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Commissioners of Leonardtown Town Council Meeting Minutes August 12, 2019

Attendees: Daniel W. Burris, Mayor
Tyler Alt, Council Member
Hayden T. Hammett, Council Member
Christy Hollander, Council Member
J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Council Member
Mary Maday Slade, Council Member

Also, in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Rebecca Sothoron, Treasurer; Teri Dimsey, Executive Secretary; Beth Sandberg, Office Manager, Jada Stuckert, Planning; Jackie Post, Fiscal Clerk; Mike/Debbie Mummaugh, Paragon Properties; Susan Dyer, Sweetbay Restaurant; Mr. Jeff Harman, Becker Morgan Group Taylor DeVille; Enterprise; Dick Myers, County Times; Jeff/Candy Farren, Residents; Gail Perry, Visit St. Mary's; Wayne Davis, WM Davis; Zach Hill, The Baynet; Gerrie L'Heureux, SOF Market; A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

Mayor Burris asked Councilmember Hammett to proceed with the invocation and Ms. Dimsey to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Burris noted that Mr. David Mattingly of David's Flowers was unable to attend today's meeting. He will present a Proclamation from Town Council to Mr. Mattingly at his flower shop to recognize his 30-year anniversary.

Mayor Burris noted that a Public Hearing will be held at 4:15 on Ordinance No. 193 – Breweries, Wineries and Distilleries.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve the July 8, 2019 minutes as presented; seconded by Councilmember Slade, motion passed.

Treasurers Report – Rebecca Sothoron

Ms. Sothoron reported that during the month \$150,000 was transferred to the checking account. Property tax bills were mailed last week. There were 1,600 taxable accounts and 145 exempt accounts. With the current revenue estimate we will exceed the budgeted amount. Presently, we have \$637,000 in property tax revenue and will continue to have revenue accruals through the end of August. Audit field work will begin on September 10th.

Lastly, the second condo of the Proffitt Building has been sold and settlement completed. Those proceeds were used to pay off the debt allocation for the Town Hall.

Planning & Zoning Report – Jada Stuckert

The last Planning & Zoning meeting was held on July 15, 2019 with two items on the agenda.

Case No. 66-18 Detention Center Expansion
Request for Final Site Plan Approval

Ordinance No. 193 Zoning Text Amendments
Amendments to the C-B, C-M, and C-H Districts.

There are two items on the Monday, August 19, 2019 Planning & Zoning Agenda.

Case No. 46-19 Olde Town Auto Showroom
Request for Concept Plan Approval

Case No. 100-15A Meadows at Town Run Subdivision
Request for Subdivision of Lot 107

Police Report – Deputy Nelson

Deputy Nelson is unable to attend today's meeting but submitted a written report for Council's review.

Town Administrator's Report – Laschelle McKay

Sweetbay Restaurant and Bar Liquor License Letter of Support - Request from a new restaurant located in the Seymour Town building on the first floor for a Class B, Restaurant liquor license letter of support. They are on the Alcohol Board agenda for September and are also requesting an extension of premises for outdoor seating on the sidewalk and using two parking spaces. Included in your packet are excerpts from the Downtown Strategic Plan that we just adopted with consultants, Mahan Rykiel. We are continuing that work but they did spell out that this type of outdoor seating helps create a vibrant downtown and that is something we should encourage and work with the property owners to do when we have the opportunity.

Mr. Mummaugh, Owner, stated that they have started construction and expect to be completed in November.

Councilmember Mattingly inquired about the parking spaces; will they be blocked off?

Ms. McKay responded that they requested two parking spaces to make it a bit larger area for tables but passers-by will still be able to walk along the sidewalk. They will use large planters or a platform to section off the area.

Mayor Burris noted that Mahan Rykiel is coming back for follow-up meetings and we will be looking at how these types of expansions can be done. We don't want to necessarily approve exactly what's going to be done but, my suggestion is we approve the two spaces and then figure out how best to make it work.

Councilmember Hollander asked if they would be opposed to actually constructing a permanent bump out?

Ms. Dyer, Owner, responded that their budget at this moment does not support this additional type of construction.

Mr. Mummaugh stated that they have just invested a lot of funds for improvements but could possibly add after the restaurant has opened and is doing well.

Councilmember Hollander asked if this is something to re-look at in six months.

Councilmember Slade remarked that she is willing to approve the liquor license but is concerned about the expansion into the parking lot.

Mayor Burris stated that we could allow the expansion up to two spaces but, we are not sure exactly how it's going to be worked out.

