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COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council Meeting

November 19, 2019; 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Corey W. Pack

Chuck F. Callahan

Frank Divilio

Pete Leshner

Laura E. Price

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Diane Houlihan

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1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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3 MR. PACK: Good evening, everyone. If you

4 wouldn't mind standing with us for the opening

5 prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.)

7 MR. PACK: Thank you. We do apologize for

8 running just a bit late.

9 Council does have an agenda. We had a

10 chance to go through it. Are there any

11 additions, deletions, or corrections to the

12 agenda? Hearing none, the chair moves that it

13 be accepted with unanimous consent.

14 We have disbursements from November the

15 19th. We had a chance to review those

16 disbursements, speak with Ms. Lane, our fiscal

17 officer. Are there any additions, deletions,

18 or corrections to those disbursements? Hearing

19 none, the chair moves that they also be

20 accepted with unanimous consent. Thank you,

21 Council.

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1 Now, moving on, we have several pieces of

2 legislation open for introduction. I'm going

3 to ask Madam Secretary to read the title of the

4 first one on your agenda.

5 SECRETARY: A bill to amend chapter 190 of

6 the Talbot County Code, zoning, subdivision,

7 and land development, to alter the setback and

8 road access requirements for the product

9 recycling when such use is established within

10 an active mineral extraction site and to

11 require an operation plan as part of the

12 process for approving a product recycling use

13 in such location.

14 MR. PACK: Thank you, Madam Secretary.

15 We have our planning officer, Ms. Verdery,

16 here with us. Mary Kay, good to see you. You

17 want to just elaborate a little bit on this for

18 us?

19 MS. VERDERY: Sure. So the Council

20 referred this amendment to the Planning Office

21 and then we took it to the Planning Commission

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1 for a recommendation.

2 The product recycling land use includes

3 recycling of masonry materials, such as

4 concrete, asphalt, bricks, etc., and material

5 products such as trees, stumps, branches, and

6 leaves, grass trimmings.

7 The use is permitted by special exception

8 in our four conservation districts and is

9 subject to certain performance standards. They

10 include direct access to a major collector or

11 arterial highway, a minimum equipment and

12 storage setback of 500 feet from property

13 lines, and 1,000-foot setback from existing

14 residences.

15 The mineral extraction use is also

16 permitted by special exception in these same

17 zoning districts but has different performance

18 standards to include a minimum 200-foot setback

19 from the property lines for the machinery and

20 extraction operations and excavation kits.

21 The proposed text amendment would allow

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1 product recycling at a mineral extraction site

2 that was approved prior to the effective date

3 of the ordinance change and not having direct

4 access to a major collector or arterial

5 highway.

6 In addition, the text amendment would

7 allow the minimum setback for equipment storage

8 to be the same setbacks as approved from a

9 property line for the mineral extraction site,

10 but being no less than 200 feet from all

11 property lines. So the 500-foot setback could

12 be reduced to whatever the approved setback is

13 for the mineral extraction activity.

14 Ryan Showalter on behalf of Extreme

15 Enterprise, LLC initially proposed the text

16 amendment.

17 And this matter was heard by the Planning

18 Commission over a period of time of several

19 months and included verbal and written public

20 comments.

21 During their November 6th Planning

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<p>1 Commission, they voted 4-0, a unanimous 2 recommendation for Council introduction. 3 Talbot County requires that a reclamation 4 plan for mining identify post extraction 5 property uses. And they're more consistent 6 with parks and more passive things. So that's 7 why we did not want these to apply to projects 8 that were already closed. So it has to be an 9 active mining site at the time of the adoption 10 of this language. 11 MR. PACK: Has to be an active mining 12 site. 13 MS. VERDERY: We have ten active mineral 14 extraction facilities in the county at this 15 time. 16 MS. PRICE: So where did the change 17 request come, for what purpose? 18 MS. VERDERY: They want to do this -- 19 MS. PRICE: Who "they"? 20 MS. VERDERY: The applicant, Ryan 21 Showalter, on behalf of Extreme Enterprise,</p>	<p>1 MS. VERDERY: There was at least two 2 meetings. And they had a lot of public comment 3 and written comment that they took into great 4 consideration, resulting in the proposal to you 5 being somewhat different from the original 6 proposal that was submitted by Ryan. And that 7 includes that they submit an operation plan 8 that would address the vehicle trips, the type 9 of materials that would be recycled, the 10 location of equipment, mitigation measures for 11 impacts, as well as a hazard and emergency 12 response preparedness plan was something that 13 was brought up by the public. 14 MR. PACK: Okay. Any other questions from 15 Ms. Verdery at this time? Chair will ask for a 16 show of hands for introduction of the 17 legislation at this time? 18 By Council, Madam Secretary. And you have 19 a bill number for me? 20 SECRETARY: Yes. It will be known as Bill 21 Number 1437 and the public hearing will be on</p>
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<p>1 would like to be able to do this at the 2 Barker's Landing gravel pit. They'd like to be 3 able to do this added product recycling use. 4 That location is not located on an 5 arterial or collector roadway. So it requires 6 that amendment in order to allow it to occur at 7 a different location, at a location that's not 8 on one of those major highways. 9 MR. DIVILIO: And we have tractor-trailers 10 going in there or were going in there regularly 11 when the dump was being used, right? I mean 12 the roads -- 13 MS. VERDERY: For mineral extraction, 14 there's also large equipment that's going in 15 and out on the site currently, as well as the 16 landfill is right across the roadway. There is 17 a lot of large truck traffic associated with 18 that. 19 MR. PACK: Okay. And the Planning 20 Commission had how many meetings on this, if 21 you remember?</p>	<p>1 Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:30 p.m. 2 MR. PACK: Tuesday, December 10th. All 3 those who are interested for public hearing, 4 December 10th. At what time is that? 5 SECRETARY: 6:30. 6 MR. PACK: 6:30. Thank you. Okay. 7 We have another matter. Madam Secretary, 8 if you wouldn't mind reading the title to that 9 one, please. 10 SECRETARY: A bill to amend the critical 11 area overlay district on the official zoning 12 maps of Talbot County to establish a new 13 modified buffer area identified as community 14 number 39, on certain lots of parcels of land 15 in the Village of Bellevue, Talbot County, 16 Maryland. Described as tax map 46, parcel 141, 17 lot four, parcel 115, and a certain portion of 18 parcel 148. 19 MR. PACK: Okay. Ms. Verdery is also here 20 to give us some background on this as well. 21 Mary Kay.</p>

