

**November 17, 2010**

**6:30 p.m. - Public Legislative Session**

**Present:**

Commissioners Michael Brady, Joanne Clark, T. Coleman duPont, and Donna Hunt, Town Manager Cheril Thomas, Project Manager Jean Weisman, Public Works Director Jeff Richardson, Administrative Clerk Suzanna Warnick and Sabrenia Yohn, and approximately 55 members of the public. Commissioner Michael Vlahovich was absent.

**Call to Order:**

President Brady called to order the public working session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Presentation by the YMCA of Talbot County:**

President Brady introduced Robbie Gill, Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA ("Y") of Talbot County. Mr. Gill introduced YMCA board members John Masone, Bob Perkins, four other members, and Tom King, the architect for the project, and proceeded with an overview of the YMCA's plans. Mr. Masone explained the school's position on the proposed St. Michaels YMCA facility. Mr. Masone then turned the presentation over to Mr. King, who handed out a concept plan and gave a presentation of the proposed building's location on school grounds, including dedicated parking and an obvious and separate entrance. Mr. Gill also provided a history of the YMCA's presence in the area, and said the organization's long term goal was to make a significant impact on the community by providing activities for all ages and partnering with other organizations, such as the Maritime Museum and the Community Center, to offer a variety of programs. President Brady said he had concerns about increased traffic at times when children were walking to school via New Lane and Maple Avenue, and asked what the operating hours for the "Y" would be. Mr. Gill said the hours of operation would mirror Easton's, i.e., 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Mr. Gill said he believed that scheduling "Y" classes at off-peak traffic times, as well as the dedicated entrance to the facility, would help with the congestion. Commissioner Hunt said she supported the project but had concerns that the Fire Department's carnival would not have access to that location after the Commissioners had worked hard to get the event reestablished in the school's parking lot. Mr. Gill said the "Y" would partner with the Fire Department on that issue. Commissioners T.C. duPont and Joanne Clark expressed their total support for the project, especially because it would be located at the school, and said they believed that any problems or concerns could be addressed. President Brady asked if there were questions from the public. Greg Farley of 410 Parsonage Lane, said he supported the project but noted the current bus depot was 30 feet from his bedroom window and could it possibly be shifted to be even slightly further away. Ted Clark of Bentley Hay said he had concerns about increased traffic on Lincoln Avenue and Riverview Terrace, and could there possibly be access from Route 33 instead. As there were no additional questions, President Brady thanked Mr. Gill and Mr. King for their presentations.

**Consent Agenda:**

President Brady said a vote to approve the items on the consent agenda would include approval of minutes from the public meetings held during the month of October 2010, review and approval of

the Mid-Shore II Agreement for Disposal of Select Solid Waste, and approval of a request from Midnight Madness for temporary signage for their event on December 4, 2010. President Brady asked if the Commissioners wished to remove any items from the consent agenda for discussion on the regular agenda. There were no changes or additional comments on the consent agenda. President Brady called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Clark made the motion as stated by President Brady. Commissioner duPont seconded it and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0 in favor.

**Items Eligible for Discussion:**

- Chapter 290-Subdivision of Land  
President Brady called upon Deborah Renshaw, Zoning and Codes Enforcement Office, who provided an overview of the changes made to Chapter 290-Subdivision of Land. Mrs. Renshaw said that the changes included incorporating storm water management requirements into the sub-division regulations and making the chapter more user-friendly and easier to understand. Commissioner Clark noted possible missing language, but said she felt the document was structured better and very clear. There were no additional questions. President Brady asked if the Commissioners wanted to refer the document to the Planning Commission. There being no additional comments, President Brady made a motion to refer Chapter 290-Subdivision of Land as written and refer it the Planning Commission for review and recommendations. Commissioner Clark made the motion as stated by President Brady. Commissioner Hunt seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0 in favor.
- Refuse/Recycling for the Town of St. Michaels  
Town Manager Cheril Thomas gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Town's refuse collection policy, including a review of the proposed options for a recycling program. The summary is attached and made a part of these minutes. Mrs. Thomas said that staff recommends Option 3, noting that the staff believes it has the best chance of success and keeping costs down. The Commissioners and staff discussed the proposed options at length. Commissioner Brady said he supported Options 3 and 4 and confirmed that the recycling would be once a week, single-stream. Commissioner Clark said she favored Option 3 but wanted to discuss the issue with the business community and public works and that she thought it was important to determine enforcement for the new policies. Commissioner Clark also said she wanted to avoid buying a new trash truck. Commissioner Hunt said she preferred Options 3 and 4 as well, but that the Town should start with Option 3 and then re-assess going forward. Commissioner duPont praised the Public Works department for trash pickup over the years. Commissioner duPont also stated that the Town needs to look at the expenses in light of upcoming decreases in revenues. Commissioner duPont suggested that whatever new process is put in place, it should begin in January before the peak season. Commissioner duPont said he favored Option 4 and that Option 5 should not be off the table. President Brady asked if there were any comments from the public. Jane Hopkinson of W. Chestnut Street, Ann Hymes of Grace Street and Roy Myers of E. Chestnut Street all spoke in favor of recycling. Barney Kastel of Mt. Pleasant Landing, Ann Borders of Cherry Street and Frank Hopkinson of W. Chestnut Street also offered comments and suggestions.

As there were no additional comments or questions, President Brady said the Commissioners needed to put together the next steps for staff. The Commissioners discussed narrowing the Options to 3 and 4. Project Manager Jean Weisman urged a meeting with the businesses so they clearly understand what the process would be.

After some additional discussion, the Commissioners set a special working session on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to meet with the business community regarding

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changes to the trash program and to discuss what the business community needs are, and directed staff to prepare (a) amendments to Options 3 and 4 for the December 1st meeting.

**Comments from the Commissioners:**

There were no additional questions from the Commissioners.

**Comments from the Public:**

Roy Myers of E. Chestnut Street inquired about the latest total for the Miles Point Green project. Mrs. Thomas responded that the last figure was approximately \$5.46 million. Commissioner duPont asked about current openings on Town Boards. Mrs. Thomas provided an estimate, but said she needed to verify the number of openings.

**Announcement of Future Meetings:**

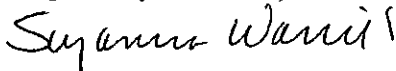
President Brady announced the Commissioners' future meetings as follows:

- November 25 and 26, 2010 - Town offices are closed - Thanksgiving holiday
- December 1, 2010 - Town Office - 5:30 p.m. - special public meeting on trash
- December 8, 2010 - Town Office - 5:00 p.m. - Regular Public Working Session
- December 15, 2010 - 6:30 p.m. - Town Office - Regular Legislative Session
- December 23, 2010; December 24, 2010 and December 31, 2010 - Town offices are closed for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays

**Adjournment**

President Brady adjourned the meeting 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanna Warnick  
Administrative Clerk