

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING June 14, 2021

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

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

Approval of Agenda - Motion Cephas, second Franz, vote 5/0.

Approval of Minutes – Open Session May 10, 2021, Motion Franz/Cummings, approved 5/0.
Work Session May 24, 2021, Motion E. Murphy/Franz, approved 5/0.

Motion to go to Open Public Hearing to submit application for renewal of the Enterprise Zone. Avery explained Resolution 2021-3 to submit application for renewal of the Enterprise Zone. There were no questions or comments from attendees. Motion by Cephas to approve Resolution 2021-3, second by Cummings. Roll Call vote:

Cephas	Aye
Cummings	Aye
E. Murphy	Aye
Franz	Aye
R. Murphy	Aye

Mayors Report – mayor Henry stated that positions are open for Board of Supervisors of Elections. The three positions need to be filled by September 1st. He has an agenda for the incoming mayor and would like to meet with he and Avery following elections. Councilman Cephas is to vote for the mayor at the MML Conference.

County Councilmember Lenny Pfeffer – Councilmember Pfeffer said it is great to be back to a town meeting. The county budget has been approved. E. Murphy asked about the potential for rails to trails along the old rail lines. The line from Hurlock to Preston is off the table and there is no answer at this point on the line from Hurlock to Cambridge.

Police Chief Jones gave his report. National Night Out is scheduled for August 3rd. E. Murphy stated he will help with hot dogs.

Avery gave the Public Works report; Work on the library walls is now complete. Roof replacement on the public works building has started. Paving work is complete. Design work for the pump station is underway. Application for Rescue Funds has been submitted, Hurlock's projected allocation is now \$1,994,165. Avery presented the Council with a treasures report and a budget report through April 2021. The new Memorial Park lights have been broken and is being investigated. Santos Grande from Delmarva Community Services has sent the town a letter requesting some on the town's Rescue Funds to be used for replacement of the roof at the senior center. COPs Grant Application for a minority officer is in process of being submitted.

Old Business – Avery described Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance 2021-6. The Ordinance is to add two inherently permitted uses to the Commercial 3 District. Cephas motion to approved, second Cummings, vote 5 in favor/0 opposed.

Cephas said that he had met Sarbanes to discuss sustainability. He wants to make sure there is adequate affordable housing for low and moderate income. The wastewater and water systems must be improved. Minority hiring practices must be improved. He is trying to get the Governor and Lt. Governor to come here. Cephas will be an ambassador for the town in Annapolis. He wants to see the town advance.

Cephas asked if Sandy Grande could come to present the request to the Council. They have a lot of money in Cambridge. Mr. Grande should make a presentation to the Council.

Comments – E. Murphy mentioned that the MML Conference is approaching. Franz she is planning on the community yard sale for September, same day as the Fire Department chicken barbeque. Cummins said he is proud of the 2021 graduates of North Dorchester H.S. They faced the worst challenges with COVID. He thanked Chief Jones for all that he does. R. Murphy said he is proud to be an American. The flag at the Post Office is a disgrace.

Public Comments- A resident from 102 Thompson St. said she has concerns about drivers speeding and water quality issues. Avery announced the town just received the annual drinking water quality report. The report issued by MDE found no violations.

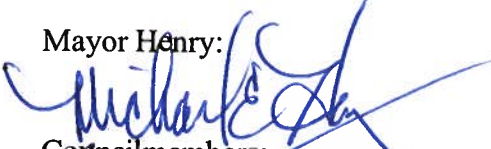
Cephas motion to go to Closed Session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act to discuss the potential purchase of a piece of property. Second by E. Murphy, vote 5 in favor/0 opposed.

An announcement was made that the Council would not return to open session following the closed session.

6:55 Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:
