



Town of Colmar Manor
A Port Towns Community
3701 Lawrence Street
Colmar Manor, Maryland 20722

Town Meeting
November 1, 2022, 7 PM
Minutes

Call to Order

Councilmember Harding moved to call the meeting to order. Councilmember Hobbs seconded the motion. Vote was taken, motion passed.

Roll Call

Mayor Casanas (late to meeting), Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Bowles, Councilmember Harding and Councilmember Mendoza.

Staff: Chief Tracy Stone and Town Administrator Greg Holcomb

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Harding moved to approve the November 1, 2022 work session agenda. Councilmember Hobbs seconded the motion. A vote was taken, motion passed.

Carwash Lot

Continued discussion of issues and development at the former car wash, located at 4153 Bladensburg Rd.

Mr. Holcomb discussed the updates with the meeting with Mr. Brownlee and Mayor Casanas. The Michael Company stated cameras will be added to the site in the next couple of weeks. We would be allowed to use the property for activities. They will provide a lease agreement for the town to review next week. Mr. Holcomb stated that they seem to be moving forward with building a gas station, but noted changes to the plans were coming.

Mr. Bowles is in communication with County Council Member's office that a Natural Resource Inventory has been completed. CB 482021. DSP number filed on August 4th, 2022.

Mr. Bowles noted Dr. has been invited to assist in working with the citizen group.

Also stated he reached out to Heritage Prince George's County as well.

Residents: Mr. Keith Brooks, sent email out to 28 residents regarding setting up a table at the Halloween event. They created a draft to send to Delegates. Document handed out is a one-page overview of the car wash issue.

The group contacted the University of Maryland.

They asked about Greenwill Consulting and the role they would be taking.

Ms. Jones added the letter they put together for elected officials. Ms. Jones further asked about potentially buying the property. She has done research on developers in the area to do mixed use, neighborhood activity center development. Asked Town to reach out to developers regarding the property.

Ms. Jones asked if there is a conflict of interest and having a point person.

Committee requested the petition, if made electronic, be added to the website and email petition to residents.

Mayor asked for petition to be translated.

Committee to setup meetings at Town Hall.

Ms. Jones, noted need for better communication and for responses to emails.

ARPA Community and Non-Profit Funding Program

The Council discussed the rules around the community grant and non-profit grant programs.

Councilmember Harding asked about other programs we could replicate.

Town Administrator Holcomb stated the consultant advised to focus on poverty level %, up to \$1,000, number of houses below \$50,000.

The Council discussed the non-profit grant program and decided to reach out to Central Kenilworth Revitalization, Foundation of Greatness, Artworks Now- Senior program, End Time Harvest Ministries

Councilmember Bowles suggested doing nine \$5,000 grants

Town Hall furniture, upgrades, and software

The council reviewed an analysis of ARPA overages and underage's. They requested more information on annual pricing of software.

Retreat

The council discussed options for a retreat and Mayor Casanas had suggested working with a coach to assist each member with visioning and coaching, she is to put a plan together.

Committee Structures

The council discussed what committees should look like in town. They desired a method of that allows for a simple structure to committees.

The Mayor provided an update on youth summit

Charter Review Committee

The council discussed options for the upcoming charter review. They request more information and asked the Town Administrator to look into whether MML does charter review and to reach out to the Neighborhood Design Center.

RedSpeed Update

Town Administrator Holcomb provided an update on the RedSpeed contract.

Public Safety Grant \$30,350

Councilmember Bowles moved to accept the public safety grant for the purchase of license plate readers in the amount of \$30,350. Councilmember Mendoza seconded the motion, a vote was taken, 5-0, motion passed.

Councilmember Hobbs moved to transfer from unreserved funds to purchase LPR equipment for \$30,350 with the understanding it will be reimbursed. Seconded by Councilmember Bowles. A vote was taken, 5-0, motion passed.

Closed Session- Personnel Matters

Councilmember Hobbs moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters, and adjourn at the end of the executive session. Seconded by Councilmember Mendoza. A vote was taken, motion passed.