

**County Council of Dorchester County  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2016**

The County Council of Dorchester County met in regular session on October 18, 2016 with the following members present: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; William V. Nichols; Rick M. Price and Don B. Satterfield. Also present were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; Jeremy Goldman, County Manager; and Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Nichols led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

**CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

The Council agreed to add to the agenda a letter of support request from the University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension Office and a discussion regarding a property on Shorters Wharf Road.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES- OCTOBER 4, 2016**

The Council approved the minutes of October 4, 2016 as amended.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

The Council approved the vouchers as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Councilman Travers reported total cash and investments as \$11,851,941.23.

**CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY**

The Council adjourned from a Regular Session and convened in a Closed Session pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction and pursuant to §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and pursuant to §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter on October 18, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

Action taken at the Closed Session: 1) approved the request of the Soil Conservation Director to hire an individual to fill a Planner Grant position by a 5 to 0 vote; 2) discussed personnel matters relating to the Highway Division; 3) confirmed the hiring by the State's Attorney of two individuals as Teen Court Coordinators by a 5 to 0 vote; 4) discussed the potential acquisition of

property; 5) based on an inquiry about availability, discussed matters relating to a County owned property; 6) consulted with staff and legal counsel regarding potential litigation.

The purpose of the Closed Session is also set forth in the Written Statement of Closing a Meeting Under the Open Meetings Act, which will be provided upon request. Voting in favor of the closed Closed Session were all of the present Council members.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **PUBLIC HEARING-WATER AND SEWER AMENDMENT-LAURIE LANE**

Rodney Banks, Assistant Planning and Zoning Director, explained that the public hearing is being held on a request for an amendment to the Comprehensive Water & Sewer Plan to revise Table 4-1 and the Sewer Service Area Map Exhibit 4-E to change the designation of two unimproved lots located on the west side of Laurie Lane. He said the applicant is the Environmental Health Division of the Dorchester County Health Department. He stated that the Council was provided copies of the following: 1) correspondence from the Health Department to the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) ; 2) correspondence from the Sanitary District; 3) information from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation website; and, 4) an aerial map; and, 5) copies of a recorded subdivision plat. Mr. Banks advised that the property is zoned as Agriculture Conservation and each lot is a little over three acres. He noted that in 1990 the Brad-vern Park Part III subdivision, which consisted of four lots, was approved which was to be connected to a berm infiltration pond for sanitary sewer waste disposal. He advised that two homes were built on the lots, one in 1990 and the second in 2001 and when the Madison Woolford Sewer line was installed the property owners were allowed to connect to that line. He explained that the Health Department staff, after looking at the berm infiltration pond, found it was not functioning properly. He said it will be difficult for the owners of the remaining properties to obtain a building permit based on the condition of the pond. Mr. Banks said at its August 3, 2016 meeting the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend Council approval of the amendment.

William Forlifer, Environmental Health Officer, said Mr. Banks accurately described the matter. He said the shared facility pond was constructed for four lots and was put into use in 2000. He advised that the pond is failing. He explained that he has been in discussions with staff at the Maryland Department of Planning and MDE over the last couple years about this matter. In response to questions posed by Mr. Merryweather, Mr. Forlifer said these entities will need to approve the amendment.

Tom Moore, on behalf of the Sanitary Commission, asked the Council to: 1) consider revising the Sewer and Water Plan as necessary to address all citizens' needs within the Church Creek and Madison-Woolford districts; and, 2) to formally ask the City of Cambridge and MDE to allow for the local approval of connections for existing lots of record within the district boundaries without further review by the City and State provided the flows are limited to the amounts allocated.

In response to a question from Councilman Travers, Mr. Moore confirmed the Sanitary Commission's goal is to shorten the process for all residents.

Councilman Bradshaw noted that a resident previously expressed to the Council his dismay that he was not able to connect to an existing sewer line even though he was required to do so if public sewer was available. Councilman Nichols said there were several other times after this one a resident was denied access.

