

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2019 6:15 P.M.
WORK SESSION
Council Chambers**

PRESENT: The Honorable W. Eugene Hunt, Jr., Mayor
The Honorable Carey L. Freeman, Vice Mayor
The Honorable Herbert R. Green, Jr.
The Honorable Thomas J. Cannella II
The Honorable David A. Hux
The Honorable Charles M. Southall III
The Honorable Jana D. Andrews

J. Randall Wheeler, City Manager
Evie Insley, City Clerk
D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

ABSENT: None

Mayor Hunt opened the work session at approximately 6:15 p.m. in Council Chambers.

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Bill Ziglar, Chairperson of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board introduced board members Charles Gatz, Deborah Banton, Joe Chiapazzi, Steve Forrest, Eden Harris, Judith Mas'Sey, Keith Feigh and Student Representative Emma Forrest. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board thanked Council for the opportunity to present an overview of the following recreational opportunities they have been working on as a group and felt would enhance the community:

- Possible recreational amenities in the City Hall Big Woods area which included a phased concept plan with a dog park, a small interpretive stage or gazebo, and a children's play area similar to a pocket park.
- Additional facility elements at South Lawson Park such as permanent restrooms, a pond aerator, a picnic shelter, and an outdoor basketball court. Funding has been identified by the Engineering Department through a joint funding opportunity with VDOT to enhance the walking/running trail within the park.
- Other recreational interests based on the 2018 Comprehensive Plan respondent surveys included, 307 mentions for park; 30 mentions for dog park; 26 mentions for fishing piers; 19 mentions for kayak; 12 mentions of walking trail and 6 mentions of bike trail.
- Master infrastructure Plan (MIP) development as it relates to Public Waterway Access and Parks and Recreation facilities and the future needs of the community.

After brief Council discussion Mayor Hunt recommended that the Chairperson for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board attend the next meeting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in reference to the Cow Island/Plum Tree Island discussions. He also suggested that City Staff have a discussion with the developers of the Legacy project and see what types of plans they have as far as recreational areas are concerned. Finally Mayor Hunt encouraged the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to work closely with the School Board to maximize public use opportunities for all of Poquoson's recreational spaces.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at approximately 6:53 p.m.