

The Commissioners of St. Michaels

Special Public Working Session

March 4, 2009

Present:

Commissioners Joanne Clark, Michael Brady, Robert Snyder, Donna Hunt and Philip Dinkel, Town Manager Cheril Thomas, Special Projects Manager Jean Weisman, Secretary Dorothy Olley, and approximately 11 members of the public.

Call To Order:

President Clark called to order the special working session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 3:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building (Town Office), 300 Mill Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion Items:

- **Approval of Boat Slip Lease Agreement** - President Clark stated that the draft agreement had been reviewed by the Planning Commission, The Waterways Advisory Committee and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Town's attorneys. Commissioner Dinkel proposed a reorganization of the lease application information and noted that there should be additional contact information required. The Commissioners also agreed to add language to prohibit overnight stays on boats while docked in Town slips. The Commissioners discussed other amendments to the document and directed staff to make changes as appropriate. President Clark called for a motion. Commissioner Snyder made a motion to accept the Boat Slip Lease Agreement with the amendments discussed. Commissioner Dinkel seconded the motion which passed on a vote of 5-0 in favor. The lease as approved by the Commissioners is attached as a part of these minutes.
- **Special Presentation by Edward Doyle - Projections on Town Finances** - President Clark introduced Mr. Edward Doyle, former St. Michaels Town Commissioner and Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Doyle then made a presentation of his report entitled "A Forecast of St. Michaels' Operating Revenues and Expenses" dated February 27, 2009. Mr. Doyle said his study outlined the Town's financial picture over the next ten years and included recommendations on how the Town could weather a worsening economic downturn. Mr. Doyle's Report is attached as a part of these minutes.

Comments from the Public:

President Clark asked if there were any questions for Mr. Doyle or comments in general.

- Marie Martin of 104 Cherry Street commented that the Town should cut back on costs.
- Helen Kenney Poore, owner of the Scented Garden on Talbot Street, agreed with Mr. Doyle's recommendation about temporarily reducing or eliminating the personal property tax to help businesses.

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Adjournment:

As there were no additional comments from the Commissioners or the public, President Clark adjourned the meeting a 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy C. Olley
Assistant Town Clerk

Attachments:

- Boat Slip Lease Agreement
- “A Forecast of St. Michaels Financial Operating Revenues and Expenses” by Edward J. Doyle dated 2/27/09