Committee Meetings
May 9, 2006

PRESENT
J. Dean
C. McDaniel
W. Printz
R. Snow
P. Workman

STAFF
Nathan Miller
Dennis Donachy
Clairen Sipe
Marty Shifflett
Richard Pullen
Emily Burner
Richard Carey

Emily Burner

• The Virginia Industrial Development Authorities Institute was held April 25-26, 2006. Ms. Burner will be sharing information learned at the conference during the next Industrial Development authority meeting.

• Ms. Burner attended a Virginia Economic Development Partnership ally orientation meeting on April 20. VDDP maintains databases on various sites throughout the state and is instrumental in helping companies locate to Virginia.

• Business Appreciation Week begins May 15, 2006. Ms. Burner has been invited to attend the Governor's Business Appreciation Week kick-off breakfast on May 15 in Richmond.

• Ms. Burner is continuing to work with the Department of Historic Resources staff to revise the application for the cost share program and resubmit it for the next funding cycle. The next cycle has not yet been announced, but expected to be this spring.

• The East Rockingham Business Council meeting is set for Thursday, May 18, 2006 from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

• The next Elkton Town Festival planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers.

Clairen Sipe

• Treasurer's Office now accepting credit cards.
• Received full payment from a local business.
• Working on delinquent taxes.

Marty Shifflett

• Letter sent to FedEx regarding damage created by one of their drivers at Clover Lane and North Street. Company was invoiced $2,982.00.
• Clean-up week has started.
• Will address yard waste pick-up at Council meeting. Mr. Shifflett has received three bids to perform the service.

Richard Pullen

• Officer David Harris resigning May 16, 2006.
• Letter to Mary K. Hutton (Jackson Street) sent.

Dennis Donachy
• School Board has withdrawn interest in "C" Street.
• Street Closure Policy
• Proposed Ordinance – Parking in B-1.
• Letter received from Scott Knight. Mr. Donachy finds him in compliance with his Home Occupation Permit.

Angler

• Mike Stumpo and Steve Vento were present to discuss amending the Kite contract to extend settlement date for one year. Mr. Vento referred to incomplete town obligations.

• Mayor Printz stated there were "issues' and "unanswered questions on the table." He encouraged a meeting involving the sitting Council and the Council-elect. Mayor Printz polled Mr. Dearing, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Isom regarding their desire to participate in the discussion. All three were in the back of the room, not close to microphones, and Mr. Dearing and Mr. O'Neill were inaudible. Mrs. Isom said, "I think extending it might be an option to do, but being new in this I haven't even had an opportunity to read a lot of this information about it. So I definitely do need to be involved with what is talked about. But I do get a feeling that we are rushing things through to try to meet that 31st deadline. So, I'm a little leery about tonight doing a yes, we are or no, we're not."

• Vice Mayor Snow stated Council was not talking about making a decision tonight. The plan was for a work session to get the Council-elect involved and discuss the options to get the Council-elect "up to speed."

• Steve Vento asked what the open issues were. There were no definitive answers from the Mayor.

Pete Bonavita

• There was a discussion of correspondence from and to Mr. Bonavita. Reading from information provided by Mr. Bonavita, Council member Dean stated Mr. Bonavita offered proffers which were not requested. From Council minutes, Council member Dean commented, "My feelings on this are we approved it and we ought to carry it through." Mr. Donachy's research revealed that a boundary line adjustment must be completed before the Town would provide water and sewer for his subdivision. Mr. Donachy related a meeting in his office where sewer upgrades were discussed with Mr. Bonavita. The meeting escalated to an adversarial level and the threat of litigation became a promise of litigation. After that meeting, Attorney Miller stated he advised Mr. Donachy that the situation was at a point "where it should be addressed in another form." The Planning Commission also had concerns and Mr. Talbot and Mr. Donachy addressed those concerns with the County. They were presented a letter signed by Mr. Talbot, Chair of the Elkton Planning Commission. Mr. Donachy stated we cannot stop the project from the County, "all we can do is try to look out for the Town." Mr. Donachy was steadfast that "everybody has to pay for the sewer upgrade." Council member McDaniel commented that Council was debating an issue for which they did not have all the information. All the information was requested for Monday's Council meeting.

Angler

Mike Stumpo and Steve Vento returned to the table. Mayor Printz again encouraged a meeting of Angler, the Council, and the Council-elect. Mayor Printz asked to meet with Mr. Dearing, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Isom outside the Council Chambers. As they were leaving, Vice Mayor Snow asked, "Do you think it would benefit you to sit in on this and learn what the situation is?" Their responses were inaudible, as they departed the Council Chambers to meet with Mayor Printz.

• As part of the Angler contract, the Town would purchase the Taylor property, which must be purchased by May 31, 2006 at the contract price of $152,000.00. If not settled by that date, the purchased price will precipitously increase and the Town could forfeit its position. Mr. Donachy suggested a First Reading at Monday's Council meeting and to "use REPO money to purchase the Taylor property," then set a Special Meeting for the Second Reading.

• Mr. Donachy had to drastically revise the budget to reflect the loss of Angler's 4.7 million dollars. It appears another $600,000.00 will have to come from REPO to balance the revised budget.

• Mayor Printz returned to the table and suggested a 90 day extension. He reported that the Council-elect desired a sit-down with Angler "to work out problems." The Council was satisfied with the negotiated contract and did not want a situation where the Council-elect would seek a total renegotiation of the contract. Angler's financial investment was discussed and any delayed Council action would just add to their expenses. Mayor Printz reassured Angler that the Council-elect wanted to cooperate in good faith and it was not their goal to stall or possibly kill the deal.

• Mr. Stumpo and Mr. Vento left the room to consult with one another. When they returned, they requested a compromise 30-day extension and the Master Plan would proceed as scheduled. There were no objections.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

Recorder: Richard D. Carey, CMC
Richard D. Carey, Clerk