



TOWN COUNCIL
Town Hall Meeting
Cape Charles Civic Center
August 10, 2021
6:00 PM

At approximately 6:00 p.m. Mayor William “Smitty” Dize, having established a quorum, called to order the Town Hall Meeting. In addition to Mayor Dize, in attendance were Vice Mayor Bennett, Councilmen Buchholz and Grossman, and Councilwomen Holloway and O’Brien. Councilman Follmer was not in attendance. Also, in attendance were Town Manager John Hozey, Zoning Administrator Katie Nunez, Community Relations Manager Jennifer Lewis, Police Chief Jim Pruitt, and Town Clerk Libby Hume. There were 73 members of the public physically in attendance, and 60 viewers on Facebook.

A moment of silence was observed followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dize thanked everyone for coming and asked all attendees not to cheer or talk over others, stay on topic and show respect for other speakers. Mayor Dize also asked the members of Council to show the same respect for the citizens. The evening would begin with Town Manager John Hozey’s presentation. Afterwards, the floor would be opened for questions and discussion. All speakers would come to the podium and speak into the microphone so they could be heard on the Facebook stream.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Town Zoning Process
- Pending Zoning Requests

John Hozey began by thanking the attendees for their participation. Tonight’s meeting was not a public hearing and was meant to be in real time with open dialogue. Mr. Hozey went on to provide a brief presentation regarding parcels on the south side of the harbor and their current zoning, as well as the Town’s zoning process. Mr. Hozey asked Brandon Mowery, representative from Coastal Precast Systems, to explain their plans for parcels 90-8-1A1 and 90-A-1A. (Please see attached.)

The attendees were invited to ask questions regarding the process and requested zoning ordinance text and map amendments, and Coastal Precast Systems’ plans for land use and the potential for creating additional full-time employment.

Motion made by Councilman Buchholz, seconded by Councilwoman Holloway, to adjourn the Town Council Town Hall Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Dize

Town Clerk

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Presentation Slides

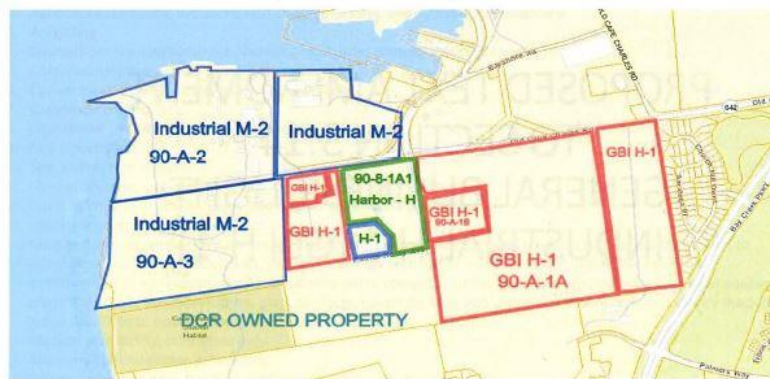


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CURRENT ZONING – SELECTED PARCEL #s

(Corrected since Planning Commission Hearing)



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Cape Charles Comprehensive Plan

...In public meetings for this Comprehensive Plan, citizens stated clearly that they want to preserve these small-town qualities while leveraging the Town's assets to improve local lifestyles and opportunities. The citizens stated they want Cape Charles to be a clean, diverse, family friendly place where the young can find jobs and affordable housing, and the old can continue to live in their homes...

...Cape Charles will grow a sustainable economy by taking advantage of its existing assets, particularly the Chesapeake Bay, the town's public beach, the town's deep-water harbor, the Bay Creek golf and marina communities, and the town's historical and environmental assets. Economic development efforts will continue to support existing businesses, community-oriented commerce, tourism, and marine-related business. Therefore, access to the waterfront is essential...

III-B.3 Economic Plan Objectives

These objectives have been identified below and fall under the following categories:

- Attract tourists, vacation and second homeowners
- Attract full time residents, including retirees
- Attract small and "work from home" businesses
- Attract and expand the industrial/commercial base

Although defined in more detail in the sections listed above, the core assets can be summarized as follows:

...Excellent regional access – one of the few deep-water harbors on the Chesapeake Bay and part of the intracoastal waterway on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and just 10 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. It is in close proximity to the Hampton Roads area...

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Industry Financial Impacts

May/June 2019
(TOT & Meals to Town)
\$106,439

May/June 2021
(TOT & Meals to Town)
\$163,710
\$57,271 Increase (54%)

Aug/Sept 2019
(Harbor Dockage)
\$58,969

Aug/Sept 2020
(Harbor Dockage)
\$90,925
\$31,956 Increase (54%)

From 2019 to 2021 property values town-wide have also increased

June/July 2019
(Sales Tax to NHC)
\$235,000

June/July 2021
(Sales Tax to NHC)
\$365,000
\$130,000 Increase (55%)

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What do we get out of it?

- 1) We get to keep our tourism related economy
- 2) We accomplish our long-term planning goal of economic diversification
- 3) We work towards another long-term planning goal of population diversity (jobs)
- 4) We receive significant additional revenue to the County (and potentially to the Town)