

Town Meeting Recap

DECEMBER 2019 - INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

The following is a recap of major topics discussed and questions answered during the City Council's final Town Meeting for 2019, held on Tuesday, December 3. For additional details, visit CityOfChesapeake.net.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Staff spoke with approximately 80 residents, providing information about facilities, parks, events, and programs. A topic of particular interest was senior programs, along with many positive comments on the newly-renovated Rokeby Center.

Discussions included: a desire to see expanded out of school childcare programs, need for a City Arborist and to plant more trees in urban areas, need to duplicate or provide similar services for seniors in the Hickory area, and an ongoing need for municipal swimming pools.

PR&T staff also reported receiving many positive comments about the new Town Meeting format, particularly the one-to-one interaction and the elimination of the public speaking portion of the program.

Public Works Department

Public Works staff responded to many project status questions, particularly regarding drainage and traffic issues. Approximately 12 new work orders for City services were generated by Public Works staff during the meeting, many of which are already complete or underway.

Department staff also discussed the City's Customer Service app with a number of residents, many of whom were unaware of this offering. The app provides a quick means of requesting services, directly from a user's smartphone. It can be found in the AppStore and on GooglePlay, with additional details available at CityOfChesapeake.net.

Chesapeake Public Library

Library staff discussed the many online and downloadable resources currently offered, along with programs and services at the Indian River branch library. Several attendees had questions about volunteer opportunities with the Library, as well.

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Chesapeake Police Department

Police Chief Kelvin Wright and members of his staff spoke with several citizens regarding speeding concerns on Dunbarton Drive and Indian River Road. They also addressed concerns regarding overnight parking of trucks in the Holly Point shopping center. Police officials also provided advice to a citizen regarding a court case, which was not related to any case in the City of Chesapeake.

Development & Permits

The questions received by Development and Permit ran the gamut from property maintenance and zoning to specifics about areas currently under development. Additional inquiries about the status of the Southside Connector Distribution Transmission Line, a natural gas project, were also discussed.

Chesapeake Fire Department

Fire Chief Ed Elliott, along with the Deputy Fire Chief and department staff provided information for citizens on emergency access for a neighborhood, as well as how to schedule a Fire presentation for a civic league. The department's Mobile Integrated Healthcare program was discussed with several citizens by Coordinator Jo Phillips. Kudos were received for the Fire Prevention Division's work with Southgate Mall and from the father of a Norfolk Fire Captain who lives in Indian River.



NEXT TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

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