

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
GENERAL SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to bring the General Session to order at 7:07 p.m.

Motion made my Council Member Blue to call the General Session into order. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.

PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

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| Michael E. Hale | Mayor |
| Lois Ann Blue | Council Member – Ward 1 |
| Frances Smith | Council Member – Ward 2 |
| Vivian Jackson | Council Member – Ward 3 |
| Sadara Barrow | Council Member – Ward 4 (Arrived Late) |
| Brian Gibson | Chief of Police |
| Daniel Baden | Clerk-Treasurer |
| John Barr | Town Attorney- Absent |
| Tracy Stone | Media Coordinator |
| Citizens | |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| November 8, 2011 | Public Hearing Fence Ordinance |
| November 8, 2011 | Public Hearing State Ethics Ordinance |
| November 8, 2011 | Public Hearing Trick or Treat Ban Removal |
| November 8, 2011 | General Session |
| December 6, 2011 | Public Hearing Trick or Treat Ban Removal |
| December 2, 2011 | General Session |
| January 10, 2012 | General Session |

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approval the minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to approve November 8, 2011, December 6, 2011, and January 10, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. Motion passed with a vote if 4-0. Council Member Barrow absent.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Brian Gibson gave an overview of January 2012 Police Report (See Attached).

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TRANSCRIBER Kayla T. Cooper

TREASURER'S REPORT

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of the January Treasurers Report (See attached).

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to approve Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Council Member Smith. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Council Member Barrow arrived at meeting.

MONROE STREET PARK PROPOSALS

Dan Baden, Clerk Treasurer reported that the town had received a \$40,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community Parks and Playgrounds Program to fix the drainage problem and replace the softening agent in the park.

An RFP request was placed in the Prince George's Sentinel newsletter requesting bids on the project. (CCJM assisted in preparing RFP and will help in reviewing bids.) Several companies requested the information for the RFP but only two submitted a bid on the project.

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer said he was familiar with the companies that submitted bids and gave an overview of the proposals they submitted for the Monroe Street Park renovations.

Discussion:

The Council questioned the difference between wood and rubber mulch to be used as a softening agent.

The Council gave opinions on the company that they preferred.

Council Member Barrow questioned what kind of warranty the companies' offered and their ranking. Dan Baden discussed the warrantees.

Council Member Barrow stated that she would like the town to have a warranty for the design of the drainage system. Mr. Baden will research. He said that there could be an increase in cost with this type warranty.

It was the consensus of the Council to use rubber mulch as a softening agent.

RESOLUTION R-1-2012 COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of Resolution R-1-2012 Comcast Franchise Agreement. The resolution states that the town will join other municipalities and Prince George's County in renewing the Franchise Agreement with Comcast. He explained the advantages to the town for joining this effort. Dan Baden will advise the Council of the negotiation process with Comcast.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to accept the Resolution.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to accept Resolution R-1-2012 Comcast Franchise Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

ORDINANCE 0-3-2011 STATE ETHICS LAW

Itemed tabled due to John Barr, Town Attorney's absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senior Reports – Mr. Mutchler thanked the Mayor and Council for sponsoring the Colmar Manor Senior's Club Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheons. The seniors especially enjoyed the Christmas luncheon.

Mr. Mutchler said that he was elected as President, and Connie McClain was elected Vice-President during this year's election. There are now 25 members in the Colmar Manor Seniors Club.

Regarding the Fire Department, Mr. Mutchler stated that volunteer firefighters serviced the communities during the holiday season.

Recreational Report – Council Member Blue stated that the Recreation Council is looking for new members. Meetings are held on the first Mondays of each month.

The Recreation Council is in the process of planning the annual Easter Party. They will work with Anthony Long, Recreation Supervisor, volunteers and Kaseem Baker from M-NCPPC on this function.

Council Member Blue spoke with the Mayor and Council about having a National "Kids in the Park Day" on May 19th with physical games and activities for the children in town.

M-NCPPC would like to formally recognize anyone 90 years old or over. Residents were instructed to contact the Town Hall with names.

Neighborhood Watch – There will not be a Neighborhood Watching meeting for the

months of January and February.

ATHA – Council Member Barrow stated that ATHA has continued to work on the Battle of Bladensburg festivities. The date has not been determined for the Grand Opening of the Battle of Bladensburg Visitors Center which will be at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. A series of events have been planned. They can be viewed at the ATHA website.

PGCMA – Council Member Jackson stated that the next PGCMA meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the Colmar Manor Town Hall.

Port Towns Health Partnership- Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that Kaiser held a Health Wellness Event at the Colmar Manor Town Hall on Monday, January 16th. They had a number of health screenings that day. There was a good attendance of people.

PTCDC- Council Member Barrow stated that the Port Towns had a successful Legislative Dinner Meeting on January 6th with over 150 people in attendance to hear the priorities for the towns.

They are planning other functions for the upcoming months to be announced.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to go into closed session.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to return to Open Session.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to reopen General Session. Seconded by Council Member Barrow. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Tara Lynch, wife of Maurice Lynch asked to speak with the Council privately.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to return to Closed Session.

Motion made by Council Member Barrow to go into Closed Session. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Blue to go into Open Session. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURMENT

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Council Blue to adjourn general session at 9:26pm. Seconded by Council Member Barrow. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.