

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2022

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, July 18, 2022. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Craig DeVary, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

Sue Katzmire, Member

Jennie Brockell, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: CECILTON SENIOR HOUSING PHASE II

Member DeVary motioned to go into a Public Hearing for the Cecilton Senior Housing Phase II. Member Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting went into Public Hearing. Mayor Cooper explained that the Public Hearing's purpose was to allow anyone to ask questions about the Cecilton Senior Housing Phase II. Frank Hodgetts from Home Partnership was present to address any questions or comments. Concept drawings were displayed. Hodgetts explained that nothing in the plan has changed since the last meeting and Home Partnership took the Mayor and Council's input and incorporated it into the grant application that went out May 4th. They are now waiting for the process to see if the grant and other funds are awarded to continue to the next step. Member DeVary asked the entrance to the housing off of 213. Hodgetts replied that they plan to apply to the State Highway Administration for an entrance off of 213. Member DeVary also asked why the base rent in Phase II is going to be lower than Phase I, particularly since there is a waiting list. Hodgetts replied that the base rents go from 80% to 50% of the area median income. The rents will go from 60% to a few at 40%. The units that go first are the lower rents. They try to have a balance. More of the units will be at the 60% level. One concern was that the Town had some of the same promises from Parklands owners but had difficulties with communication when problems occurred. They want to make sure that the ownership of Phase II is there with the support they say they have. Hodgetts reminds the Mayor and Council that this housing is for seniors and not families which tend to have less trouble. Chris Rogers, asked if part of this hearing was concerning the decision of the land development plan. The purpose is for this hearing if for funding. Member Zack motioned to go out of Public Hearing. Member Katzmire seconded the motion. The motion carried. Public Hearing closed.

Member Zack motioned to go back to the regular session meeting. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND ACT:

June 20, 2022 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Member Katzmire motioned to accept the June 20, 2022 Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

June Final Financials:

June Final Financials and Account Balances were reviewed. Member Zack motioned to accept the June Final Financials and Account Balances as written. Member Brockell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:**Cecilton Activity Report: No report provided**

WTTP and Water Supply Report: Jordan and George Smith were present to review the report. New influent wet well pump was installed and a post eq pump was sent out for repair. George indicated that the agreement is signed with DSI to make the piping modifications at the water plant so once that is done the water plant can be taken offline to go ahead with that project (cleaning/maintenance). Also looking forward to making capital improvements.

Backyard Chickens: Cecil County and Town of Galena ordinances were provided for information. Member Katzmire provided a summary of information concerning backyard flocks, avian flu, and general information. Attorney Yeager explained the necessary process that if a backyard flock is something the Mayor and Council would like to add to their zoning code. Brief discussion on how regulations would be enforced. Member DeVary recommended tabling the discussion until a later date. Attorney Yeager continued discussing the procedure. Mayor Cooper reiterated Member DeVary's suggestion of tabling the discussion and having a work session where the public could participate in discussion. Member Zack made a motion to table the backyard chicken discussion for a work session that will occur before the September Regular Session and in September a decision would be made. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None**PUBLIC COMMENTS;**

Resident Krystal Ringgold expressed her opinion that the right to have chickens should be an option.

Bev Duff (owner of a small parcel of land between Rickards and Water Street) asked about the status of a community center on Rickards Street. That is currently on hold. Administrator Cooper explained that it is on hold because the Town was trying to acquire the land adjacent to Duff's property from Cecil County. There needs to be further discussion with the County on the matter.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

Meeting adjourned.



Michael Cooper
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Quinn