

Town Meeting Recap

FEBRUARY 2020 - GRASSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The following is a recap of major topics discussed and questions answered during the City Council's first Town Meeting for 2020, held on Tuesday, February 4. For additional details, visit CityOfChesapeake.net.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Staff provided information on many programs including dancing (Camelot Soul Steppers & Peppy Steppers at Western Branch), bus trips, and the myriad of programs for seniors. The staff even spoke with one person interested in becoming an instructor for outdoor programs.

Several residents provided comments and suggestions on parks, particularly Deep Creek Park. There was also discussion about the desire for one or more public pools in Chesapeake.

A number of positive reviews were received for the Chesapeake video series, with some attendees pulling out smart phones and liking the department's Facebook page.

Public Utilities Department

Among the projects discussed was the 36" South Central Water Transmission Main on West Road, along with the parallel sewer force main. Staff provided details on the reasoning behind the dual project, the fact that City Council has yet to determine if connection to the line(s) will be mandatory, and other specifics.

A citizen asked about and was briefed on the sanitary sewer smoke testing process, while another was provided information on the Cost Participation Program to extend water and sewer services to the Millville area.

A number of other projects, both underway and desired, were discussed by citizens, while several attendees were redirected to either Public Works or Development & Permits to have their questions addressed.

Chesapeake Police Department

A citizen asked questions regarding how the department determines where to place Photo Red camera units, to catch drivers running red lights. She was advised that a number of factors are considered, with reported accidents being the most compelling data that points to a specific location of need.

Reports of vehicles racing on Dominion Blvd. and speeding on Dunedin Drive were also taken, with subsequent follow-ups conducted by officers at those locations.

Development & Permits

The majority of the questions and comments fielded by the department centered around the concept of, "no more development until the Deep Creek Bridge replacement is complete." Staff provided updates, based upon the recent presentation and public meeting by the Army Corps of Engineers, on the bridge project's progress.

Questions were also received about specific construction or renovation projects underway, as well as on inspections and permitting for a variety of areas. Information on obtaining permits and scheduling inspections was shared with attendees.

Chesapeake Fire Department

The department's Mobile Integrated Healthcare program, instituted in January 2020, was a topic of interest for many residents. Fire leadership provided background on the program and discussed how it will enhance the availability of trained medical care for all.

Several discussions were held regarding fire stations, with questions centering around the planned relocation of Station 8 and the impact construction of the Deep Creek Bridge will have on response times. There was also discussion about the soon-to-finish construction of the new Fire Station 10 and Logistics Center, along with why stations are different sizes and have unique apparatus.



Many visitors enjoyed meeting and learning more about Cinco, the department's new Accelerant Detection Canine, and his work to assist our Fire Marshals in determining the origin of suspicious fires.

NEXT TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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