

Town Council Work Session
June 13, 2005

Council President Donna Turner convened the work session at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall. The following persons were present: Mary McCarthy, Council Vice President, Norman Pinder, Member, Royden Powell, Town Manager, Steve Kehoe, Town Attorney, Lt. Teat, and Jane Saulsbury Administrative Aide.

Mrs. Turner welcomed County Commissioner Gene Ransom to the work session for the purpose of discussing the proposed legislation to add "spray irrigation" back into the County's zoning text. It was thought that the current language was too expansive; therefore, the current commissioners took it out. It was noted that the Maryland Department of the Environment needs a mechanism whereby they can control the process, although the County inventories the areas. The following concerns were listed:

- (1) Legislation introduced might be overstepping; language needs clarification.
- (2) Ownership of the land used for spray irrigation should be defined. Is it owned by the County or by the Town? Who is the responsible entity in case a clean-up is needed in the future?
- (3) Spray irrigation is not permitted in critical areas and doubtful it should be allowed;
- (4) Should food-processing wastes be prohibited? And industrial wastes? They are currently non-conforming, grand-fathered uses.
- (5) What is the line of approval? The State procedurally goes to the County. This creates a check and balance.

Mr. Ransom said the County proposes to adopt new language regarding spray irrigation and would like the Town to submit some language it would like to see incorporated before the County hearings that will occur in three weeks. He complimented Mr. Powell for his foresight in addressing problems at the Town's spray irrigation field. Some of the trees that were planted to provide a buffer have died, but they were insured and will be replanted. Mr. Walls, the neighboring property-owner needs to be advised that they will be replanted.

Council thanked Mr. Ransom for attending the work session and he departed.

The work session continued with a discussion of the proposed budget. Council discussed the pay scale and what would be appropriate levels of compensation. It is proposed that there be one "step" per year with 18 years being the maximum level of compensation. There is slightly less than 2% salary increase for each step. An employee can look and see where he/she may be in five years time salary-wise. This program will apply consistency to the compensation plan.

Other topics mentioned or discussed were as follows:

1. Mr. Powell reported that the Constant Yield Tax Rate Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Town hall
2. Mr. Pinder asked what sites at the Centreville Business Park have sewer allocations through interim relief. Those that fall under interim relief are: Davis Emory's office building, the Wellness Center and Hospice.
3. The lagoon at the spray field had to be pumped before spray irrigation began.
4. Mr. Summers will be asked to come in and speak to the Council.
5. Mr. Pinder will speak with Mr. Sossi and Mr. Pipkin.
6. Council would like to contact Mr. Kiel of the S.H.A. and request an updated report on the traffic light and traffic study at the Centreville Business Park.
7. There are grant funds available from the Environmental Protection Agency relative to the Clean Water Act. Mr. Powell suggested that Council consider hiring a grants manager to coordinate work on the Corsica River Watershed.
8. Black topping on Front Street is pending. A "One Way" sign will be posted and a period of educational enforcement begun before ticketing. A notice will be posted in the newspaper about the new traffic pattern.
9. Nothing has been heard from George Fabula concerning the railroad property on Pennsylvania Avenue.
10. There will be a work session next Monday, June 20th at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.
11. The Budget Hearing will be held on June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. There will be a draft of the budget on the Town web site.
12. Council will hold its July meeting on July 7th at 7:00 p.m.
13. Council will hold its August meeting on August 4th on 7:00 p.m.
14. Applicants for Police Chief are being reviewed.
15. There are seven applicants for Finance Officer and applications are being reviewed.
16. Mr. Pinder will contact Judge Ross and Scott MacGlashan, Clerk of the Circuit Court, about the possibility of using the first floor meeting room at the Circuit Court for Town meetings.
17. A draft of the agreement for compilation of the "History of Centreville" proposed by Mrs. Mary Margaret Goodwin was reviewed.
18. Mrs. Turner will call Leslie Crook about the Tricentennial celebration.

It was moved and seconded by Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Pinder, respectively, to go into closed session. All being in favor, the motion passed.

Respectively submitted,

Jane Saulsbury, Administrative Aide