

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Motion made by Council Member Blue to call the Work Session meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

Sadara B. Barrow	Mayor
Lois Ann Blue	Council Member – Ward 1
Cynthia Bowden	Council Member – Ward 2
Vivian Jackson	Council Member – Ward 3
Doreatha Epps	Council Member – Ward 4 – Absent
Daniel Baden	Clerk-Treasurer - Absent
Chief Gibson	Chief of Police
John Barr	Town Attorney
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

PARKING ORDINANCE

Mayor Barrow stated that was an ongoing problem with the parking of commercial vehicles in town. Chief Brian Gibson read information regarding the definition of a commercial vehicle.

Mayor Barrow would like to add the definition of a commercial vehicle into the town ordinance. The town currently follows the ordinance established for Prince Georges County.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to add the definition of a commercial vehicle to the town's ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

A discussion held on sizes of commercial vehicles and the purpose of the Ordinance.

RECREATION – NON-RESIDENT FEES

Mayor Barrow stated that she would like to charge fees to nonresidents to use the recreational services. She suggested a "Pilot Program" for three months with the new

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proposed costs for town residents, Port Towns' residents and other residents.

Mayor Barrow wants to have a meeting with M-NCPPC concerning the usage of the facility to ascertain if they could provide funding. The funding would most likely not be received in the upcoming year.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to establish a fee for non-Port Towns \$2, Port Towns resident \$1, and Colmar Manor residents free of charge, effect January 1, 2015 for use of the gym area & computer room beginning January 2015. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Discussion: Mayor Barrow stated that she would like to revisit the results after three (3) months.

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the purchase of weekly passes at a rate of \$7 for non-Port Town residents and \$3 for Port Town residents.

Motion: the above motion was amended to include the weekly rates.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Council Member Epps stated that she has created a flier to start a cleanup day for community service hours. It was the consensus of the Council to have the community cleanup day three times a year in March, June and September.

A discussion was held regarding a community service day and how it would be managed.

Discussion

Councilmember Epps led a discussion regarding having a Christmas dinner for the homeless at the town hall sponsored by the Helping Hands Loving Hearts group that her daughter is affiliated with. Mayor Barrow would like to be an insurance rider covering the town from the group.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to allow the Right Hand to the Left Heart to use the town hall free of charge on Christmas to feed the homeless. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-1-0. Council Member Epps abstained.

COMMUNITY AWARDS CEREMONY

The Mayor and Council held a discussion regarding the planning of a community award ceremony for town residents in January.

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BEYOND RESTAURANT

Mayor Barrow gave an overview of the Beyond Restaurant to be located on the Crossroad's property.

Discussion

A discussion was held regarding the Police Department exercise equipment to be transferred to the Town Hall. Other existing equipment was also discussed.

Councilmember Jackson suggested getting signs at entrances to the town to direct people to the Town Hall for the Police Department.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to order five glow in the dark signs up to \$250 for the Police Department location. Seconded by Council Member Blue. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Blue to go into closed session to discuss real estate matters. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barrow adjourned the Work Session meeting.