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March 18, 2024

Working Session – 6:00 PM

At 6:00 PM Mayor McNinch called the Working Session of the Denton Town Council to order on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and thanking everyone for coming.

At Mayor McNinch's request a moment of silence was held in memory of Mr. Chris Drummond, the Town's Attorney, who unexpectedly passed away this past weekend.

Mayor McNinch announced that the discussion originally planned on Commerce Drive would not be discussed tonight due to the Attorney's passing, and that all parties have been notified.

Attendance:

Councilman Lister, Councilman Taylor, and Councilman Branson were in attendance, Councilman Johnson was absent.

Staff in attendance included: Scott Getchell, Chief George Bacorn, and Karen Monteith.

Discussion was held on the following:

Third Pillar Floating Solar Presentation

Mr. Ned Horneffer, from Third Pillar Solar Company, presented a lease proposal and discussion was held on the option of installing floating solar panels on both storage lagoons at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilman Lister shared that the Utility Commission supports the proposal.

Chesapeake Culinary Center Improvements

Mrs. Beth Brewster, from the Chesapeake Culinary Center, presented a site plan and perimeter planting concept and discussion was held on the proposal to install stormwater management gardens on the school property. Mrs. Brewster shared that the Culinary Center has applied for approval from the Maryland Historical Trust, everything has been approved except the pavilion, and they hope to receive approval on that soon. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 has been secured from Shore Rivers.

Mr. Scott Getchell, Town Administrator, mentioned that since the Town owns the property that he provided a letter of support for the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Commerce Drive Discussion

Mayor McNinch stated that discussion on this item was being deferred to wait for legal representation.

Mr. Getchell shared that he will be meeting with an interim Counselor tomorrow.

Councilman Branson stated that he would like to see Commerce Drive come about.

With no further comments, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer