

May 23, 2016

Pocomoke City Mayor and Council held a budget meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, May 23, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison
Council Members: Diane Downing, Brian Hirshman,
Esther Troast, George Tasker, Dale Trotter
City Manager/City Attorney: Ernie Crofoot
City Clerk: Carol L. Sullivan

Review and approval of minute from meeting May 2, 2016:

In a motion (Downing, Troast passed) to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting as presented.

Approval of Resolution No. 494 to participate in the Maryland Main Street Affiliate Program:

Mayor Morrison stated that the application was approved at the May 2, 2016 meeting.

In a motion (Troast, Tasker passed) to approve Resolution No. 494 to participate in the Maryland Main Street Affiliate Program:

Emergency Resolution No. 495 to transfer ESC to LEOPS:

Mayor Morrison read for the record and stated that this was an emergency resolution so that it would be effective beginning July1, 2016.

In a motion (Tasker, Troast passed) to approved Resolution No. 495 to transfer ESC to LEOPS. Roll call: Tasker, aye; Troast, aye; Downing, aye; Trotter, aye; Hirshman, aye.

First reading of Resolution NO. 496 Declaration of Official Intent-Bond Financing Capital Projects:

Mayor read for the record:

A Resolution declaring the official intent of the City Council of Pocomoke City to reimburse expenditures incurred with respect to certain projects identified attached hereto as Schedule A and incorporated into this Resolution by reference, together with contingencies, costs of issuance and related costs, from the proceeds of obligations to be issued by Pocomoke City.

Public Hearing on proposed 2016-2017 CDBG application and status report on CDBG project (CDBG MD-16-CD-27 Housing Rehab):

Mayor Morrison open the Public Hearing on proposed 2016-2017 CDBG application.

City Manager Crofoot discussed the proposed CDBG application for improvements to Pocomoke City Water Plant in the amount of \$800,000.

Housing Coordinator Harvey Davis gave an update on CDBG MD-16-CD-27 Housing Rehab. He said the grant was in the amount of \$228,000 to rehab 11 homes. At this time one home has been completed and six other homes agreements have been signed to proceed to rehab with the contractors.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Hirshman, seconded by Downing (passed) to close the Public Hearing.

Emergency Resolution No. 497 to authorize submittal of 2016/2017 CDBG application:

Mayor Morrison read for the record:

Resolution No. 497 authorizing the filing of a Community Development Block Grant Application.

In a motion (Tasker, Troast passed) to approve Emergency Resolution No. 497 to authorize submittal of 2016-2017 CDGB application. Roll call: Tasker, aye; Troast, aye; Downing, aye; Trotter, aye; Hirshman, aye.

First reading of Ordinance No. 425 to change text of Chapter 230-15 of the "Zoning Code":

Mayor Morrison read for the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 425

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF POCOMOKE CITY AMENDING SECTION 230-15. D OF THE ZONING CHAPTER
OF THE POCOMOKE CITY CODE

AN ACT to amend § 230-15.D of the Pocomoke City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 230 the Pocomoke City Code

The purpose of this ordinance is to add certain language to § 230-15.D of the Pocomoke City Zoning Ordinance to amend said section to provide for continuance of non-conforming uses for certain residential projects and buildings where said projects or buildings are damaged by more than 60% of fair market value. The change will promote the continuation of said projects which have had a long-term and beneficial presence in the housing market in Pocomoke City, will provide continuity of living space for tenants, and will enable the continued financing thereof, all to piece, good order, and general welfare of Pocomoke City.

Mark Anthony Figgs- to grant permission for a WALK PKU (Phenylketonuria):

Mr. Figgs asked permission to have a walk for PKU on July 30, 2016 from 9 am to 12 noon. The walk would be from Cypress Park cross Market Street down Cedar Street to high school and back to Cypress Park.

In a motion (Tasker, Hirshman passed) to grant Mr. Mark Anthony Figgs permission for a WALK PKU on July 30, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Comments from Council:

Councilman Hirshman stated that there were a lot weeds that need to be taken care of. He also asked about 802 Market Street regarding demolition or rebuild.

City Manager Crofoot stated that Mr. Davis has been in contact and they are going to rebuild, something should be happening soon.

Mayor Morrison stated that Dr. Annette Wallace from Pocomoke High School, would like to have a City clean-up day.

City Manager Crofoot stated that the City would help by providing gloves, trash bags and other items if they needed them.

Comments from the Audience:

Mr. Ronnie White asked about the findings of the EEOC lawsuit. He stated that the City was found guilty.

Mayor Morrison stated that was not true. He stated that he heard that rumor also, but the City has not been contacted by EEOC. He called to check the status on the claim. The status was probable cause and was going to the next level of many levels.

Ms. Monna VanEss asked about the DOJ audit, she stated that she did not hear any more about it and wanted to know what the outcome was.

Mayor Morrison stated that the letter from DOJ was posted on the website for a while. They did not find any wrong doing and closed the grant.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Trotter, seconded by Councilwoman Downing to adjourn at 6:56 PM.

Approved: _____

Carol L. Sullivan
City Clerk