

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

June 22, 2006

Council President Mary McCarthy called the June 22, 2006 work session to order at 4:04 p.m. in the first floor meeting room of the Goodwill Fire Company. The following members and staff were present: Mary McCarthy, Council President, Norman Pinder, Council Vice-President, Mary Roby, Council Member, Bob McGrory, Town Manager, Steve Kehoe, Town Attorney, and Jane Saulsbury, Administrative Aide.

The work session was held to finalize work on the FY 2007 Budget. There was a brief discussion about increasing the fees for bulk pick-up stickers and for rental of the town truck, and then the meeting was turned over to Mr. McGrory.

Mr. McGrory advised that if the Council is in agreement about the budget with the amendments proposed, then they can go into the 6:00 meeting ready to adopt it. After discussion about the proposed COLA (cost of living allowance), the step program of salary increases, and employee use of vehicles, it was a concensus of the Council for Mr. McGrory to provide data concerning a performance-based salary system and a vehicle policy.

The work session commenced with discussion of the following issues as they impact on the adoption of the 2007 tax rate: (1) hiring a Superintendent of Water; (2) hiring a Public Work Director; (3) grants from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Department of Natural Resources/State Highway Administration; (4) provision of curbside recycling – a pilot program of 250 people was suggested; (5) trash collection fees (bids are apt to come in higher than what has been budgeted); (6) suggestion to increase fees of bulk stickers, truck use and large amounts of yard waste. It was moved and seconded by Mrs. Roby and Mr. Pinder, respectively, to direct Mr. McGrory to gather information for a recycle program and to include \$40,000 in the 2007 budget for a recycling program. Mr. McGrory is to design an implementation policy which will be discussed at a future work session. All being in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Pinder made a motion to leave the tax rate at \$0.48 per \$100 of assessed value. The motion died for lack of a second. Mrs. Roby made a motion to set the tax rate at \$0.46 per \$100 of assessed value. Mrs. McCarthy seconded the motion. After discussion, Mrs. Roby withdrew her motion. After further discussion, it was moved and seconded by Mrs. Roby and Mr. Pinder, respectively, to set the tax rate at \$0.47 per \$100 of assessed value. There was no discussion on the motion.

All members were in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. McGrory will make the necessary changes to the ordinance and present it at the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the work session adjourned at 5:09 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Saulsbury, Administrative Aide