

SBPOA Report

Town of South Bethany Council Workshop Meeting

Thursday June 22, 2017 @ 2PM

Report notes: This is the first report of the Town Council Meetings by new President Joe Mormando. Overwhelmingly, members agreed this is a good format. We will continue this format for the time being. If you feel *strongly* about an issue, it is up to you to state your view directly to the Council.

1. Discussion on Architects Recommendation to repurpose space the Police Department Building

Ryan Architecture submitted a revised proposal to repurpose some of the space in Police Building to mitigate some safety and liability issues

Status

Chief Crowson, while not involved with Ryan to jointly come up with the submission revealed a plan that addressed most of the safety concerns but not the possible liability issues. Council voted to accept the Chief's proposal and move forward with, what is a minimal investment to increase safety within the building.

Background

Town Council rejected a bid to proceed with the expansion of the Police Dept. Building as bids were significantly higher than anticipated and what funds were designated for the project. This interim measure will improve safety but not efficiency or mitigate possible future liability concerns. It was taken to allow more time for Council to determine what course of action to take

Questions to Consider

- Should the project be put on hold indefinitely and risk the chance of any liability issues. This was brought up in the discussion period before the vote
- Should an alternate plan be developed as quickly as possible to mitigate some of the issues brought up by the consultants and scale back the cost.
- Should Council continue the process of speaking with other Towns to determine what has been done already

2. Review of FY 2017 Budget results

Councilman Boteler reviewed the Budget versus Actual as it relates to FY 2017

Status

Budget presentation was prepared by Renee McDorman, and presented by Mr. Boteler. Actual results showed a shortfall of income versus expense of \$4,381. The absolute difference was \$246,911. We had unanticipated/unbudgeted income of \$121,265 and unanticipated/unbudgeted expenses of \$125,246 creating the \$4,381 shortfall.

Background

Three income segments overperformed and resulted in surpluses. G&A, Public Works and Public Safety accounted for most of the expenditure differences. Employee benefit payouts being close to 45% of the total. Some exception was taken by Council as to the level of detail presented by the B&F Committee presentation, as it was felt that some of the differences pointed out were insignificant and did not take into consideration the savings that was contributed by not spending. Mr. Boteler agreed to aggregate the totals by department in the future. A review of Town Reserves was presented as well as announcing that the Planning Commission was suggesting that a long term Capital Expense plan should be developed within budgeting process.

Questions to Consider

- Should the review of the budget be presented in detail? Is a TC workshop the forum to review each line item?
- Is a Budget Review at this time helpful other than to announce results? Should a more formal public review be held during the preparation of the next year Budget and the details be studied at that time.
- How will the Planning Commission's recommendation of a more structured capital expense plan looking out five and ten years be integrated into the process?

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20PM
Respectfully Submitted by Joe Mormando