

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

July 22, 2019

The second monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on July 22, 2019, by Burgess Pro Tem Falcinelli at 7:00 p.m. in the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 W. Main Street, Middletown, Maryland. Present were: Commissioners Larry Bussard, Christopher Goodman, and Rick Dietrick.

PUBLIC HEARING:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- *Financial Statements*
- *Town Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2019 – Town Meeting*

Motion by Commissioner Bussard to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dietrick. Motion carried 4-0.

PERSONAL REQUESTS FOR AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 19-07-02 – Self Storage (second reading) – Drew stated that this is the second reading of this Ordinance. Drew stated that since our last meeting the Planning Commission met and reviewed this and had some comments. Drew went over those comments from the Planning Commission with the Board. With the review of the comments from the Planning Commission it was the consensus of the Board to allow vehicle storage and refer to the Planning Commission for definitions of what can be stored.

Introduction of Ordinance 19-07-03 – Investment Policy Amendments (first reading) – Drew stated that this is to amend Title 3, Chapter 3.04 of the Middletown Municipal Code to authorize the utilization of insured cash sweep (ICS) services as part of the Town's Investment Policy; to make corrections to antedated references to the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Amendments to the Banner Policy – Drew stated that we received a request from an organization that if no other organization banner is scheduled, then an organization can display in both banner locations. Motion by Commissioner Bussard to accept the amendments to the Banner Policy as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Motion carried 4-0.

Review of Crosswalk Standards – Commissioner Bussard reviewed the Draft policy that the Public Works Committee drafted.

Review of Speed Table Standards – Commissioner Bussard reviewed the Draft policy that the Public Works Committee drafted. Commissioner Bussard stated that these standards were drafted because of the request from Broad Street residents wanting some type of traffic calming device on the street. One of the conditions for a speed table is through streets within a "blank" ft radius of a school. The Board agreed to make this within a 1,000 ft. radius of a school.

Broad Street residents were in attendance to discuss the Speed Table Policy.

Ron Moss, 213 Broad Street – stated that the main focus of the residents is to leave the street as wide as it is and would like to see a speed table with no bump outs if possible. Mr. Moss stated that he would like

to see placement of speed table and what the speed table would look like. Commissioner Bussard stated that our engineers looked at this and it looks the like the speed table would go in front of 213 Broad Street. Commissioner Bussard stated that due to the closeness of the other driveway entrances this is the only place a speed table would be able to go in. The Board also raised concerns regarding the delay in the Broad Street design with these discussions. In an effort to move the project forward, the Board and residents agreed to remove the locations of a three-way stop sign at Broad Street and Locust Alley and to have staff engineers provide preliminary design layouts for possible locations and designs of speed tables for Broad Street. These preliminary designs will be presented at the August 2019 Town Workshop.

Review of Charging Costs for EV Stations – Drew stated that at the last meeting the Board asked staff to provide the cost of use on our current EV station at the Municipal Center. Drew stated that average time is 2-3 hours and costs \$0.80-\$1.66. For a 24-hour period the cost is \$22.60. Drew stated that a company contacted us asking to install 2-4 stations at no charge. Drew stated that the only cost would be the electric installation cost which would be \$1,500-\$2,000 per station.

Ron Moss, 213 Broad Street – stated that he doesn't think we should allow people to charge their cars for free.

Commissioner Dietrick stated that he is not opposed the having these installed, but we shouldn't give the electric away for free. Commissioner Dietrick also stated that parking is at a premium in the downtown area that we just leased a parking lot with 16 spaces and now we want to take away 3 of those spaces to put in the EV stations? Commissioner Dietrick stated that he doesn't think that there is a demand for these stations at the current time.

Review of Model Ordinance for Illicit Discharge & Connection Stormwater – Drew stated that he highlighted the areas within this model that we should include in our Ordinance. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with proposed ordinance and authorized staff to work with the Town Attorney and develop a draft to present to the Town Board.

Review of Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- General Fund CIP – Public Hearing – Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7pm.
- Water & Sewer Fund CIP – Public Hearing – Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Public Hearings - Capital Improvements Program Budgets – Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7pm.

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 6-8pm. at the MVFC Grounds

Movie Night – Friday, August 16, 2019 at Middletown Community Park

Pep Rally in the Valley – Saturday, August 24, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Griffin
Office Manager