

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN WORK SESSION DECEMBER 27, 2021

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Cephas

Roll Call: Councilmembers present; R. Murphy, Franz, Cummings, E. Murphy, Mayor Cephas and Manager Avery.

Agenda: Motion to approve R. Murphy, second Franz, 4 on favor, 0 opposed.

Interviews of District 4 Councilmember applicants:

1. Ms. Geneva Farrare - Ms. Farrera described her application and stated that she lives at 101 Jackson Street. She has worked for Department of Housing and Community Development and retired from the State of Maryland. R. Murphy asked how she would handle criticism? She said criticism does not bother her as long as she knows she is doing the best she can. Cummings asked why she spoke on racial profiling? She spoke of an incidents of police following her for no reason. What does team mean? She answered; everyone working together. E. Murphy asked how many meetings has she been to? Her answer was; maybe one. He asked about the no trespassing sign on her property and will she be approachable? She said she will be approachable, the reason for the signs is she lives alone.
2. Mr. Beverly Lake – Mr. Lake has lived at 101 Gold Rush for 53 years. He was an Easton Police Officer; this will be his first involvement with local government. R. Murphy asked if he is familiar with District 4 that he would represent? He answered no. What would he like to accomplish? He answered he would like to see the town grow and represent all the people of the town. He would to see peace and harmony and respect from others. Cummings asked what is a team? The answer was all elements working together for a common goal. Question is downtown Main Street successful. He answered it can improve. There could be small shops. E. Murphy asked what can he give the town to make a difference? He said he would to see meetings within his district. He believes in books before basketball. People can go a lot further with education.

3. Mr. Jock Orr – He has lived in Hurlock since 2010, he loves in this area. He works with juvenal services. He is a member of the Maryland National Guard. He has 2 children who were both born and raised here. R. Murphy asked how he would make a community center work? He said the town has the ability to grow and support a community center. Cummings said he has great tools to have with all the experience he has with crises management, suicide prevention, etc. He said every part of a team has a function. What needs to be done to change Main Street? He said Hurlock needs to invest in its people.
4. Mr. Reginald Parker – He has lived in Hurlock for 40 years. He believes in an open-door policy. Cummings asked for his ideas for the town? He said a community center is a good idea. What would he do to change downtown? He said he has no real answer. Small town Hurlock is home. E. Murphy asked what does he get from coaching basketball? He said it saves lives. The players apply lessons form basketball to life. The people who endorsed him for councilmember thought he would be good for the kids.
5. Mr. Monroe Quailes – Described his military service. He has always been interested in municipal affairs. He has been coming to council meetings since 1990. He was Director of MRDC and the current Ethics Committee Chairman. R. Murphy asked him what he would like to see done in town? He said he would like to see a community center. He wants to bring the town and the council together. Cummings said he sees a huge decline in volunteers and asked what he would do to attract people? He said in the military team work is essential. If we put money in downtown people will come.

Mayor Cephas said that he is glad to see this many people apply for the council. The town has come a long way.

Avery described a conflict in the food truck ordinance. He said that it does not address people operating a food truck on their own property. One of the concerns when the ordinance was done is that food truck operators do not pay the property taxes that brick and mortar businesses do. If someone operates a food truck on their own commercial property, they do pay property taxes. Avery asked should this be looked at differently?

Comments – Cummings said he appreciated putting in their resumes. E. Murphy said that anytime Ms. Farrare needs help to call him. He said that most want to see a community center. There was a question if a Boys and Girls Club has been considered? He answered that it was tried at the Hurlock Elementary School a few years ago and it did not work.

7:30 PM Motion to Adjourn

Respectively Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Charles Cephas:

Absent

Councilmembers:

