

MAYOR & COUNCIL

June 1, 2009

Mayor Outten called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of Delmar, Delaware to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Mayor Outten, Vice Mayor Houlihan, Council Members Pase and Thompson, Town Manager Bynum-King, and Clerk of Council Fisher. Absent: Council Member Payne. Guests: Howard Dickerson, Patrick Hurley, and Mike McClure.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Outten thanked Clerk of Council Fisher for coming in to do the minutes while she was on vacation.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Pase made a motion to approve the May, 2009 Mayor and Council minutes as circulated. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 1 absent.

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

Vice-Mayor Houlihan stated that there was nothing new since the Joint Council meeting.

Utility Commission

Council Member Pase stated that there was nothing new since the Joint Council meeting.

Parks & Recreation

Mayor Outten stated that there was nothing new since the Joint Council meeting.

Police Commission

Mayor Outten stated that there was nothing new since the Joint Council meeting.

Public Works

Vice Mayor Houlihan stated that there was nothing new since the Joint Council meeting.

Centennial Committee

Town Manager Bynum-King reported that Municipal Clerk Layton is finalizing the contract with the vendor that will be doing the fireworks display for the Celebration. In order to do that, a decision needs to be made on where the display will take place. She said that she has spoken with Mayor Outten and has emailed Mayor Niblett for their decision. Mayor Niblett stated that since all of the activities on the first day will take place in or around the Mason Dixon Park, the fireworks should take place there.

Mayor Outten stated that he had a meeting with the fireworks representative and they toured both the Mason Dixon Park and the Delmar High School. The representative stated that the High School was the best choice of the two locations because of the amount of open space located there.

There was some discussion on changing the itinerary of the first day, since there seems to be a lot of activities on that day. Also there was some discussion on maybe changing it so that the fireworks could happen on the last day and the laser light show could take place on the first day.

Town Manager Bynum-King stated that she is asking for some guidance from the Council so that the administrative team could move forward with the contract, so the Town would not lose out on the fireworks event by not being able to lock in a date and location.

Vice Mayor Houlihan stated that he favored the High School location if for no other reason than parking. He said that since the fireworks would be set off in the field by the football stadium, the parking situation would not be as chaotic as it would be if the location was at Mason Dixon Park.

The consensus of the Delaware Council was to have the fireworks held at the Delmar High School field. Town Manager Bynum-King stated that she would bring this issue up to the Maryland Commissioners to get their input as well.

Unfinished Business

Town Manager Bynum-King reported that she had received a letter from Delaware State Planning and they have accepted the Diakos Annexation Plan of Service.

New Business

Town Manager Bynum-King reported that the Utility Commission had approved the slip-lining process to begin at Pennsylvania Ave. where the streetscape project is occurring. The process was started this past Saturday (May 30, 2009). Once into the project, they found the line had collapsed. The reason was when the form was inserted for the street lighting; it was set down right on the line and cracked it. She did say that it will be repaired and Tri-State will be returning this Friday to continue with the slip-lining process. She stated that it was a good thing that the Utility Commission had approved the slip-lining process when they did because the Town would have had to go back and cut into the new street to repair the collapsed line. She stated that the Public Works marked the utilities, however, when the sidewalk was removed for replacement, the mark was also removed

Town Manager Bynum-King reported that the attorney for Mr. Chris Mills has sent a letter to the Department of Justice requesting their participation in assisting us and Mr. Mills in acquiring the Quiet Title for the vacant land behind Lecates Building with a 10' easement for rear access to the other downtown properties. All parties seem to be working together now.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Bynum-King reminded everyone that the Day in the Park will be held this Saturday, June 6, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a rain date of June 20th. The Delmar School Board will be holding a Special Meeting on June 16th along with having their regular meeting on June 23rd. She stated that the Delmar Library had forwarded to her an email that they are looking for individuals to be appointed to the Library Commission. They would have to live in the Delmar School District. The last day for applications is June 15, 2009. The volunteer position would entail overseeing the library, help determine policies to govern the programs of the library, monitor the budget and secure sufficient funding. They are appointed by the resident Superior Judge of Sussex County. She said that anyone interested and would like more information can contact the Delmar Library.

Commission Comments

Council Member Thompson thanked Utility Commission Member Dickerson for making a good decision in reference to the slip-lining process.

Council Member Pase reported that June 11, 2009 will be the last day of school. She reminded everyone that small children will soon be out and about and to be mindful when driving. She also stated that she may not be able to attend

the Day in the Park festivities, due to a family commitment. She also said that this is the last of the separate meetings and that she will miss them. She said that having separate meetings made it so that each side was able to concentrate on their concerns and not be sidetracked with issues that they were not involved in.

Town Manager Bynum-King stated that if there are involved matters, they would have a separate meeting to allow for thorough discussion. She said if the other side wants to know what is going on or participate in discussion, then they could attend that particular meeting.

Vice Mayor Houlihan reported that he had received an e-mail from Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Diane Buckley, who is also the Chairperson for the Day in the Park. She said that because of the economic situation and because Saturn has moved out of the area, the Day in the Park festivities will be a little different this year. Saturn was a major donator to the Chamber for the Day in the Park. He also stated that he would not be able to attend the Day in the Park festivities due to a prior family commitment.

Public Comments

Resident Howard Dickerson inquired as to the status of Tidewater. Mayor Outten reported that he had spoken with Bruce Patrick, one of the representatives, and they are still trying to find a location for their spray irrigation. Town Manager Bynum-King reported that nothing new had developed

Resident Patrick Hurley inquired to the Yorkshire Estates development. Town Manager Bynum-King reported that the Town had received a notice that they are in the foreclosure process.

Adjournment

Council Member Pase made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 absent.

Submitted by:

Cindy Fisher