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1 MS. VERDERY: So again, the Council
 2 referred this map amendment to the Planning
 3 Office for investigation and the Planning
 4 Commission for a recommendation.
 5 The applicants are requesting the
 6 establishment of an amended critical area
 7 overlay to establish a new modified buffer
 8 area, community number 39, in Bellevue to allow
 9 for a reduced buffer from mean high water for
 10 properties within this area.
 11 They have to demonstrate that the existing
 12 pattern of residential development prevent the
 13 buffer from fulfilling its natural function.
 14 The proposed map amendment includes five
 15 areas of land on three tax map parcels, two
 16 existing improved residential lots, and parcel
 17 151, as well as a reconfigured area on the
 18 Susan Payne lands known as tax map 48, parcel
 19 148.
 20 Based on the existing structures in this
 21 area, the modified buffer area setback would be

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1 50.7 feet from mean high water.
 2 Again, Ryan Showalter on behalf of Susan
 3 R. Payne proposed the following map amendment
 4 to create the new MBA.
 5 The underlying zoning district of village
 6 hamlet is not being amended. Therefore, they
 7 do not need to prove the change or mistake
 8 associated with map amendments.
 9 MR. PACK: Okay.
 10 MS. VERDERY: If introduced, the Council
 11 shall decide whether to grant approval based on
 12 the required findings and standards with
 13 respect to the community in which the mapping
 14 amendment is requested.
 15 The public hearing would be advertised,
 16 notices sent to adjacent property owners in
 17 accordance with chapter 190.
 18 And the Council shall not approve or
 19 disapprove an amendment once introduced of the
 20 official zoning maps until a site visit has
 21 been made by a majority of the Council to

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1 inspect the physical features of the property
 2 and determine the character of the surrounding
 3 area.
 4 This matter was heard by the Planning
 5 Commission on November 6th, and a motion was
 6 made and carried for 4-O recommendation in
 7 support of the critical area overlay map
 8 amendment.
 9 MR. PACK: Thank you, Ms. Verdery. Were
 10 these properties left out of the first Bellevue
 11 buffering that was done there, modification?
 12 MS. VERDERY: I provided a map for you.
 13 There are two areas of MBAs already located in
 14 Bellevue.
 15 The reason that these were probably not
 16 included in those is there are gaps between
 17 this property and the other MBAs that have
 18 structures that meet the 100-foot setback.
 19 In addition, the ripple property that this
 20 is primarily focused toward is shown as a
 21 single tax map parcel. So it would appear as

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1 though it's just one large piece of land and
 2 you can do improvements that are set back
 3 greater than 100 feet. In reality, that area
 4 is made up of many small lots, I believe almost
 5 40 small lots, that they're combining --
 6 MS. PRICE: Which one, 39?
 7 MS. VERDERY: 148, parcel 148. Yes. But
 8 39 is the community that we're creating, but
 9 parcel 148 is shown as a single tax parcel but
 10 is made up of many very small lots.
 11 They're proposing to reconfigure those
 12 lots and create -- I don't remember offhand.
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: I think it's 16.
 14 MS. VERDERY: I was going to say between
 15 15 and 20. Sixteen lots, in lieu of the
 16 existing 40 lots of record that exist.
 17 So they are doing a significant amount of
 18 reconfiguration and consolidation to make
 19 smaller lots, but these few that will have
 20 access and riparian rights, they want to be
 21 able to have the setback that's consistent with

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1 the adjacent property that have existing
 2 structures, as well as the one existing
 3 dwelling on this parcel.
 4 MR. PACK: And the existing dwelling on
 5 the property stands at what setback currently?
 6 MS. VERDERY: It's just over 50 feet.
 7 MR. PACK: Just over 50, okay. Any other
 8 questions?
 9 Council, ask by a show of hands for
 10 introduction at this time.
 11 Madam Secretary, by Council. You have a
 12 bill number for me?
 13 SECRETARY: Yes. This will be known as
 14 Bill 1438, and the public hearing will be on
 15 Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:30 p.m.
 16 MR. PACK: Okay. So anyone that wants to
 17 come back to be heard on this particular
 18 matter, Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:30.
 19 We have another matter, Council.
 20 Madam Secretary, when you're ready,
 21 please.

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1 SECRETARY: A bill to amend chapter 190 of
 2 the Talbot County Code, zoning, subdivision,
 3 and land development, to allow increased pier
 4 size for fisheries, aquaculture, and hatcheries
 5 activities.
 6 MR. PACK: Okay. Ms. Verdery is here with
 7 us again, give us background.
 8 So Mary Kay.
 9 MS. VERDERY: Yes. So again, another text
 10 amendment referred to the Planning Office and
 11 Planning Commission for recommendation.
 12 Ryan Showalter on behalf of the
 13 applicants, Ferry Cove Project, LLC, is
 14 requesting a major site plan approval for a
 15 17,245 square foot oyster hatchery building
 16 under the land use categories of aquaculture
 17 wholesale and fishing game hatcheries.
 18 Also, part of the request is a 165-foot
 19 long by eight feet wide timber pier with a 460
 20 square foot L-head platform. The proposed
 21 amendment will allow the pier length, width,

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1 and platform areas to exceed the current code
 2 limitations for certain land uses through a
 3 site plan approval process.
 4 The Commission noted concerns regarding
 5 the development review process for aquaculture
 6 wholesale. Therefore, they recommended to
 7 allow the pier serving the aquaculture
 8 wholesale uses to exceed the current standards
 9 through the special exception process versus a
 10 site plan that other uses listed would go
 11 through.
 12 This matter was heard by the Planning
 13 Commission on November 6th, and they made a 4-O
 14 unanimous recommendation for support by Council
 15 for introduction.
 16 MR. PACK: Pier length right now stands at
 17 100 feet?
 18 MS. VERDERY: 150 feet by six feet wide
 19 with a 200-foot platform. So all of those
 20 standards would be exceeded by this particular
 21 pier serving this use.

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1 MR. PACK: And the rationale is to allow
 2 for fisheries to take place?
 3 MS. VERDERY: Right. There are fishery
 4 activities. So they have to have certain water
 5 depth, as well as certain things that need to
 6 be met through MDE so that they have to make
 7 sure that they can get out to that length or
 8 that depth as well as --
 9 MR. PACK: Mooring wouldn't accomplish
 10 that without having the pier exceed the current
 11 length?
 12 MS. VERDERY: They need the platform out
 13 there as well.
 14 May be better eventually to have Ryan come
 15 up and explain.
 16 MR. PACK: He'll talk at the public
 17 hearing. I'm just asking questions.
 18 MS. VERDERY: There's a platform area
 19 requirement as well because they need to make
 20 sure that they have the safety to go around the
 21 full structure that's located within the

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1 platform area. So it needs to be larger.
 2 The State does not have specific standards
 3 associated with these commercial types of
 4 activities, but they do look at certain things,
 5 when MDE is reviewing them, any adverse effects
 6 on navigation or the environment or protected
 7 resources. They also look at the water
 8 dependency use, which this does require that
 9 they use the water as part of that process.
 10 They're pumping it onto land for the facilities
 11 that they'll be using. So they need to have
 12 that depth in order to be able to pump that
 13 water out.
 14 MR. LESHAR: Ordinarily the maximum length
 15 of our piers is 150 feet, but there are factors
 16 that may limit you. That's an entitlement.
 17 This 225-foot length is not entitlement.
 18 You would have to justify it by some criteria?
 19 MS. VERDERY: That's correct. Both
 20 through MDE as well as the county.
 21 MR. LESHAR: Are there objective criteria

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1 that might limit that, such as the width of the
 2 waterway or anything like that?
 3 MS. VERDERY: As part of the site plan
 4 process, there are specific things that you
 5 need to address and that you need to show that
 6 there is a requirement for you to have those
 7 certain things.
 8 I can't give you all of it offhand. But
 9 yes, there's criteria that you're going to go
 10 through, a process you're going to go through.
 11 MR. LESHAR: The property that's inspired
 12 this one particular one, is this Claiborne
 13 Cove?
 14 MS. VERDERY: It's Ferry Cove. It's
 15 located -- (inaudible) address of the Ferry
 16 Cove project?
 17 MR. SHOWALTER: It's immediately north of
 18 Lowe's Wharf. I don't know the street address.
 19 It's on Lowes Wharf Road.
 20 MS. VERDERY: Off St. Michaels Road.
 21 MR. LESHAR: Thank you.

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1 MS. PRICE: So doesn't just require
 2 Council approval, MDE also has to approve it?
 3 MS. VERDERY: If the text amendment is
 4 approved, when you apply for a pier, you need
 5 to get your MDE Army Corps approvals. They
 6 will make sure that it meets those things of
 7 not impeding navigation, any resources are
 8 protected, and is it the minimum necessary.
 9 And they also look at the actual water
 10 dependency use. So is it required to be that
 11 long for the water dependency.
 12 Then when it comes to the county for
 13 application, it goes through the site plan
 14 process for all of the uses listed with
 15 exception of the wholesale aquaculture. And
 16 then through that process, there are criteria
 17 and standards that have to be met. If it's the
 18 aquaculture wholesale, it will be a special
 19 exception and you'll have to meet those
 20 warrants and standards --
 21 MS. PRICE: So they still have to jump