Councilmember Hollander stated that her concern is, if we approve it, we don't have a lot of control of how it turns out.

Mayor Burris noted that the owners are agreeing, in a public hearing today, to work with the Town's concerns.

Councilmember Mattingly remarked that we are just focusing on the liquor license and we can work with Mr. Mummaugh and Ms. Dyer on the details.

Councilmember Hammett commented that he walked the site a couple times and it looks like there's sort of a non-parking space. So, depending on where they decide to place the flower pots or where the eventual curb would be, they might end up with more space. It may warrant some more discussion in terms of a timeline to build a bump out or for us to accept fee-in-lieu.

Ms. McKay responded that the fee-in-lieu is not for removing parking spaces. It is for redevelopment and those that can't meet the parking regulations. There are certain cases where we could accept fee-in-lieu but not for this type of application. We adopted the Downtown Plan and it very clearly spelled out that this is the type of thing that we want to encourage in the downtown. We are ready to start re-doing the landscaping, adding seating areas and implementing the Downtown Plan further.

Councilmember Slade remarked that this is an interesting question is there normally a fee we would have charged?

Ms. McKay stated no. It is an existing operating retail business. There is a parking fee-in-lieu ordinance that we have applied in the past, but it does not apply to this building. We are proposing implementing the designs what we adopted as the Downtown Plan, which include making the Square more pedestrian, more everyday usable, not just for events.

Councilmember Hammett also noted that this building originally had eight units, they reduced to six so they have extra parking spaces for use.

Ms. McKay stated that residential parking spaces have been made available and assigned in the parking lot behind the Town Hall. In the future, this will strongly be enforced once we implement some of the downtown parking throughout the Square to discourage residents from parking in the Square when businesses really need those spaces and pedestrian traffic increases.

Councilmember Slade inquired about parking for the hotel.

Ms. McKay responded that the hotel has parking available in both front and rear of the building. There is plenty of public parking available, which is rarely used, in the lot in front of Good Earth. The hotel had generously offered the Town parking spaces in the rear during the evening hours as many hotel guests only use parking mainly in the morning and afternoon hours.

Councilmember Hammett moved to approve a liquor license letter of support for a Class B license for Sweetbay Restaurant and Bar located at 22680 Washington Street and include in the letter to support an extension of premise for outdoor seating on the sidewalk and 2 parking spaces; seconded by Councilmember Mattingly.

Discussion:

Councilmember Hollander stated that she would like to see something more permanent than just flower pots and level to the sidewalk for safety reasons, such as a wood platform, as long as it doesn't look like parking spaces. She doesn't want someone to try to pull their car in, a nice raised decking that looks like part of the space would be reasonable.

Mr. Mummaugh commented that they could add this type of temporary wood platform.

Motion revised to approve a liquor license letter of support for a Class B license for Sweetbay Restaurant and Bar located at 22680 Washington Street. The letter includes support for an extension of premise for outdoor seating on the sidewalk and 2 parking spaces to also include a temporary wooden platform level with the sidewalk; seconded by Councilmember Mattingly. No further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Burris moved onto the next order of business, **Public Hearing Ordinance No. 193 on Text amendments to C-B, C-M and C-H categories adding breweries, wineries and distilleries** and entertained a motion to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Hollander.

Mayor Burris asked Ms. McKay to proceed with the description.

Ms. McKay stated that this public hearing is to approve Ordinance No. 193, which was introduced at last month's meeting. It is a text amendment to Commercial Business Commercial Marine and Commercial Highway Zoning categories to add Breweries, Wineries and Distilleries as an allowed use. A few years ago, we added microbreweries in CB and CM which limit the amount of beer they can provide. This amendment specifies language to allow a brewery to come into Town. The Town has had a lot of interest from different breweries and we would like to be proactive as it is all about economic development and being open to opportunities in the commercial area.

Mayor Burris asked if there were any public comments?

Mr. Wayne Davis of W.M. Davis stated he has received quite a few inquiries about opening a brewery or a distillery in Town but had not realized that the Town's zoning did not allow so this ordinance would be helpful to pursue new businesses.

Mrs. Gerrie L'Heureux, SOF Market, agreed that this would be of great benefit and bring new retail opportunities to the Town.

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Slade, motion passed.

Ms. McKay stated that the next item is to take action on this Ordinance. Ordinance No. 193 was introduced at the July 8th meeting and the Planning Commission heard the case at their July meeting and forwarded a unanimous favorable recommendation to the Town Council.

