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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING April 8, 2019

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Rev. Cephas gave the opening prayer.

Roll call, present: Councilmembers; E. Murphy, R. Murphy, Cummings, Franz, and Rev. Cephas, Mayor Henry, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery

Approval of Agenda: Motion R. Murphy, second Cummings, approved 5/0

Approval of Minutes: March 25, 2019 Open Session – Cephas/Cummings, approved 4/1 Franz abstained as having been absent for that meeting

Mayors Report: The school board is to put the requested historical items on their agenda. The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is May 2nd at 7:00 am. There will be several speakers.

County Councilman Lenny Pfeffer said the County Budget is ready to be introduced. The Council will meet with the state about the county taking over the rail line.

Public Works Report: Avery reported that the work on the train cars is coming along well. Spring cleanup is April 13th.

Police Department Report: Chief Hutton stated that there were 757 calls for service in March. In the last two weeks there have been 5 thefts, 3 shoplifting, and 2 cocaine arrests. He advised to keep your car doors locked.

Fire Department: Chief Trego reported there have been 66 calls for service this year. Saturday is breakfast with the Easter Bunny, there are many other fund raisers scheduled as well. May 4th they are having chicken barbeque.

Old Business: Attorney Merriken advised the Council that the settlement for 100 S. Main St. has been delayed

due to the property still having tax sale issues. Small Cell Ordinance 2019-3 was introduced during the last meeting, it is ready to be voted on. Motion from Rev. Cephas to approve, second by E. Murphy.

Roll Call Vote: R. Murphy Aye
Cummings Aye
Franz Aye
E. Murphy Aye
Cephas Aye

Community developments: Rev. Cephas said Dr. Barham has requested to meet with the Council to talk about the monument and a budget he would like to submit to move the monument. He hopes to be at the next Council meeting and be on the agenda. Cephas spoke on the Economic Advantage program. He spoke on Community Revitalization and invited the Council to the DHCD training in Crownsville, April 22nd, for upcoming grant opportunities. He said that the proposed office for council use would be fine. The Council should agree this is something they want.

New Business: The purchase of 206 S. Main St. was introduced, Councilman Cephas said he would introduce the ordinance. The Council had no questions regarding that. Avery explained current zoning ordinances regarding non-conforming duplex (two family) houses. Currently if they are unoccupied for more than two years, they lose that non-conforming use and must be changed to a single-family home. He suggested a change in that requirement so a house built as a duplex could remain that way when renovated and/or reopened. The Council agreed with the idea and to have an ordinance drafted to that effect.

Council Comments: R. Murphy explained the newsletter that Councilman E. Murphy has published. Supplying the council with laptops is now a moot point.

Councilwoman Franz had Cummings read a letter of thank you for all the support she received during the recent loss of her son.

Cephas said we still have a long way to go in Dorchester County. He talked about dishonest and unethical things that still occur and the racism that still exists. It is a shame that police have to come into the schools.

Cummings spoke on the opening of little league season

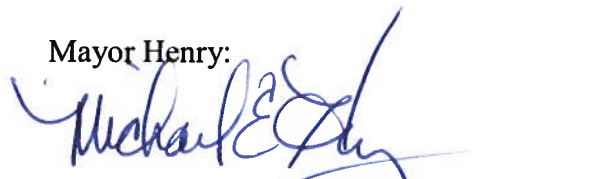
Public Comments: Cederic Turner presented a calendar of events and a budget for the Downtown Committee. They now have t-shirts for sale for \$12.

Adjourn 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:


Councilmembers:
