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January 22, 2018

**Working Session – 6:30 PM**

The Working Session of the Denton Town Council was called to order by Mayor McNinch at 6:30 PM on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**In Attendance:**

Council: Mayor McNinch, Councilman Branson, Councilman Johnson, and Councilwoman Wilson were present. Councilman Lister arrived at 6:41 PM.

Staff: Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, Chief Rodney Cox, and Karen Monteith, Clerk-Treasurer, were present.

**Discussion:**

**Town Hall Roof Replacement**

Discussion was held on the replacement of Town Hall roof and bids were reviewed.

**4<sup>th</sup> Street Properties**

Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the properties owned by the Town on North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in the A&E District; and the State's response on selling one of the properties to the Arts Council and requirements to pay back the \$60K loan portion of the State funding.

Councilman Lister arrived at 6:41 PM.

**Industrial Zoning**

Mr. Mulrine shared zoning information for the Foy Road properties and discussion was held about the comp plan and the proposed Eastern Shore Energy Center.

**Hotdesks Lease**

Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the proposed Hotdesks and shared a draft of the commercial lease.

**Habitat Choptank**

Discussion was held pertaining to the recent staffing changes for the Habitat Choptank Organization; the Strategic Demolition Grant and possibly modifying the Town's role to keep the project moving forward.

**DLLR – Bombaro Case**

Mr. Mulrine shared a synopsis of the Town's working relationship with Mr. Bombaro and discussion was held pertaining to a case against Mr. Bombaro being handled by the DLLR and the State's Attorney. Mr. Mulrine will contact the States Attorney and provide information.

**Strategic Plan**

Mr. Mulrine recently met with staff and provided a draft of the updated Strategic Plan.

**Health Care Survey**

Mr. Mulrine announced that Town Staff has completed the Health Provider Survey that will be compiled and provided to Benecon for review.

**County Tax Differential Committee**

Discussion was held on the County Tax Differential and their request to have two Council Persons appointed to serve on their Tax Differential Committee.

**Miscellaneous**

Discussion was held with the Chief about parking.

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*Mayor announced, she will be setting up to make a presentation to the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders at Denton Elementary School to promote the Maryland Municipal League “If I Were Mayor Essay Contest” and encouraged members to join her.*

*February’s tentative agenda items were mentioned.*

**Upcoming Events**

*Jan. 23 – ESAM Legislative Dinner*

*Jan. 26 – Delegation Meeting*

*Jan. 27 – Denton Volunteer Fire Department Annual Banquet*

*Jan. 29 – Comptroller Award being presented to Pizza Empire*

*Feb. 9 – Chocolate Fund Raiser at the Chesapeake Culinary School*

*With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith  
Clerk-Treasurer*