Councilmember Hollander asked if we received any written comments.

Ms. McKay stated we did not.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve Ordinance No. 193 adding breweries, wineries and distilleries as allowed uses in Commercial Business, Commercial Highway and Commercial Marine zoning districts; seconded by Councilmember Alt, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

EDU Request for Dollar General at Cedar Lane and Pt. Lookout Road

Ms. McKay reported that a Dollar General is being proposed on the site at the corner of Cedar Lane Road and Point Lookout Road. Because Ordinance No. 132 is in place it is required that Council approve any new projects requiring EDU's prior to them going through the Planning and Zoning process. This parcel was part of the Academy Hills PUD and as such will come back to Council for concept approval after a public hearing on the site plan.

We adopted this Ordinance in 2008 because we knew that we had a limited capacity until we expanded. Our focus has been the Downtown Redevelopment and Revitalization. There are five categories that allow for a project to move forward and obtain EDU capacity. This parcel is a parcel left over from the Academy Hills PUD. It is a PUD zoning. If it does continue through the process, it will require public hearings and will come back to Town Council after a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Burris stated that today's discussion is simply about whether we grant EDUs to this project as we have limited capacity with our water and sewer systems until we expand. In 2008, Council enacted Ordinance No. 132, which states that any allocation of water and sewer capacity has to be approved by the Town Council. There are several categories that are allowable by the Town and the only one that this project could fall into is "C" Infill Development in accordance with Town Code 155 - .34 which is our PIRD, Planned Infill and Redevelopment designation. It states that it must be in the downtown area or compliment the downtown area and not draw business away from downtown. The PIRD intends to encourage compact development that is pedestrian scaled and implement the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The plan talks about smart growth and

projects that are walkable. Another objective is to protect the historic elements and economic vitality of the Town by linking the Town center downtown to the surrounding areas with an efficient system of roads, pedestrian walkways, community open space and public utilities. This project does not meet any of those goals, therefore, I am recommending to the Council that we deny this allocation. We have consulted our attorney, to confirm we are in accordance with the Ordinance. He indicated that we are, as long as, we state why it does not meet our goals.

Mayor Burris asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Jeff Harman, Becker Morgan Group, representing the civil engineering firm working with Index Ventures to develop this property expressed surprise by the Mayor's statement. He stated that they had not heard the Town had any issues and said that this development does fall under category "C" as it is an infill development. This parcel was part of the original PUD and was left as commercial property to serve the community and that's what Dollar General does. Dollar General is not Walmart and Dollar General is not a big box retail. It is intended to serve the local community. They site their stores so that they can serve the immediate surrounding area and it's intended to be a quick stop. The original request was for 400 gallons per day, which I think 250 gallons per day is one EDU and now, hearing that you have limited capacity, we can work with much less than that. So, if you need to reserve capacity for other parts of the Town, that is not a problem for us to reduce that down to a single EDU of 250 gallons a day. We have met with State Highway Department. We've been concerned about how this site layout will fit into the community. We are aligning the intersection with adjacent intersections for things like pedestrian connectivity and biking connectivity. All of that makes good safe traffic sense. We are setting the building further away from the adjacent subdivision. We think that this does fit in with the Town. This is a good use for the Town and hopefully you will be willing to consider allocating the EDUs.

Ms. McKay remarked that it is based on square footage. Two EDUs would be required.

Mr. Harmon noted that in some municipalities that after 12 or 24 months go by if the Town notices the water bills aren't hitting that two EDU mark then it could possibly be allocated to another use in the Town.

Mayor Burris stated that the only pedestrians close enough to walk to the store are at Cedar Lane Apartments Senior Living Facility.

Mr. Harman mentioned that they have not yet come to the point of doing a traffic study and going through the concept process but we do not see a large increase in traffic. This is serving whatever mode of transportation somebody's using to get there, they normally walk or bike or by car. We can accommodate all those things and this was certainly anticipated when the PUD was done to be a commercial parcel for this type of business and we are just fulfilling what the original intent was for that PUD.

Mayor Burris asked for comments from Council.

Councilmember Mattingly remarked that we do have a limited amount of sewer capacity which is a major concern. Our focus has been and is on revitalizing our downtown and I do not really see how this Dollar Store will be walkable to our downtown. There are no sidewalks along Route 5. I understand that a traffic study would be requested but the traffic is already pretty much a nightmare on Route 5. I do not see how this would benefit our downtown knowing that we are focusing on revitalizing so I cannot support the EDU request.

