Tax funds to be used as a contingency fund at the ready only if needed for any decking replacement to prevent any stalling of the project once commenced. The Council requested clarification regarding the funding from Michael Spears, Finance Director. Pursuant to inquiries from Council, Mr. Edwards said: 1) the Historic Commission approved the use of synthetic slate; and, 2) the roof is leaking.

BID AWARD-2022-2025 COUNTY TOWING SERVICES-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to award a 2022-2025 Towing Services contract to Jess Jr's, the sole bidder and current vendor this for these services. The Council acknowledged that: 1) the contract provides an established hourly price for both heavy and light towing services; and, 2) other departments such as the Sheriff's Office may use the contract if they chose but are not held to utilizing the contracted company.

BID AWARD-PROFESSIONAL DISINFECTING AND ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYING SERVICES-COUNTY BUILDINGS-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to award a bid for professional disinfecting and electrostatic spraying services in various County buildings to the sole bidder, Wielgosz Property Management, LLC for \$180 per crew and supplies/hour, as needed.

BID AWARD-TAR AND CHIP ROAD SERVICES-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to award the contract for tar and chip road services to American Paving Fabrics, Inc., the lowest bidder, on an as needed basis for a two year period beginning from the award date using funding from the Tar and Chip budget account in the FY22 Public Works Department Operating Budget.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council approved the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee to: 1) the placement of signs to prohibit parking, camping, fishing and loitering from dusk to dawn along the causeway on Ragged Point Road; 2) the placement of "No Stopping" signs on Maple Dam Road prior to Shorter's Wharf; 3) the placement of no dumping signs at the entrance of the County Owned property on the corner Cedar Grove Road and Mount Holly Road; 4) the placement of 25 mph signs on Susquehanna Road and Parsons Drive.

LETTER OF SUPPORT HB 1067-NIGHTTIME HUNTING-AIRPORT

The Council approved the request of Mr. Nuwer for send a letter of support for inclusion of an amendment by Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)/Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) to House Bill 1067 entitled "Natural Resources – Wildlife Management – Nighttime Hunting" which will allow certain permit holders to hunt deer at nighttime for a period not to exceed a certain number of months each year; altering provisions regarding the use of lights while hunting at nighttime; and generally relating to nighttime hunting in the State. The Council acknowledged that the amendment is to include the following language which will provide an exemption for public-use airports: (C) Exceptions – (1) a rule or regulation adopted by the Department may not apply to any public-use airport licensed under Section 5-304 of the Transportation Article.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS-CLIMBING WALLS-COUNTY POOL-RECREATION AND PARKS

The Council approved the Mike Diaz, Director, Recreation and Parks to advertise request for proposals for the Dorchester County Pool Climbing Walls.

H-2B SEASONAL VISA PROGRAM CAP-POTENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

In light of the fact that only one business out of 10 County businesses who submitted requests for H-2B Seasonal Workers, the Council agreed to send correspondence to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services seeking either: 1) an increase in the cap for H-2B Seasonal Worker; 2) an exemption for seafood processors; or, 3) allow workers who have worked under these visas in the past three years to return. Councilman Newcomb abstained.

MEETING REPRESENTATIVE-CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE

Based on the request of Clifford Coppersmith, President, Chesapeake College, the Council selected Councilmen Pfeffer and Nichols as Council representatives to attend regular meetings to discuss the College and the needs of the support counties.

BID AWARD-RECREATION CENTER-RECREATION AND PARKS

Councilman Nichols made a motion to defer the request of Mike Diaz, Recreation and Parks Director, to award the bid for the renovation of the Recreation Center to the lowest bidder, citing safety concerns about the sportcourt flooring. Councilwoman Nagel seconded the motion.

Councilman Travers suggested approving the bid award minus the sport flooring. Councilman Nichols questioned the reason for new walls and doors to the two courts. The Council deferred Mr. Diaz's request.

LETTER OF SUPPORT- SB 726/HB1187 TRANSPORTATION-HIGHWAY USER REVENUES-REVENUE AND DISTRIBUTION

The Council agreed to send letters of support for SB726 and HB 1187 entitled "Transportation-Highway User Revenues-Revenue and Distribution" which alters, beginning in fiscal year 2020, the amounts of capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties and municipalities.

POLL CONFIRMATIONS

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

- Approved the following the following Emergency Rental Assistance Applications by a 5 to 0 vote:

Altair Apartments	\$15,155.00
Cambridge Club Apartments	\$3,938.00
Cambridge East Apartments, LLC	\$6,000.00
Cambridge Property Management, LLC	\$9,950.00
Choptank Property Management	\$4,012.00
Eastern Shore Properties	\$2,618.00
Ed James	\$6,425.00
Hudson Townhomes	\$7,916.00
Jones Estates, Bay Country LLC	\$3,643.00
Leroy Woolford	\$4,200.00
Long & Foster Real Estate	\$3,760.00
Parkside Village	\$8,207.00
Paula Miller	\$5,400.00
RIG Holding, LLC	\$3,300.00
Terry Love	\$2,600.00

- Approved the submission of a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development grant for the implementation of interpretive elements along the Chesapeake Country Byway for \$50,000 and will be matched with a \$50,000 request from MHAA as well as commitments from the 9 counties in the amount of \$2500 each for a total of \$22,500 by a 3 to 2 vote.

OTHER

Councilman Pfeffer advised Council that due to residents' inquiries he spoke to Planning and Zoning Department staff regarding the permitting process relating to mobile homes either in a park or on a parcel of land owned by another person/entity. The Council agreed that the permit

application will be amended to including the identification of the property owner, from whom authorization will be obtained.

Councilman Travers noted that the individual he appointed to the Charter Review Commission is unable to serve. The Council appointed Phil Reed to the Commission as the District 3 representative.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:



Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager

THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF DORCHESTER COUNTY:



Jay L. Newcomb, President



Libby Handley Nagel, Vice President



William V. Nichols



George L. Pfeffer, Jr.



Ricky C. Travers

Approved the 5th day of April, 2022.