

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Work Session

January 5, 2021

A work session with Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held via Zoom conference on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 with Mayor Tammy Simpson presiding. The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Tammy Simpson
Town Manager Gary Weber
Councilperson Melisa Weidner
Councilperson Regina Blake
Councilperson Lisa Outten Harrison

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Andy McGee
Media Marketing and Promotions Coordinator Jeré Johnson
Administrative Assistant Margot Resto
Grants Administrator Dave Burt
Code Official Kevin Brown

1. **Approval of Minutes – Town Hall Meeting December 8, 2020. Motion to approve, seconded, all in favor.**
2. **Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment** – Mayor’s recommendation David Englehart for Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilperson Weidner motioned to approve, Councilperson Harrison seconded. All in favor.
3. **RV Park** – Dave Burt gave overview. Introduced himself. Description of property by laundromat. Possible 10-20 modern RV’s. Spoke with consultant, research findings – growing market. Lack of MODERN RV parks – high demand for them, proximity to water, sitting on a potential gold mine. Benefits: direct revenue, tax and user fees, indirect benefits of visitors/tourism, beautification of the property, work well with Riverboat. Gas, grocery, downtown in walking distance. Logistics discussion. Sewer and electric are in close proximity. Dave Burt mentioned that Gary Weber as owner recused himself on making any decisions on property. Discussion on logistics of ownership/rental/other. All options on table, possible feasibility study. Look into CL Grant.
4. **Parklets** – Mayor Simpson gave update regarding removal of parklets, Public Works and Town involvement. Side wall panels not removed, but placed up against wall, commented on liking aesthetics and organization of them. Permit process not followed for this placement. Must have this for safety and ADA compliance. Kevin Brown described current status. Not ADA accessible – must have at least 4 feet, but it’s less than 4. If moved Westerly past light pole, remove one of seats, will be accessible. Can be worked out with permit. Corner Shoppe also interested in moving up to sidewalk against building, repurposing lumber. Jere Johnson discussed Main Street’s desire to repurpose lumber, moving panels, all-inclusive permit for both locations.

Green Street parklet also discussed. Respect for Diana's loss. Possibility of First Shore Federal location for panels vs. parklet. Council voted to keep parklet in front of business center. Mayor Simpson will talk to Diana Nolte. Citizen advised that next week is best to contact her.

5. **Audit Financials** – Mayor Simpson gave overview of great review of Town's audit work. Town Manager discussed strong team of staff with oversight, budget is being adhered to, accomplished a great deal with current budget, infrastructure has been beefed up, managing finances well. Auditors will present at Work Session 1/26.
6. **Holiday Lights – Move to Sturgis Park 2021** – Public Works Director discussed issues with flooding in park, lights, tree, etc... always in water, safety hazard for public and staff. Possibility of moving some of decorations to Sturgis Park, cost a lot of money, getting ruined. Discussion of possibilities for Byrd Park and resurfacing, etc...Council wants to explore options.
7. **Council Comments** – COVID – losing friends and neighbors. Must take strong precautions and look out for each other.
8. **Staff Comments** – Jeré Johnson thanked Public Works for hard work from onset of COVID and on.
9. **Public Comments** – Citizen- Enjoyed listening how all work together. Citizen – concerned of optics on RV Park that may benefit an employee or elected official.
10. **Closed Session – Personnel** – Councilperson Harrison read statement. Councilperson Weidner motioned to go into Closed Session, Councilperson Blake second. All in favor. Time was 5:57pm.
11. **Return to Open Session** at 6:46pm. Mayor stated what was discussed in Closed Session- confidential personnel matter.
12. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Weidner, seconded by Councilperson Blake. The time was 6:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margot Resto
Administrative Assistant