

2019-14

October 21, 2019

**Executive Session – 6:00 PM**

By Authority, Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b) (2014)  
(1) (i), (ii) to discuss personnel matters.

At 6:00 PM, Councilman Johnson made a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

This session was held at the Denton Town Hall, 4 N. Second St., second floor training room.

**Present**

Mayor McNinch, Councilman Branson, Councilman Lister, Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Wilson were all present.

**Discussion**

Council met to discuss the Town Administrator's performance evaluation.

No action was taken during this session.

At 6:30 PM, with no further discussion, Councilman Lister made a motion to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Wilson, passing unanimously.

The Executive Session was closed, and the Council relocated to the meeting room on the first floor to prepare for their monthly Working Session.

**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.

All Council members were in attendance.

Staff present included – Mr. Don Mulrine, Lieutenant George Bacorn, and Karen Monteith.

Mayor McNinch announced that the Town Council held an Executive Session earlier on this date at 6:00 PM to discuss a Personnel Matter.

**Discussion was held on the following items:**

**Visionaire Sports**

Mr. Andre Washington spoke on behalf of his son of the Visionaire Sports LLC. Sharing the vision of the Company is to ensure all children enjoy the physical, leadership, motivation, knowledge, emotional and social benefits of team related sports activities and training, while preparing for higher education.

Mr. Washington mentioned his son would like to build a sports complex in Caroline County for all youth, similar to the Boys and Girls Club. As they continue to explore locations for the facility, they wanted to share the vision, making the Towns aware that they will be seeking support in the future from the Towns and community.

**Southern States Properties**

Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the Southern States buildings, fire company control burn and demolition bids received today. The bids will be presented on November 7<sup>th</sup> for consideration to be awarded.

**Department of Social Services Facility**

Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the proposed Department of Social Services new facility.

**Upcoming Events**

October 29<sup>th</sup> – YMCA – Tour of St. Michaels Building

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Easton Utilities Tour

## **2019-15**

*October 29<sup>th</sup> – Choptank Community Health Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.*

*October 30<sup>th</sup> – Chesapeake Culinary Program*

*November 8<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church.*

*November 18<sup>th</sup> – Council will hold an Executive Session at 5:30 PM to discuss a Personnel Matter, followed by the monthly Working Session at 6:30 PM.*

### **Hospice Facility Update**

*Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the Compass Regional Hospice Facility, waiting on a drawing and additional information to assist in pulling together a grant application.*

### **Bombaro Case**

*Mr. Mulrine shared information pertaining to the State forgery case against Mr. Bombaro and discussed a possible bond settlement.*

### **Planning Commission – Tree Trimming**

*Mr. Mulrine shared the Planning Commission will be meeting with Delmarva Power to discuss the methods of trimming trees in the Town. Staff has reached out to Salisbury University about working on a tree inventory.*

### **Parking Meter Kiosk**

*Lt. George Bacorn provided an update on the Parking Meter Kiosk Program.*

### **Market Street Traffic Signal**

*Discussion was held on the need to replace or remove the outdated traffic light located at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Market St. after failing on several occasions this past summer. The cost to replace is in excess of \$20,000. Options discussed include replacing the light, going with four-way stop, and parking realignment.*

*Staff will continue to explore and place for discussion in January.*

### **State Highway Road Update**

*Mayor McNinch and Councilman Branson provided an overview of the discussion from the October 15<sup>th</sup> State Highway annual road show meeting.*

*Mayor McNinch questioned that the developer shared road plans that the Town Council had not seen or approved, asking when they will be presented to the Council*

*Mr. Mulrine provided some details of communications with Mr. Sills.*

*Several Council members expressed the need to have a full concept plan of the entire Legion Road area and proposed improvement for the surrounding parcels to review prior to providing any approvals for any changes in the traffic patterns.*

*Mr. Mulrine will seek a concept plan from Mr. DiDonato and pull the original drawings for Legion Road from when the Walmart Project was originally submitted. Mr. Mulrine will inquire to see if the developer will build a spec for the Subway.*

*The Mayor and Council asked Mr. Mulrine to create a concept plan for all future projects to include identifying funding sources and a check list of the project scope all the way through to build out. The Council would also like to receive packets that are submitted to the Planning Commission to keep them up to date on what is being considered.*

**2019-16**

**Cambio WIFI**

*Discussion was held pertaining to Cambio WIFI, the use of the Town's dark fiber, setbacks with Cambio, status of a contract to ensure the Town is protected.*

*The Council discussed their primary goal for providing internet to the people of the Town, before providing outside of the Town boundaries. Council requested Mr. Mulrine work on drafting a contract for the use of the Dark Fiber, to ensure securities are in place to protect the Town.*

**Miscellaneous**

*Mayor McNinch talked about the Maryland Municipal League establishing a Tax Differential Work Group to include Mayor, Town Administrators and Attorneys.*

*Mayor McNinch shared information on the CAM Meeting.*

*Councilman Branson talked about the State Highway meeting and a Kirwin Study.*

*Mr. Mulrine mentioned that the FY20 Tax Differential request is due to the County by December 1. The Council suggested submitting the same request as was submitted last year.*

*Mayor McNinch mentioned the Amicus for the Ocean City Tax Differential case is due.*

*With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 8:31 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith,  
Clerk-Treasurer*