

**Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 6, 2022
7:00 PM**

1) Call to order and Roll Call:

Mayor Fletcher Fosque called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and roll was called. Mayor Fletcher Fosque and Councilmembers Thelma Gillespie, Cynthia Holdren (via Zoom), Joy Marino, and Maphis Oswald were present. Councilmember Ray Burger was not present. A quorum was established. Town Manager Matt Spuck and Town Clerk Debbie Caton were also present.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) Public Business:

a) Consideration and Approval of May 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Oswald moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 5-0 vote.

Mayor Fosque asked for any Public Comments not pertaining to the published public hearings. – No comments to record.

Planning Commission call to order and Roll Call: Chairperson Schreiber called Planning Commission to order at 7:03 PM and roll was called. Commissioner Brockmeier, Commissioner Tunstall, Commissioner Bagwell, (via Zoom) and Commissioner Fosque were present. Commissioner Byrd and Commissioner Frey were not present. A quorum was established.

Joint Public Hearing called to order at 7:05 PM.

b) Joint Public Hearing -Article VII: Business Waterfront (B-W) – Town Manager Spuck spoke to the proposed ordinance changes. He explained the new regulations are designed to protect the community with noise level regulations, odor, and limit material handling.

Mayor Fosque asked for any public comments – No comments to record.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:06 PM.

Council Discussion:

- Councilmember Marino feels the noise decibel levels needs additional research. 50 decibels (as listed) are the same noise level as an in-home conversation. Town Manager Spuck plans to research.
- Councilmember Oswald asked if Homestay properties in the BW district will have restrictions on the distance between each property and restrictions on the number of properties an individual can own? Town Manger Spuck verified the intent of the ordinance is to exempt property owners from these restrictions.

Town Council decided to table a vote until additional research is completed on the noise level.

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Homestay Public Hearing at 1 Hillcrest Dr. called to order at 7:19 PM.

Mayor Fosque asked for any Public Comments – No comments to record.

Public Hearing closed at 7:20 PM

c) Public Hearing – Homestay at 1 Hillcrest Dr. – Councilmember Oswald moved to approve application. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Homestay Public Hearing at 78 Market St called to order at 7:22 PM.

d) Public Hearing – Homestay at 78 Market St.

Mayor Fosque asked for any public comments. The following comments were recorded.

- Homeowner Tom Delisle spoke asking Town Council for approval of his application. He stated to his knowledge, the neighboring homeowners have not expressed any concerns with a Homestay property.
- Councilmember Marino read a letter from Elizabeth Omps at 87 Market St. into public record.

Public Hearing closed at 7:29 PM.

Councilmember Nock moved to approve the application. Councilmember Oswald seconded the motion. The vote passed with 5-0 vote.

Joint Public Hearing called to order at 7:33 PM.

e) Joint Public Hearing – Article V: Business Downtown (B-1)

Public Comments:

- Mary Clemmons at 59 Market St asked for Town Council to rethink B1 section 38.155 as she thinks the ordinance is inappropriate. (See attached letter with updated Town Council meeting packet)

Public Hearing closed at 7:38 PM.

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Fosque explained this was a first attempt to change the ordinance.
- Councilmember Oswald suggested a work session to discuss each proposed ordinance. The suggested plan is to meet at 6:00 PM on July,25 2022 before the regular scheduled Town Council meeting.

Town Council decided to table a vote until after the work session.

Planning Commission adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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5) Committee Reports

- a) Personnel – Councilmember Marino reported the meetings have been suspended until a new attorney is hired. Town Manager Spuck will place an ad for a new town attorney.
- b) Planning Commission – Mayor Fosque reported the next meeting will be a review of B-2 district.
- c) Waterfront – The bulkhead replacement voluntary pre-bid meeting is July 7, 2022. The sealed bid opening is July 15, 2022.

6) Mayor’s Report – Mayor Fosque is waiting for the Main Street to provide a report from the conference in May. He expressed thanks to OBCA for hosting the ice cream social on Sunday, July 3, 2022. The Blacksmith shop also opened over the July 4th holiday weekend.

7) Town Manager’s Report – The Jackson St. paving project is delayed. Town Manager Spuck has spoken to the project manager at Branscome for the new start date. The funds were released for the Northeast district to allow A-NPDC to bid on eight blighted homes, add sidewalks, streetlights and loan homeowners’ money for rehab.

8) Adjourn

Councilmember Marino moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Holdren seconded. The motion was passed 5-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM



Mayor, Fletcher Fosque



Town Clerk, Debbie Caton