

County/City Meeting: January 10, 2017 4:00 pm.

Attendance: City Commissioner Donald Sydnor, City Commissioner La-Shon Foster, County Councilman, Don Satterfield, County Councilman Rick Travers, County Manager Jeremy Goldman, City Manager Sandra Tripp-Jones, Oden Wheeler Director DPW, and Rebecca White Assistant to County Manger.

Old Maces Lane School Building: Bond Servants is no longer a viable candidate for occupancy. Dorchester County is looking for a new tenant and County will be establishing certain requirements, i.e. use of building, time line for renovations, etc. County wants to meet with Maces Lane Alumni to get views and ideas for redevelopment from them; i.e. salvaging the fireplace for a park, sitting area, family gathering area.

505-507 Race St.: Secretary Holt is working with HCI & Stanley Keyser in an effort for Mr. Keyser to take over these two structures in conjunction with 509-511 Race St. with contingency's i.e. 507 Race St. would need to be stabilized by June 1st etc. Preliminary information at this time, more information will become available over the next 30 to 60 days.

Solar Farms: Dorchester County is working on updating their zoning regulations implementing Personnel Property Tax on solar equipment or negotiate a PILOT. The Egypt Road Solar Farm is projected to be a approx. 48-million-dollar project. There's a pre-exemption language in State regulations that is being reviewed by the Maryland Energy Commission. The solar companies interpret this language in that it would allow them to bypass Zoning regulations of both the County & City and install solar panels/farms regardless of the zoning. County Planning & Zoning supports these projects as long as they meet Zoning codes, and the interested party provides a bond for screening the solar farm, cutting of the grass, etc., and the removal of the equipment and return the property to its original state prior the installation of the solar farm.

Sailwinds Governors Hall; American Legion has requested a transfer of Liquor license from their establishment on Rt. 50 to Governors Hall affective February 1 2017. The County must receive the application and supporting documentation no later than Friday (January 13,2017) to meet their goal. Legion hopes to have renovations etc. done and open sometime mid-February.

County/City Meeting: February 6, 2017 4:00 pm

Attendance: City Commissioner Donald Sydnor, City Commissioner La-Shon Foster, County Councilman, Don Satterfield, County Councilman Rick Travers, County Manager Jeremy Goldman, City Manager Sandra Tripp-Jones, Oden Wheeler Director DPW, and Rebecca White Executive Assistant to County Manger.

Recycling: The City of Cambridge has been exploring options to implement recycling. Mr. Wheeler had discussed with Dor. Co. Public Works Director Thomas Moore, about the possibility of creating a drop off recycling center on City property on Leonard Lane across from DPW Maintenance Division facility. The dumpsters would be owned, provided, and emptied by Dor. Co., the City would provide and maintain the property, keeping it clean, etc., Mr. Moore was very receptive to the idea, and suggested discussing this idea with this group prior to going to both Councils. All parties were receptive to the idea thought it would fill a void for those individuals wishing to recycle in that area of Cambridge, and in the Hudson area. Dor. Co. has funding to purchase the roll off containers. Commissioner Travers asked that the City provide a letter of intent for this partnership, and they would bring it before the entire Co. Council for consideration.

DPL Pole attachments: The City of Cambridge wants to install security cameras in the Greenwood Ave. area and has been working towards this goal. One item that has really become an issue is that DPL has a no attachment policy for their utility poles, so therefore nothing including cameras can be mounted on existing poles. Mr. Wheeler has had several conversations with DPL, and has been told that they are not allowing any attachments, except for those agencies that already have agreements for Christmas lights. Due to this the City is going to continue to move forward purchasing poles, do the installation, etc. themselves, not only increasing the cost but causing a delay to the project. The desire to use DPL poles for attachments is not something that is unique to the City of Cambridge, especially for security reasons, but for other purposes as well, i.e. street banners. The no attachment policy is something that needs to be pursued by both the City and County Council's with MML, MACO, State Legislators, and the Maryland Energy Administration.

Solar Farms: Dorchester County is working on enacting legislation to apply Personal Property Tax to the equipment for solar farms; i.e. solar panels, & framing at the rate of \$2.29 per 100 dollars or the negotiation of a PILOT. The Egypt Road Solar Farm is projected to be a approx. 48-million-dollar project. There's a pre-exemption language in State regulations that is being reviewed by the Maryland Energy Commission. The solar companies interpret this language in that it would allow them to bypass Zoning regulations of both the County & City and install solar panels/farms regardless of the zoning. Recently there has been an interpretation of the pre-exemption language stating that solar companies are not exempt from zoning regulations, so therefore cannot bypass local zoning codes. According to Mr. Collison the City's Personal Property Tax regulations would cover solar farms. The solar farm that's behind Choptank Elementary School has not paid any Personal Property Taxes to the City, Jeremy is going to

review the agreement to make sure there's no exemption since it's on County Property, and/or would affect the County. City of Cambridge is also working on zoning legislation to determine where, and how much solar can be constructed within City limits for solar farms. Individual residents would not be affected.

Sanitary District: Mr. Bobby Tieder will be retiring from the Commission in the next 30 days, he has served as a member of the Commission for 30 years with several years as the President. Dor. Co. will be recognizing him for his service to Dor. Co. at a future meeting. Mr. Wheeler presented that on Jan. 11th, the City delivered a purchase agreement to the Sanitary District office for signature to purchase the equipment, and the low pressure sewer lines in the Oak Hill area, and has not heard anything since it was delivered. He presented that he has emailed KD Applegarth inquiring if the agreement had been signed however she has never replied. Mr. Wheeler has spoken with Mr. Tom Moore a member of the Sanitary District Commission regarding this dilemma, Mr. Moore did contact Ms. Applegarth who informed him that the agreement had been signed, however they need to prepare an equipment list with serial numbers, model of the units, etc., not indicating when they would complete this. The City has bid and awarded the project to connect the residents to City sewer, the contractor has been ready to proceed with the work, and this project is under a time constraint and needs to be completed by June, but cannot commence until the agreement is executed. Jeremy indicated that he would get involved into this situation, and try to get this issue resolved.

505 & 507 Race St.- Secretary Holt has been working with the various parties to get these properties turned over to Mr. Stanley Keyser. In the latest revision of the agreement, the language requiring the City to demolish the rear wooden part of the structure has been removed, the structure would have to be stabilized by June 1, 2017. The agreement will be going to the City Council for review, consideration, and approval/denial at the Feb. 13th meeting.

Old Maces Lane School Building: On Saturday Comm. Sydnor & Councilman Nichols met with a group who wants to work with the Maces Lane Alumni to renovate the structure. They have the Bond Servants plans to begin discussions for renovations. They want to form a group to keep the project moving forward, getting with the County to establish a Board. They would like to keep the fireplace with a sitting area similar to what the Bond Servants plans showed, maybe install a kitchen, keep the gym for activities, etc.

Allowing Alcohol sales in Grocery Stores: Dorchester County asked to be added to the existing State legislation that Talbot Co. has to allow alcohol sales in grocery stores. The legislation didn't get forwarded so probably will not make it out of committee, however Jeremy is still going to Annapolis to testify supporting the legislation.

Old Adventist Health Care Facility on Fieldcrest Drive: The City is proposing a text amendment to modify the Zoning from Industrial to Commercial to expand the allowable use of the building. There is a vendor interested in renting the facility for the same use as Adventist Health Care operated for troubled children.

ABC Building on Fieldcrest Drive: The building has been sold to a company that processes seafood, and wants to also have onsite cold storage available. To do both operations they need to

add a second story to the building. Currently the City's zoning code has a height restriction that would not allow a second story, so a text amendment to the City's Zoning code will need to be necessary. The proposed text amendment will be going to City Council soon for consideration.

Dorchester Arts Center: Dorchester County owns this facility which was purchased with Program Open space funds. The parking lot behind the facility will remain public and not dedicated to the art center, however they may reserve a few spaces for staff.