Councilmember Hollander inquired as to how many EDU's we have left?

Ms. McKay responded approximately 180? But the expansion is probably four to five years out.

Councilmember Hammett asked what do we have in queue right now?

Ms. McKay responded, Clark's Rest, Meadows at Town Run and the Jail expansion.

Councilmember Hollander said that the 180 is not allocated or is there some earmarked?

Councilmember Slade said so this means that 180 is left over after what is in the queue.

Ms. McKay stated that 180 EDUs remain over and above the presently approved projects.

Ms. Sothoron noted that there are some projects that have not yet been allocated EDUs such as Phase II of Meadows at Town Run.

Mr. Harman remarked that knowing that this is a concern, we would happy to get through this process to allow you to make a decision and go through a zoning appeal if needed for the necessary EDU calculations. This Dollar General is a quick stop which is one reason why it does not generate too much usage and flow. We are happy to go through your process to look at the calculations and to reduce the EDU allocation if that makes the Town more comfortable. I think the Town would benefit with an additional tax base, additional business services and convenience for the residents, this will be something valuable to them. Obviously, we hear your concern about EDUs until you are able to complete your expansion. By the time we get through the approval process with this and then another four to six months to construct, we are looking at getting closer down the road to your expansion date before we actually see any kind of usage on it as well too.

Mayor Burris remarked that we have a Dollar General only about a mile and a half away plus a Family Dollar which Dollar General bought out recently. I do not see our community supporting three Dollar stores.

Mr. Harman noted that they would not have spent their time and money without knowing that this store would be successful. We get this question quite often, that we already have a Dollar General and it's surprising how much it can be supported by the community.

Mayor Burris noted, yes, but we already have two.

Mr. Harmon stated that this really is a store of convenience and you might have some in another location but there may be people that aren't using that store because it's not convenient to where they are located. They have done their market studies to determine the right place to construct a store.

Mayor Burris remarked that the main point is that this does not meet our comprehensive plan and it is not a good economic development for the Town.

Councilmember Hollander stated that she is for the rights of the property owner but the Town is bound by Ordinance No. 132, which states that the Town shall not review plans or approve any building permits for new construction unless they meet these five criteria and

the only one, in my opinion, that your project meets is the Infill and then it says that you must be in accordance with Town Code Chapter 155.34.1 which refers to the PIRD and infill district and I do not think this is in the PIRD.

Ms. McKay referred to the zoning map to show the PIRD boundaries. She explained that the PIRD really is about Economic Development, protecting the downtown business area and those businesses that are walkable to the downtown.

Mr. Harmon stated that he understands the Town protecting the EDU allocations, what he does not understand is how can you deny somebody the right to develop a legal parcel that's in the county. I see where the calculations are coming from but we do not need more than one EDU and feels it is reasonable to request a single EDU for our site.

Ms. McKay stated that we do have an EDU allocated for the next project which is just outside the PIRD but this project is walkable to the downtown and a viable economic development project. It is a redevelopment project not a new development project. Today's project does not fall into the PIRD but is adjacent to it.

Councilmember Slade noted that she is having an ethical dilemma because she feels like the two are similar. If she approves one, she feels she has to approve the other.

Ms. McKay stated that if you refer to the zoning map you can see that this parcel is not even close to being walkable to the downtown. There are five reasons and the other project is a redevelopment with benefit to the Town and this project is not.

Councilmember Hammett remarked that the problem he sees is that the Code mainly talks about redevelopment and the ordinance says it would be restricted to Infill development.

Ms. McKay noted that the PIRD is Infill and redevelopment in a limited area. It was meant to improve the downtown and redevelop an Infill lot in the downtown to try and keep it vital. It is not saying that the parcel cannot be developed, it is saying, that at this time, it is not a priority to the Town to use capacity for this particular project.

Councilmember Hollander asked if they are denied today, would they get put into the queue?

Ms. McKay stated that once we do the expansion, the ordinance goes away once we have capacity. Again, any project would need to be compatible with the neighborhood and there would be public hearings, and what the neighborhood wants does come into play. Not just any use could come in, they would have to meet the zoning requirements. This parcel was previously approved for a doctor's office but they backed out because of financial reasons. I believe that Advanced Life Services owns it now and they were talking about building their own building but it did not move forward.

Mr. Harmon stated that this parcel was always intended to be developed.

Mayor Burris responded that we are not denying that it will be developed but the Town is saving the EDU allocations for other economic development and revitalization projects. Once we do the expansion, then this will be able to be developed.

Councilmember Hollander stated that it does say for new construction or any new connections.

Councilmember Hammett remarked that he thinks it meets the definition of Infill. I think if it were a subdivision, a new parcel or new development that it would not meet the definition of the Infill. But because it's an existing parcel that has the correct zoning for what you're asking to do and there's already water and sewer you have the right to develop the property.

Councilmember Slade noted that even if we pass the EDU's there is still a lot of planning processes that need to be met.

Mr. Harman agreed and stated that we would like to have the opportunity to move forward.

Councilmember Mattingly remarked that our expansion is four to five years out. His concern is that a lot can happen in the downtown between four and five years.

Mayor Burris asked if there was any further discussion. There being no further discussion, Mayor Burris entertained a motion on the EDU Request for Dollar General at Cedar Lane and Pt. Lookout Road.

Councilmember Hammett moved to allow the applicant to move forward with their request for development to the Planning Commission with us granting the two EDUs as required by the square footage calculation.

There being no second, Mayor Burris asked for a motion.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to deny the EDU request for Dollar General at the intersection of Cedar Lane Court and Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown; seconded by Councilmember Alt. Councilmembers Alt, Mattingly, Hollander voted in favor, Councilmembers Hammett and Slade opposed, motion carried three to two.

EDU Request for Olde Towne Auto at 22915 Hollywood Road

Ms. McKay reported a project has been proposed on Saunders Corner for an indoor auto showroom specifically for Collector's cars. The site has one EDU available but would require two EDUs so they need one additional EDU. There are no outdoor sales whatsoever, everything is housed indoors. If someone is interested in a car, they need to make an appointment. The building is planned to be built in a similar style of the building that houses Salt Cycle in Great Mills. It is not located in the PIRD; however, it is directly across the street and sits at a major intersection that is signaled for crossing and is adjacent to the downtown. For that reason, it could meet the economic development category if that is your decision.

Mayor Burris asked for any comments.

Mayor Burris stated that he feels this would also meet the requirements of "D" which "projects deemed by the Town Council upon a majority vote with the concurrence of the Mayor as necessary to protect the health, welfare, safety or future economic viability of the Town." We have a vacant building that certainly could be hazardous and has the potential to increase the economic viability of the Town.

Councilmember Mattingly noted that this property is walkable to the downtown.

Ms. McKay stated that it is at a major intersection to the Town and is a gateway to the downtown and adjacent to the PIRD. This lot has one EDU allocated but requires two EDUs. The ordinance states for any new development or any existing that requires additional.

Councilmember Hollander asked if there was a way that they could stay under that one EDU?

Ms. McKay responded we are just using the square footage calculation we use to make the allocation.

Councilmember Hollander asked how much over the one EDU are they over?

Ms. McKay stated that they are just over 273 gallons per day based on the square footage not the usage.

Councilmember Hollander remarked that if they want to stay at one EDU, they would need to make the building a little smaller.

Mayor Burris inquired if, say in a year, they are not using both EDUs could the Town take one back?

Ms. McKay stated not typically, in the past, if they are right on the edge of needing one, we do state, on all of our occupancy permits, that we have the right to monitor and they could be required to add an additional EDU if their usage is more than what they were allocated.

Councilmember Alt confirmed if it will have two entrances, one off of Hollywood Road and one exiting on Rt. 5.

Ms. McKay responded that one exit is a right turn only onto Route 5. This will be required to go through the Planning and Zoning process and all of these items will be addressed. Both roads on each side are State Highway roads, they will have setbacks and have to meet whatever State Highway requires.

Councilmember Hammett asked if we have had any discussions with State Highway as we have had a lot of development along that road recently. Most of those houses are historic homes that are used with other businesses and residences. The Downtown Plan and our architecture designs call for buildings to be put to the front of the parcel and parking to be put behind the building and landscaping access to the sidewalks and things like that.

Ms. McKay noted that this is part of the widening. We already know that 50 feet is going to be taken on each side. The whole intersection will get reconfigured as part of the widening project.

Mayor Burris noted that Mr. Bailey, the engineer on this project, is in attendance.

Councilmember Hollander stated that if they could keep it under one EDU this would not even apply and would not have to come before Council.

Mayor Burris referenced this fitting under "D" projects deemed to be by the Town Council upon a majority vote and with the concurrence of the Mayor as necessary to protect the health, welfare and safety. This being a vacant building that is ready to fall down plus it is a benefit for future economic viability of the Town. Again, this is redevelopment not Infill.

Councilmember Hollander stated that unless they can get this under one EDU, she does not feel it is much different than the EDU request for the Dollar General even though it is closer and walkable to the downtown.

Councilmember Hammett believes we just set a precedent for not really allowing any additional EDU's outside of what's on the map. We didn't want to allow additional EDUs because of it not being in the downtown area and not being on a map.

Mayor Burris stated that it does not have to be downtown and we have already done it for other people not in the downtown area.

Ms. McKay stated that what you are looking at is to protect the downtown businesses and what the Dollar General does versus what this project intends is taking away from your downtown businesses. Whereas, you have a building that's falling down at the entrance to your downtown and that is exactly what "D" is about. It is protecting the viability of the downtown. I do not think one is mutually exclusive of the other. These are two separate projects and you have to look at the benefit to each one separately. That's why there are multiple reasons to choose to approve, you have to look at the project as a whole.

Mayor Burris entertained a motion on EDU Request for Olde Towne Auto at 22915 Hollywood Road.

Councilmember Slade moved to approve one additional EDU for the Olde Towne Auto located at 22915 Hollywood Road as an Infill project per Ordinance #132, Section 2C; seconded by Councilmember Mattingly, no further discussion. Councilmembers Mattingly, Slade voted in favor. Councilmembers Alt, Hammett, Hollander opposed. Motion denied 2 to 3.

Mr. Bailey stated that his client needs specific square footage but he will see what design changes can be made for less square footage to maintain only one EDU.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Burris

Mayor Burris reported that the Town had a great weekend with the Fox 5 ZipTrip, First Responders First Friday and a super large attendance at Beach Party on the Square. Discover U also had an event at Leonardtown Wharf Saturday with lots of attendance too. Also, the Buy Boats were at the Wharf giving rides to the kids along with Seaplanes offering rides over Breton Bay.

Events – Tyler Alt

Councilmember Alt reported that even with the high temperatures all the events have had great attendance. The Jazz Festival on the Square had music from the 20s, 30s, 40s, and 50s. Saturday, July 13th was the main event and the 20th anniversary of the Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival which was held at St. Clements Island, and then back to Leonardtown on July 14th with jazz art shows and screening of jazz era movie and a jazz cocktail party.

We had the ZipTrip and on Saturday the Annual Beach Party on the Square. My kids especially enjoyed the sand pit and fire truck hose down. There was also movie night at the Port of Leonardtown Winery this past weekend.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, August 9th
Salsa & Sangria Party, POL, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 10th
Sunrise Yoga, Wharf, 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Zumba Fitness Around Town, POL, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Sunrise Yoga, August 16th

Wesley's Spangler Concert, August 17th from 6 to 9 p.m.

Zumba Fitness and Tai Chi Health and Wellness series is at lunch time, August 24th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Robbie Boothe Concert on the Square, Saturday August 31st from 6 to 9 p.m.

Community Development and Planning – Hayden Hammett

Councilmember Hammett reported that a number of projects are moving forward quickly such as the Library, Washington St. Retail Center, the Hampton Apartments and Ryken Sports Complex. Some buildings downtown are welcoming new tenants and beginning new renovations.

Utilities – Christy Hollander

Councilmember Hollander reported that the water line crossing at Abell and Moakley St. has been completed.

SMMA Update – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that he attended the Fox 5 ZipTrip, the First Responder First Friday and the Beach Party. Great turnout for all three events. The MML Board of Director's retreat is the first week of September and the next SMMA meeting is Wednesday, September 11 to be held in LaPlata.

Business Development/Retention – Mary Maday Slade

Councilmember Slade reported that Fenwick Street Used Books has sold and re-opened under new ownership. The Social Coffeehouse is renovating, excited to see the new changes. The Doo Dah Deli is due to open in the next few weeks and I am working with Bourbon and Bows for a special back to school type of event. September is Opioid Addiction Awareness month and I would like to work with the high school for some type of recognition walk.

Mayor Burris asked for any comments from the audience.

A resident of Academy Hills stated that he is happy with the Dollar General outcome as his property would be directly affected and maybe at some future point but he appreciated Council's concern and decision.

Ms. McKay stated she would like to remind Council that Mahan Rykiel is coming back for follow up meetings on August 28, 29 and 30. Information will be provided soon on the details. Anyone from the public who would like to attend is invited to do so and it will be publicized shortly.

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Hollander moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:25 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Hammett, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri P. Dimsey

Approved:

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

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