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1 through a couple of hoops even after just
 2 basically allowing them to jump through this
 3 other hoop is all we would be doing?
 4 MS. VERDERY: That's correct. I mean
 5 there's still a lot of review associated with
 6 it.
 7 MR. PACK: So I don't know whether we have
 8 a water table depth as part of this submission.
 9 But do we know from 150 to 225 what the water
 10 depth is?
 11 MS. VERDERY: The applicant is actually as
 12 part of their proposal only asking for a pier
 13 length of 165 because that gets them to the
 14 water depth that they need.
 15 I don't have that on hand, but their text
 16 amendment proposal is a length of 225.
 17 MR. PACK: So ten feet.
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Fifteen.
 19 MR. PACK: No. You said 160, is ten feet,
 20 right?
 21 MS. PRICE: 165.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: 165.
 2 MR. PACK: 165?
 3 MS. VERDERY: 165.
 4 MR. PACK: I'm sorry. Fifteen feet.
 5 MS. VERDERY: Yeah.
 6 MR. PACK: That's 15 feet you're saying is
 7 needed in order for this function to take
 8 place?
 9 MS. VERDERY: For this particular project
 10 of this particular location --
 11 MR. PACK: Can't be done at 150?
 12 MS. VERDERY: -- 165.
 13 MR. PACK: Can't be done at 150. Okay.
 14 MS. VERDERY: They're asking. Can it be
 15 done?
 16 MR. PACK: I'll hear them at public
 17 hearing.
 18 MS. VERDERY: Yes.
 19 MR. PACK: Any other questions? By a show
 20 of hands for introduction, please. By the four
 21 of them without Mr. Pack.

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1 Okay. Madam Secretary, you have a bill
 2 for me?
 3 SECRETARY: This will be known as Bill
 4 Number 1439, and the public hearing will be on
 5 Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:30.
 6 MR. PACK: Okay. And Ms. Verdery, I think
 7 that's all we have for you. Thank you.
 8 MS. VERDERY: Thank you very much.
 9 MR. PACK: All right. I'm going to hand
 10 out some awards now. Recognition of 2019
 11 Maryland Tourism Awards.
 12 Cassandra Vanhooser, our tourism director,
 13 is here, as well as -- is Sam coming up? No,
 14 okay. And Judy, good seeing you, captain of
 15 our ferry boat here in Oxford Bellevue.
 16 MS. VANHOOSER: We're showing off.
 17 MR. PACK: That's okay. You can do that
 18 every now and then.
 19 Judy, good to you see. And Cassandra,
 20 good to see you as well. So tell us about this
 21 award we have here.

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1 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you for having us.
 2 So I asked Judy to join me tonight because
 3 we have really good news on a couple of
 4 different fronts.
 5 The Maryland Travel and Tourism Summit was
 6 held November 6th through the 8th at Rocky Gap.
 7 And we were fortunate enough to be part of a
 8 group that won an award from the Maryland
 9 Office of Tourism Development. And this is our
 10 third such award from the Maryland Office of
 11 Tourism Development. And these are highly
 12 coveted awards.
 13 And this one in particular was a group
 14 project between the four counties, Queen
 15 Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, and Kent Counties.
 16 And we are all partners in the Stories of the
 17 Chesapeake Heritage Area.
 18 So primarily what the heritage area, we're
 19 one of 13 certified heritage areas in the
 20 state, and primarily what we do is that we make
 21 projects happen. So it's a funding mechanism

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1 for heritage tourism products and cultural
 2 assets, like the Chesapeake Bay Maritime
 3 Museum. And I believe Mr. Leshner serves on the
 4 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Board of
 5 Directors. And the Stories of the Chesapeake
 6 Heritage Area is certified by the Maryland
 7 Heritage Areas Authority.
 8 So the project that we did was called
 9 Maryland's Tastiest Catch. And you all may
 10 have seen this because I think I sent a book
 11 over, and I have one for each of you tonight,
 12 when we first published this. And the cookbook
 13 is not all that we did as part of this. So
 14 it's a whole campaign called Maryland's
 15 Tastiest Catch.
 16 And we were sitting around one day as our
 17 marketing committee for the Stories of the
 18 Chesapeake and we were envisioning what we
 19 might do if we were to apply for a marketing
 20 grant. So again, primarily funding projects,
 21 but there are marketing grants through MHAA.

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1 And so we were just sort of brainstorming,
 2 and I said well, why don't we do Maryland's
 3 Tastiest Catch. And we put the spotlight on
 4 the Chesapeake Bay food ways and the culture of
 5 food that we're so fortunate to live around and
 6 take advantage of every day here.
 7 And if you're not from here, I think you
 8 appreciate that not everybody eats crab and
 9 rockfish and oysters every day like we do. So
 10 we are really fortunate in this area to have so
 11 many wonderful indigenous dishes that we're
 12 known for. So we said let's do a campaign
 13 around that.
 14 So we created a marketing campaign with
 15 the help of a group in Chestertown. We called
 16 it Maryland's Tastiest Catch. We developed a
 17 logo. And we've been going to the Washington,
 18 D.C. travel show and marketing ourselves as a
 19 region, as Maryland's Tastiest Catch. We are,
 20 the region, is the tastiest catch. And of
 21 course, the focus is on food and things that

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1 you can do in our region.
 2 So our final project as part of that was
 3 our cookbook. And we requested recipes from a
 4 lot of our restaurants, and they were very
 5 generous. We have Ms. Gussey's rolls, if
 6 you're interested, that's in this book, from
 7 the Inn at Perry Cabin. And that's a famous
 8 recipe and lady named Ms. Gussey Harman, who
 9 used to make the rolls at the Inn at Perry
 10 Cabin for 18 years. And they were these
 11 delightful, airy, fluffy cheese and herb rolls.
 12 And they were generous enough to give us that
 13 recipe.
 14 And we have Mark Salter's crab cake recipe
 15 and Joann Councell's corn pudding recipe. And
 16 we have written some stories that go along with
 17 these to better illustrate why this dish is
 18 important.
 19 So we are selling this cookbook as a
 20 fundraiser for our Stories of the Chesapeake.
 21 So we are charged with raising funds as a

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1 heritage area to support our programs.
 2 So again, we're very proud of this. I did
 3 a lot of the work on the editing.
 4 I get to sit up here and take all the
 5 credit and have my picture in the paper, but I
 6 would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to my
 7 staff. Candace Harris and Mary Lou Russ were
 8 an integral part of this. Joann Shipley, who
 9 is our graphic designer, did the work on this
 10 project. And so it takes a village to do what
 11 we do. And we were extremely fortunate to have
 12 a great staff to help with these projects.
 13 So very, very proud of this project. And
 14 I'm not all that big on awards, but when I feel
 15 like we deserve something, we did something
 16 really good --
 17 MR. PACK: Absolutely.
 18 MS. VANHOOSER: -- that promotes our area,
 19 then I'm happy to talk about it.
 20 MR. PACK: Can Council look at the award?
 21 MS. VANHOOSER: Certainly. You can also

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1 look at the cookbooks.
 2 MR. PACK: As you're coming up,
 3 congratulation to both of you. What an honor.
 4 Thank you very much.
 5 I'll tell you a quick story. We were at a
 6 meeting, a dinner meeting last night with the
 7 Board of Education. And at the table with me
 8 was one of the board members. I'm going to
 9 call out his name, Mr. Otis Sampson. Otis,
 10 born and raised here, told me he had never
 11 eaten a raw oyster. I asked Otis are you sure
 12 you weren't adopted. So that's my story.
 13 MS. VANHOOSER: See, it's important that
 14 we tell these stories.
 15 MR. PACK: Childlene, don't you go back
 16 and tell Otis I told that story.
 17 MS. VANHOOSER: He can watch it on video
 18 if he's interested.
 19 MR. PACK: Yes, he will.
 20 MS. PRICE: I haven't either. So no raw
 21 oysters. Anything fried.

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1 MR. PACK: Otis should know better.
 2 MS. VANHOOSER: So the other good news
 3 that we have, and one of the reasons that I
 4 brought Judy Bixler with me tonight, Judy is
 5 the chairman of the Talbot County Tourism
 6 Board. But she is also the chairman of the
 7 State Tourism Development Board. So we are
 8 really proud of Judy and the leadership that
 9 she has shown at the State level. And it's
 10 been really great for Talbot County I think for
 11 Judy to be chairman of the State board.
 12 And one of the things that we get to tell
 13 you about tonight is the numbers for tourism,
 14 the economic impact numbers. And we
 15 participate as part of a State study done by
 16 Tourism Economics. Each of the counties is
 17 required to pay part of their grant money to
 18 pay for this study. And the State of Maryland
 19 also pays into it.
 20 And they analyze the tax codes. There are
 21 eight tourism tax codes that go into this

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1 study. They take the numbers from the
 2 Comptroller's Office. Angela turns them into
 3 the Comptroller's Office, the comptroller turns
 4 them over to the company that does the
 5 analysis. And then we get a picture, a
 6 snapshot of what is going on in Talbot County.
 7 And I am -- just got these numbers today
 8 or I would have given them to you earlier in
 9 your Granicus. Although I do think you have
 10 them.
 11 So we are really excited that our numbers
 12 are up. We are up 7.8 percent. Our number of
 13 visitors grew that much in the calendar 2018 to
 14 588,700 visitors. That's almost 600,000
 15 visitors each year. Some of them are day
 16 trippers and some are overnight. They can tell
 17 an overnight visitor by the number of our
 18 accommodations tax. So extrapolated from that
 19 number.
 20 So we are also at \$217 million in industry
 21 revenue, which is excellent for us.

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1 I'm really excited to see that lodging,
 2 food and beverage, and retail are all holding
 3 really strong as is recreation.
 4 Second homes, of course, are 14.1 percent,
 5 and transportation accounts for a large number,
 6 too.
 7 And then we have \$53 million in State and
 8 local taxes. So that is what is paid into the
 9 State coffers based on what we do. And then
 10 1,971 people are hired to work directly in the
 11 tourism industry in Talbot County.
 12 So that is quite an economic impact, and
 13 we're always excited and hold our breath to see
 14 the numbers and are glad to see that the
 15 economy looks really strong in these numbers.
 16 We call this economic development through
 17 tourism and think that we really contribute to
 18 the quality of life here in Talbot County but
 19 also the economic prosperity that we're
 20 enjoying now.
 21 And Judy, I'm going to turn it over to you

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1 to talk about the State numbers.
 2 MS. BIXLER: We have some amazing State
 3 numbers. The State brought in 18.1 billion,
 4 with a B, dollars. And also, 2.5 billion of
 5 that was collected for tax revenue within the
 6 State.
 7 So tourism is one of those industries that
 8 really gives back. When you help fund tourism,
 9 we give back. There's something coming back to
 10 the State. Many things you fund and the money
 11 is used but there is nothing coming back to the
 12 county or to the State. So we're very proud of
 13 that.
 14 It actually works out that \$1,140 per
 15 person is saved in taxes. If tourism did not
 16 bring in this kind of money, every individual
 17 would be paying \$1,140 more in taxes each year.
 18 The numbers this year, up 2.1 percent.
 19 And the really exciting news is that since
 20 2009, it's up 47 percent. That's huge for what
 21 tourism is bringing into our State. And that's

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1 partially due to the fact that they are really
 2 continuing to fund tourism and economic
 3 development.
 4 It's also the tenth largest employer in
 5 the State. There are 150,000 jobs that are
 6 attributed to tourism.
 7 So I was also very proud that I was able
 8 to present this award as chairman of the
 9 Tourism Development Board. I work with the
 10 assistant secretary of commerce. And the two
 11 of us presented these awards. So it was doubly
 12 nice for me to be able to know that our Tourism
 13 Office here in Talbot County received it, but
 14 then I got to present it.
 15 MR. PACK: That's wonderful. Excellent.
 16 MS. VANHOOSER: So that's our good news.
 17 MR. LESHER: That's great news.
 18 Congratulations.
 19 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you.
 20 MR. PACK: And thank you for the book.
 21 I'm looking at some of these recipes. So I

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1 have to see if Maria can try her hand at a few
 2 of them.
 3 MS. VANHOOSER: I'm sure she can.
 4 MS. PRICE: Public service announcement.
 5 Where can people buy these cookbooks so we can
 6 raise the revenue?
 7 MS. VANHOOSER: So you can go online at
 8 storiesofthechesapeake.org or you can pick one
 9 up at the Talbot County Office of Tourism
 10 visitor center and our visitor center at 11
 11 South Harrison Street.
 12 MS. PRICE: And the price tag is?
 13 MS. VANHOOSER: \$20 if you pick it up in
 14 person or 25 if we mail it to you.
 15 MR. PACK: That's very reasonable,
 16 Mr. Callahan.
 17 MS. VANHOOSER: Very reasonable. Those
 18 are some great recipes.
 19 MR. PACK: They are, yes.
 20 Any other questions? Thank you very much.
 21 Appreciate it.

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1 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you.
 2 MR. DIVILIO: Greatly appreciate
 3 everything you do. I hope that we give a
 4 beautiful picture for you to sell, make your
 5 job that much easier.
 6 MS. VANHOOSER: Oh, you do.
 7 MR. DIVILIO: Tourism seems like it's
 8 alive and strong here, and it's great that we
 9 have so many wonderful events and appreciate
 10 all the help that both of you do to get people
 11 here for those events and leave their money and
 12 go home.
 13 MS. VANHOOSER: Exactly.
 14 MS. PRICE: Well, no, no. They don't
 15 always have to go home. They can buy
 16 businesses and have businesses here. That's
 17 the economic development side.
 18 MS. VANHOOSER: That's right.
 19 MS. PRICE: Right? They don't have to go
 20 home.
 21 MS. VANHOOSER: That's right. We will

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1 accommodate you if you would like to bring your
 2 business here.
 3 MS. PRICE: Yes.
 4 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you.
 5 MS. BIXLER: Well, thank you.
 6 MR. PACK: So we have one more thing here.
 7 Next up, we have discussion for --
 8 MS. VANHOOSER: We're switching chairs.
 9 MR. PACK: You're switching chairs, okay.
 10 Sam Shoge I guess is coming forward.
 11 There you go.
 12 This is a discussion of the comprehensive
 13 Economic Development Strategy, or CEDS, program
 14 and possible new projects.
 15 Again, Cassandra Vanhooser, our tourism
 16 director. Joining her now at the table is
 17 Shoge Sam, economic development coordinator.
 18 Sam, good to see you. And I'll pass it
 19 over to whomever is going to take this on.
 20 MR. SHOGE: Great. So thank you for
 21 having us. We have a very exciting project to

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1 bring before you to ultimately get permission
 2 to include in the Comprehensive Economic
 3 Development Strategy.
 4 Not to preach to the choir, since I know
 5 you all are very familiar with this, but this
 6 might be very beneficial for the public to
 7 hear. CEDS is, of course, a document that is
 8 put together by the Midshore Regional Council,
 9 and we're actually joined tonight by Scott
 10 Warner, the executive director of the Midshore
 11 Regional Council.
 12 And ultimately what this document does is
 13 it really opens up the region, which is
 14 comprised of Talbot and Caroline and Dorchester
 15 Counties, for federal funding, primarily from
 16 the Economic Development Administration.
 17 So in order to access that federal funds,
 18 these projects need to be included in the
 19 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and
 20 then, of course, vetted by the various
 21 committees that oversee what projects get

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1 included and then also what priority those
 2 projects are here within the region based on
 3 their overall economic development potential.
 4 So as we all know, Mistletoe Hall Commerce
 5 Business Park was our most recent CEDS funded
 6 project.
 7 So Cassandra and I just really want to
 8 thank Scott Warner for all the hard work that
 9 he does overseeing this entire process and
 10 running the Midshore Regional Council. There
 11 have been so many times where we are
 12 frantically calling Scott at the 11th hour to
 13 make sure that all of our Is are dotted and all
 14 of our Ts are crossed. So Scott has been just
 15 extremely helpful in helping Talbot County
 16 secure the funding that we need to advance our
 17 economic development strategy.
 18 So Scott, thank you very much for being
 19 here with us tonight.
 20 So that kind of just gives you the
 21 overview of what CEDS is, how it works, and why

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1 we are before you, to ultimately get hopefully
 2 Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe
 3 included on our CEDS document.
 4 MS. VANHOOSER: So each year all of the
 5 partners in Midshore Regional Council have an
 6 opportunity to add projects to the
 7 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
 8 And Sam and I sat down and sort of assessed all
 9 the things that are going on in the county, not
 10 just in our department, but infrastructure
 11 projects, Public Works projects, and tried to
 12 decide what was the most pressing priorities.
 13 We worked with Andy and Jessica on this.
 14 And ultimately, we think the project that
 15 is most ready for placement on the CEDS is the
 16 Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe.
 17 Like Sam said, the EDA funding that the
 18 Town of Easton got recently for Mistletoe Hall
 19 would not have been possible if that project
 20 was not on the CEDS. And that project had been
 21 sitting there for many years before it came to

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1 fruition.
 2 So we believe that we're ready for the
 3 Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe to be
 4 added. It's consistent with the goal number
 5 two, which is to support a regional identity
 6 and marketing plan that leverages our
 7 competitive advantages, protects our natural
 8 resources, honors our rural heritage, and takes
 9 proactive measures to diversify the economy.
 10 And it's consistent with the objective
 11 number three under that, which is to support
 12 ongoing regional efforts to grow the cultural
 13 heritage, natural, agricultural, and ecotourism
 14 industries.
 15 And there's quite a bit of opportunity at
 16 this park. We are hoping eventually that we
 17 might some day get a national designation of
 18 some sort. That's a dream on my part. But we
 19 will have to fund our projects there.
 20 There's Station Wildlife Natural funds,
 21 there's USDA funds. There are all kinds of

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1 national funding mechanisms that could help
 2 with this park. And again, that's our 107-acre
 3 park that's out on Lewistown Road that we named
 4 on February 14, 2018, as the Frederick Douglass
 5 Park on the Tuckahoe.
 6 Previous to these efforts, that property
 7 was undeveloped and was a future project.
 8 So I will admit that it's taken me a long
 9 time to really understand the CEDS and the
 10 importance of having your projects listed on
 11 the CEDS. And again, it is our recommendation
 12 at a staff level that we add Frederick Douglass
 13 Park on the Tuckahoe.
 14 MR. PACK: You were reading off. I don't
 15 think we have that. I guess that was some of
 16 the criteria.
 17 MS. VANHOOSER: It was in my letter. It's
 18 part of the CEDS. I can make it available to
 19 you or I can hand you this. I don't think I
 20 scribbled --
 21 MR. PACK: We got the letter by e-mail

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1 then?
 2 MS. VANHOOSER: Yes. Goal number two.
 3 And Scott, you can jump in if you'd like.
 4 Again, our regional efforts to -- we've
 5 seen the success of the Harriet Tubman Visitor
 6 Center and the byway. And we think that we
 7 have an equal opportunity here to tell the
 8 Frederick Douglass story and that we are far
 9 enough along that it should be a priority
 10 listed in our projects for our economic
 11 development strategy.
 12 MR. PACK: Okay. I was just trying to see
 13 if I got your letter.
 14 MS. VANHOOSER: I'll hand you this.
 15 MR. HOLLIS: Council, while you're looking
 16 at it, I just want to follow up on Sam's
 17 comments and echo them in terms of Scott
 18 Warner's participation and really leadership
 19 with economic development for Talbot County.
 20 It has been a true partnership and he has been
 21 incredibly assistive on every level. So we

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1 really do owe him a wealth of appreciation.
 2 So thank you, Scott.
 3 MR. DIVILIO: And I'll follow up as the
 4 Midshore Regional Council representative.
 5 It's amazing how much is in that document
 6 and how much you guys do. And greatly
 7 appreciate it.
 8 I sat down with you it felt like three
 9 hours to kind of go through it initially. You
 10 told me this is just a drop in the bucket, and
 11 it was. It has been a fantastic partnership.
 12 Thank you very much, Scott. You run a
 13 great ship there and greatly appreciate the
 14 partnership that you provided for us.
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: I'll follow up with that,
 16 too, being a member of the board. Scott, you
 17 do a lot. You've got a great group of people
 18 backing you. You work very hard. Talbot
 19 County is very appreciative of what you do for
 20 us.
 21 It's a pleasure being on the board with

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1 you, too. You remind me of getting to the
 2 meetings.
 3 MR. PACK: And that is a full-time job,
 4 reminding him to get to meetings on time.
 5 MR. WARNER: Well, thank you, all. It's a
 6 great economic team here. Sorry. Didn't think
 7 I was even coming until we talked this
 8 afternoon and stuff opened up.
 9 Thank you very much. Your team is
 10 phenomenal, the economic development team. You
 11 guys are great, much a part of all three
 12 councils that make up all three of our region.
 13 And it's a pleasure to work on the CEDS,
 14 being the core document. Thanks to Mr. Hollis,
 15 who actually was a founding member of the
 16 Council and has really guided us from its
 17 inception, and especially when I came on after
 18 fours years. It already was in existence 14
 19 years ago.
 20 But this project itself will, as soon as
 21 you do okay Sam and Cassandra to put it on, it

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1 will go through our process. It will go
 2 through the executive committee, which actually
 3 they do sit on, to just evaluate. But then it
 4 will go for the very first -- our CEDS
 5 committee meeting where it will be voted on
 6 will be first Friday in January to get included
 7 in the next edition, and that's when it will be
 8 vetted completely.

9 But we hope that we see it. I can speak
 10 that from the Council. And part of my board,
 11 my exec board is here and my (inaudible) board.
 12 But we hope we do see it so we can vet it
 13 through, not only for the CEDS. The only thing
 14 I will add to that, for EDA funding. But
 15 there's other funds that will rotate that can
 16 open up, too.