Mr. Forlifer opined that seeking this amendment may lead to additional improvements in the process. He explained that he submitted the request based on his belief it would be approved. Mr. Merryweather expressed belief this is a good opportunity to seek a reasonable resolution under this administration.

The Council approved the the amendment and agreed to execute the resolution. The Council recognized that Mr. Goldman will work with the Sanitary Commission to develop its request into a topic for the 2017 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session discussion with the local delegation.

### **PUBLIC HEARING-FY18 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENTS**

The Council adjourned into a public hearing. Mr. Banks said a public hearing is being held for the Council's annual review of agricultural land preservation easement applications. He said the County agricultural land preservation easement program began in 1979. He noted that at the present time there are 89 farms in the County under these types of easements which equates to over 14,000 acres. Mr. Banks explained that although there are 17 applicants, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation is only willing to accept the top eight and he is asking the Council to do the same. He noted that the eight properties total 1,200 acres which would cost \$3.6 million to preserve, however, only \$353,000 is available for 2017. He advised that additional monies will be available in the spring of 2018, hopefully \$700,000 will cover the cost to preserve one to two farms. He listed the applicants and locations. Mr. Banks said these applicants meet all the required criteria to be included in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. He stated that the Dorchester County Agricultural Land Preservation Board approved these easements and agreed unanimously to recommend to the Council that they be approved at its June 16, 2016 meeting.

There was no public comment.

The Council approved the FY17 Agricultural Land Preservation Easement applications and the ranking order of the applicants presented by Mr. Banks.

### **UPDATE-MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT-BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

Marcia Pradines, Project Leader, Chesapeake Marshlands, National Wildlife Refuge Complex, introduced Matt Whitbeck, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist.

Mr. Whitbeck provided an update on a marsh restoration project off of Maple Dam Road that will be occurring this Fall. He said the biggest challenges on Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge (Blackwater) is the loss of tidal marshes through nutria and sea level rise. He explained that the tidal marshes are nursery habitat for commercial and recreational fishermen, winter waterfowl and game birds. He advised that the nutria eradication program, which ran for several

years, worked and they recently celebrated one year of zero nutria on the Eastern Shore. He said removal of nutria sets the stage for moving forward with marsh resiliency and restoration work.

Mr. Whitbeck stated that Blackwater staff have worked with the Conservation Fund and Audubon Maryland D.C. for over two years to develop a sea level adaptation plan. He noted that one key component of the plan is to implement marsh resiliency and restoration practices. He advised that the Conservation Fund recently received money from the National U.S. Fish and Wildlife Foundation to conduct a restoration project off of Blackwater River.

Mr. Whitbeck said Blackwater's marsh restoration project encompasses a 48 acre section of the marsh east of Shorters Wharf and on the northside of Blackwater River. He stated that the Project Contractor, Dredge America, will place a dredge into the river downstream from the bridge. He advised that 5,700 cubic yards of dredging material from the bottom of the river will be spread over the 48 acres. He said that the open water is breaking up the marsh and the dredged sediment slurry will assist in restoring those areas. He noted that as a result four to six inches will be added to the existing marsh. He said it is his hope the increased elevation will result in an increase of marsh plants which will build up the area to combat future sea level rise. Mr. Whitbeck advised that they are working with a United States Geological Survey scientist to monitor the project. He said it will take a year or two for the marsh to fully recover, noting that there will be exposed mud until spring when growth should begin. He thanked Greg LeBlanc, Engineer, for organizing the use of Shorters Wharf Ramp as a staging area for the contractor. He said this use will not impede the public use of the boat ramp and that dredging will not affect navigation. He explained that there is a 300 foot buffer between the western boundary and the paved Shorter's Wharf Road to ensure that the sediment slurry will not impact the road surface. He thanked the Council for allowing him the opportunity to provide an update on the project.

Mr. Whitbeck said they anticipate the project will begin within the next couple of weeks and that it will be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> in response to a question from Councilman Bradshaw.

Councilman Bradshaw queried as to whether Mr. Whitbeck foresees additional restoration projects on the Blackwater River in the future if this one is successful. Mr. Whitbeck said he is hopeful this will lead to more projects. He explained that in 2003 smaller restoration projects on the river were undertaken; however, they were to restore marsh from fully open water and not filling in grouting pockets of water and increasing elevation. Councilman Bradshaw expressed his belief that a project along Route 335 would be beneficial.

The Council thanked Mr. Whitbeck and Ms. Pradines.

## **LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The Council adjourned into Legislative Session.

E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, said Bill Nos. 2016-5 and 2016-6 are enabling statutes and amend local laws and codes to create the Department of Corrections and to reorganize the Dorchester County Detention Center.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Council introduced BILL NO. 2016-5 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 44-9 OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND RELATING TO THE WARDEN OF THE COUNTY JAIL, NOW KNOWN AS THE DORCHESTER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.

The Council agreed to proceed with publication of a public hearing on this matter.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Council introduced BILL NO. 2016-6 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-9 OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, BEING CODIFIED IN CHAPTER 44 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE, TO REPEAL AND TO REENACT CHAPTER 75 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE, ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION", PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER AND PROVIDING FOR A DIRECTOR OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

The Council agreed to the following revisions and to proceed with publication of a public hearing on this matter: 1) remove the last sentence of paragraph D under Section 75-3 "Powers and Duties of Warden" which placed the responsibility of the Sheriff for inmate transportation, which is no longer accurate; 2) to change Section Section 75-4 (B) to require related work experience at the level of a Lieutenant or higher instead of a Sergeant; 3) to change Section 75-4(D) to make the completion of Maryland Correctional Trainings Program for Director level correctional positions a requirement; 4) revise Section 75-1(A) to note that the Department of Correction will be under the immediate direction of a Director who shall be appointed by the County Council "as recommended by the County Manager;" and, 4) revise Section 75-1(J) to state that the Director shall also perform additional duties and functions as directed by the County Manager; and, 6) change Commissioners to County Council throughout the document.

The Council adjourned into Regular Session.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **2017 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINAL DISCUSSION**

Councilman Travers said this is the final discussion on proposed legislative initiatives for the 2017 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session prior to the Council's meeting with legislators on November 15, 2016. He noted that the additional item proposed by the Sanitary Commission may be discussed at this meeting.

Jeremy Goldman, County Manager, said the Council may seek a modification to a piece of health care legislation dependent on the outcome of an upcoming meeting.

Councilman Travers recognized the receipt of correspondence from the Dorchester County Board of Education for the Council's support to seek a State amendment that would require the Board's approval in the hiring non-certificated personnel. The Council acknowledged that this is the same legislation the Board sought last year and that a letter of support is not necessary until it has been filed.

## **MANAGERS COMMENTS**

### **2017-2026 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN-PUBLIC WORKS**

Tom Moore, Public Works Director, noted that the County Council has been presented a draft of the County's 2017 to 2026 Solid Waste Management Plan. He explained that one of the major changes is the inclusion of a Special Events Recycling Program which was adopted into law during the 2014 Maryland General Assembly Legislation Session. He referenced the Council's previous attempts to seek legislative relief from the restrictive requirements. He explained that these requirements include providing multiple recycling containers which increases costs for event holders. Mr. Moore noted that the Council had expressed concern that special events recycling requirements would financially impact, nonprofit and community organizations who hold the majority of the events in the County. He said enforcement is not mandatory.

Mr. Moore advised that the other major additions are the inclusion of the vertical expansion of the landfill and providing future capacity with New Beulah II to be located within the current acreage.

In response to a question from Mr. Goldman, Mr. Moore said the following will occur if the Council accepts the draft: 1) the draft plan will be submitted to MDE for review and comment; 2) MDE comments and Council comments will be incorporated into the document; and, 3) a public hearing process will be held.

Pursuant to an inquiry from Councilman Travers, Mr. Moore confirmed his request for the Council's concurrence to accept and send the draft to the MDE for its review and comment.

Councilman Price made a motion to hold a public hearing at the next Council meeting prior to submitting the draft to MDE in order to ensure the public has the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. He noted that Mr. Moore can provide the same comments he made earlier at this hearing. Councilman Travers said it would be premature to hold a public hearing since MDE has not reviewed or provided comments which may result in the revision of the proposed draft. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

The Council accepted the draft plan and agreed to send it to the MDE for review and comment with Councilman Price opposing.

In response to an inquiry from Councilman Nichols, Mr. Goldman confirmed that the draft plan will be made available for the public.

Bill Windsor, resident, questioned whether the draft includes both a vertical and a horizontal landfill expansion option. Councilman Travers confirmed that both options are incorporated into the draft plan. He explained that the Council is working on a new proposal to utilize 67 acres of existing landfill space which will hold approximately 8 million cubic yards and provide landfill capacity for 50 years. He noted that there is a three year permitting process so some vertical expansion may be necessary to ensure sufficient landfill capacity. He said the use of the existing space will not impact the Veteran's Cemetery and will eliminate the need for vertical expansion, which are the items the public has asked the Council to consider.

Councilman Travers said a public hearing process will be held after MDE review and the incorporation of any comments. Mr. Windsor expressed appreciation for the Council's identification of a horizontal expansion option. In response to a question from Mr. Windsor, Councilman Travers said the Council's goal is to avoid vertical expansion, however, it may be necessary due to timing and capacity constraints.

Mr. Goldman concurred, noting that the Zero Waste Order issued by the prior Governor is restricting efforts to proceed with other solutions. Mr. Windsor expressed his appreciation to the Council for seeking alternatives to vertical expansion. Mr. Goldman said County staff and Council has been working on the horizontal option for over a year. In response to a question from Mr. Windsor, Mr. Goldman said certain criteria must be met in order for the State to issue a permit and upon issuance requires the Council's approval and identification of funding.

Margaret Anzalone, resident, expressed appreciation for the Council's willingness to seek alternatives. She said she is in favor of holding a public hearing prior to submission of the plan to MDE since the draft plan is not accessible. Mr. Goldman noted that the draft plan is available for the public. Councilman Travers stated that residents will have the opportunity to make comments at the public hearing that will be held after MDE review. Ms. Anzalone said she supports increased recycling efforts to address waste in the County.

Ken Heesh, resident, said he appreciates that the Council has taken the public's input into consideration. He referenced the prior Landfill Advisory Committee which was involved in the Solid Waste Management Plan process for several years and the Solid Waste Advisory Workgroup the Council recently formed noting that additional appointments are needed. He referred to Mr. Goldman's comments about County staff and Council working on an alternative for over a year and questioned why information was never disseminated to the public.

Mr. Goldman explained that the Zero Waste Order had hindered progress. He advised that information pertaining to other alternatives cannot be released until there is a high probability that expansion is possible.

Mr. Heesh expressed his understanding that the Solid Waste Advisory Workgroup members were to review the draft plan before it was provided to Council. Mr. Goldman said submission deadlines dictated the timeline. Mr. Heesh advised that the Landfill Advisory Committee, which consisted of 10 members of the community, reviewed past plans, welcomed public comment and held public hearings throughout the County. He said the Committee members then presented a proposed plan at a public hearing prior to the Council making a decision on submission to MDE. Councilman Travers said he attended Committee meetings, noting that it was disbanded due to lack of attendance. He commended the Council for identifying other options to address the

County's future waste needs. Mr. Heesh expressed support for a horizontal expansion and his concern about commencing vertical expansion in the meantime.

Councilman Satterfield stressed that pursuant to the Zero Waste Order, which is still in effect, no expansion is allowed. He said staff diligently worked to identify other ways to address waste with the primary goal of moving away from the Veteran's Cemetery and vertical expansion. He noted that some vertical expansion may be necessary.

#### LEGISLATIVE AUDIT EXEMPTION REQUEST-BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Council approved the request Philip L. Bramble, Jr., President, Board of Education, submitted on behalf of the Board, to send a letter in support of its request for an exemption to the next legislative audit cycle starting in fiscal 2017.

Councilman Travers left the meeting.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRAL-GREENLAWN CEMETERY TEXT AMENDMENT REVISION-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council acknowledged that: 1) Bill No. 2016-4 to amend Chapter 155, entitled Zoning, Section 155 Attachment 1, Table of Permitted Uses of the Dorchester County Code, to add under the Institutional Use category, cemeteries, commercial human or animal including chapels, mausoleums, and crematoriums as a special exception use in the RR-RCA, Rural Residential - Resource Conservation Area zoning district was adopted on July 19, 2016; and, 2) the Critical Area Commission has requested a minor revision to the language of that text amendment. The Council agreed to refer this revision to the Planning Commission for an investigation and recommendation. Councilman Travers rejoined the meeting during this item.

#### ADOPT A ROAD REQUEST-OLD FIELD ROAD-BIG BUCK ROD & GUN CLUB-PUBLIC WORKS

Based on the recommendation of Tom Moore, Public Works Director, the Council approved the request of the Big Buck & Rod Club to adopt a section of Old Field Road. The Council acknowledged that the sign will state "In Memory of Dennis G. Krouse, BBR & GC, Inc."

#### AIRPORT BIG HANGAR DOOR REFURBISHMENT SOLUTION

The Council approved the request of Meighan "Chis" Chisholm, Airport Manager, to sole source and contact with C&K Lord to repair the doors of the "Big" Hangar and for parts replacement at the cost of \$34,399 plus shipping utilizing Airport capital funds.

#### REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS-SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Moore to advertise for proposals for snow removal contractors utilizing the same State Highway based contract as prior years.

#### MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS GRANT APPLICATION-CARDIAC MONITOR-EMS-ES

The Council approved the request of Anna Sierra, Emergency Services Director, to submit a grant application to the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems for funding of \$16,000 to purchase a cardiac monitor.

#### TRAVEL REQUEST-911 CENTER-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Ms. Sierra for three Emergency Services staff members to attend the Public Safety Systems, Inc. (PSSI) Users Group Conference from November 15 through November 17, 2016 in Annapolis, at the cost of \$1,361.82, which includes hotel, food and transportation, from the FY17 911 Communications Center budget. In response to a question from Councilman Price, Mr. Goldman said the attendees will relay the information they learn to those employees who are not attending the conference. He explained that the shift supervisors are provided the opportunity to attend on an every other year schedule.

#### REQUEST TO HIRE MURALIST-TOURISM

The Council approved the request of Amanda Fenstermaker, Tourism Director, to hire Michael Rosato, the only bidder, to paint a mural on the restroom building at the Visitor Center which is along the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway.

#### DELMARVA POWER RATE INCREASE DISCUSSION

The Council agreed to send a letter to the Maryland Public Service Commission in opposition to the request of Delmarva Power & Light Company for an increase in its electric distribution rates.

#### FY16-17 THIRD/FOURTH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Council agreed to adopt the FY16-17 Third/Fourth County Council Meeting Schedule.

#### FY18 BUDGET ADOPTION SCHEDULE

The Council agreed to adopt the FY18 Budget Adoption Schedule.

#### TELEPHONE POLL CONFIRMATION

The Council confirmed its following actions in the interim between meetings, by means of a poll: 1) to approve the request of Anna Sierra, Emergency Services Director, for Steve Garvin to attend the FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) "E0210 Recovery from Disaster: A Local Community Role" course from October 17 to October 20, 2016 by a 5 to 0 vote; and 2) approved the execution of a contract between the Council and Historic Cambridge Development, LLC for the purchase of 509-511 Race Street, Cambridge, by a 3 to 2 vote.

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST-UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SEA GRANT EXTENSION

The Council approved the request of Jennifer Dindinger, Watershed Restoration Specialist, University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension, and agreed to execute a letter of support for the

Extension's submission of a grant proposal entitled "Building Coastal Resilience to a Changing Climate: Linking Rural Decision-Makers with Local Churches" to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

#### **DISCUSSION-SHORTERS WHARF ROAD**

The Council agreed to hold a public hearing to ascertain interest in purchasing 3186 Shorter's Wharf Road, Crapo, in order to determine whether to declare the property surplus.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Based on a concern expressed by Bill Windsor, resident, Mr. Goldman said grant monies have been received to pursue a technological upgrade to the meeting room to include a complete video and audio system. He noted that three quotes need to be obtained. He explained that the meeting room can then be utilized as a back-up emergency center if necessary.

#### **COUNCIL'S COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Nichols acknowledged the passing of Janice Lake, recognized her service to Dorchester County as a teacher and offered condolences to her family.

Councilman Satterfield commended the organizers of the Apple Festival that was held recently in the Neck District. He thanked law enforcement, the military and those who place their lives on the line for others, for their service and the Highway Division staff for their hard work.

Councilman Price asked for a status on the Americans Disabilities Act improvements to the front of the County Office Building. Mr. Goldman advised that there was a delay in obtaining the railing. Mr. Moore said it should be received within the next several days. Mr. Goldman explained that the parking lot will be paved after the ADA improvements at the front and back entrances of the building are completed. Mr. Moore said some asphalt will be laid prior to completion in order to form a wedge to create a handicapped spot.

Councilman Price commended public works, public safety and other individuals who worked during the recent storms and rains.

Councilman Bradshaw noted that he provided the Council a copy of a power point presentation entitled "Chesapeake Bay Agreement Oyster Restoration Tributary Selection" that was presented at last night's Oyster Advisory Commission meeting. He said the Commission's next step is the identification of additional bottom to designate as sanctuaries or bottom to add to existing sanctuaries. He advised that a memorandum from Mark Belton, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, in which he said additional rivers on the Eastern Shore should not be selected for this purpose was read and brought up several times at this meeting. He noted that Jim Wesson, who oversees the State of Virginia's oyster restoration project, also did a presentation and stressed the need to utilize shell. He stated that after this presentation there was heated discussion regarding the potential issuance of a permit to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to dredge shells from the Man-O-War Shoals in Baltimore to use for oyster restoration purposes. Councilman Bradshaw expressed his understanding that shell was dredged from this body of water for 46 years. He noted that a dredge was constructed for this purpose which is currently being utilized in the James River to retrieve fossilized shell from Virginia. He advised

that the owner of the dredge, the C.J. Langenfedler Company, is bankrupt and the vessel is for sale. He said one prospective purchaser has indicated he would not use it for the dredging of shells. He expressed concern that this dredge may not be available in the future for this type of work. He said several watermen have spoken in favor of obtaining shell from the Man-O-War Shoals. Based on a motion made by Councilman Bradshaw, the Council agreed to send a letter to Governor Lawrence Hogan seeking his support in the issuance of a permit to DNR for the dredging of shells from the Man-of-War Shoals. He said the Clean Chesapeake Coalition is in favor of the issuance of this permit.

Councilman Bradshaw advised that he has been asked to represent the Maryland Association of Counties on the Maryland Heritage Area Authority Board.

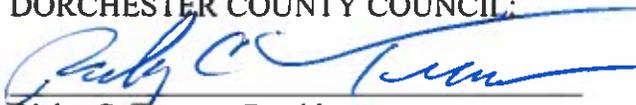
Councilman Travers thanked Bob Zimberoff, Editor, Dorchester Banner. He expressed his belief the Council is moving in a positive direction. He announced that the next Council meeting will be held on November 1, 2016 and the Council reserves the right to meet in closed session.

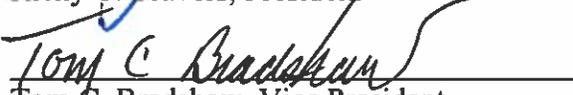
With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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Jeremy Goldman  
County Manager

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Approved the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.