17 You guys just heard about and were
 18 reminded of the over \$2.2 million that came for
 19 Mistletoe Hall, which came into the Town of
 20 Easton on a wonderful partnership with the
 21 county. But also, that type of money opened up

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1 partnerships with the State of Maryland that
 2 your team led to bring in Rural Maryland
 3 Prosperity Investment funds right from the
 4 State of Maryland, all helping. That was on
 5 the CEDS, that some money then helped other
 6 monies to help you guys with roads, road
 7 improvement. So it's more than just the EDA
 8 funds. So we hope we can help.

9 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.

10 MR. PACK: Anyone else?

11 MS. VANHOOSER: So let me restate one more
 12 time. We're asking for permission to submit
 13 this to the executive board where it will be
 14 vetted and then ultimately be voted on by the
 15 entire membership of the Midshore Regional
 16 Council.

17 So tonight what you're voting is whether
 18 we should submit this or not.

19 MR. PACK: Okay. Could you resend me that
 20 e-mail? The e-mail I got from Scott did not
 21 have goal two on it. It had goal number one

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1 and then it jumped down to number four. So
 2 goal number two, I don't know why, but it's not
 3 there.

4 MS. VANHOOSER: We can resend it.

5 MR. PACK: Just resend it to me when you
 6 get a chance. That's all. No biggy.

7 MS. VANHOOSER: Absolutely.

8 MR. WARNER: Clarification. This may be
 9 where they got it, so I can tell you. That
 10 e-mail you're seeing from me has nothing to do
 11 with whatever you got from them. That was on
 12 the CEDS committee, because you're on the
 13 committee.

14 MR. PACK: Right.

15 MR. WARNER: That did come out today,
 16 unbeknownst. Whatever e-mail you were sending,
 17 that was because of our first CEDS meeting that
 18 some of you were at back in October. We're
 19 updating all seven goals, which goal two was
 20 not touched.

21 MR. PACK: That's right. That's why it's

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1 not there.

2 MR. WARNER: -- get confused. I just
 3 realized --

4 MR. PACK: Well, I was. Very confused.

5 MR. WARNER: So that's not Cassandra's
 6 e-mail.

7 MR. PACK: So I'll blame it on you, not
 8 her.

9 MR. WARNER: Absolutely. Blame it on my
 10 office. Sorry.

11 MR. PACK: Do I have a motion to accept?

12 MR. LESHAR: Mr. President, I'll move to
 13 approve this for submission.

14 MR. PACK: Thank you.

15 MR. DIVILIO: Second.

16 MR. PACK: Thank you very much. By
 17 Mr. Leshar. Seconded by Mr. Divilio. Any
 18 further questions?

19 Other than say, Scott, thank you very much
 20 for all that you do. It's always a pleasure
 21 working with you and seeing you.

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1 So this will go -- let's call the vote
 2 first. Madam Secretary, call the vote.
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.
 4 MR. PACK: Aye.
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.
 10 MS. PRICE: Aye.
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.
 12 MR. LESHER: Aye.
 13 MR. PACK: So then I'll ask my question.
 14 So this goes before the Frederick Douglass Park
 15 Committee for -- or no?
 16 MS. VANHOOSER: So no.
 17 MR. PACK: I just want to know which
 18 committee. What's the next step?
 19 MS. VANHOOSER: This goes to the CEDS
 20 executive committee.
 21 MR. PACK: So the CEDS executive

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1 committee.
 2 MS. VANHOOSER: That Sam and I both sit
 3 on.
 4 MR. PACK: Okay.
 5 MS. VANHOOSER: It will be vetted in a
 6 smaller community, probably sent back for
 7 edits. Then it will go to the Midshore
 8 Regional Council for a vote of the full
 9 Council.
 10 MR. HOLLIS: We will certainly let the
 11 Park Committee know that it's being submitted.
 12 MR. PACK: Yeah. Okay. You said
 13 executive. I didn't know whether or not it had
 14 to come before the Douglass executive
 15 committee.
 16 MS. VANHOOSER: I know what you're saying.
 17 MR. PACK: But it goes to the CEDS
 18 executive committee.
 19 MS. VANHOOSER: I see what your confusion
 20 is. So many committees, so little time.
 21 MR. PACK: I know, I know. Sam, thank you

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1 very much, sir. Good seeing you again.
 2 Thank you both. Appreciate it.
 3 MR. SHOGE: Thank you.
 4 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you.
 5 MR. PACK: Council, next on your agenda,
 6 you have a submittal of the Short-Term Review
 7 Board's recommendation and discuss next steps.
 8 I'm going to ask Scott Kane, our chairman,
 9 to come up. And Ms. Verdery also accompany
 10 him.
 11 We did receive these recommendations, as
 12 you know, about a month or so back. So Scott,
 13 good to see you. Council had asked the STR
 14 Board to look at some recommendations that we
 15 were pondering around Bill 1413, if I remember
 16 correctly. They undertook that and has now
 17 sent us back the recommendations for us to
 18 either accept or not and then discuss next
 19 steps.
 20 So we all have those now. We had a chance
 21 to go through them. So any questions or any

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1 comments on those? I'll put that question out
 2 to you all first. Are we comfortable with
 3 those, are we not?
 4 MR. LESHER: I think they're clear. I
 5 want to thank the Short-Term Rental Review
 6 Board for its process in soliciting all that
 7 public input. There was considerable public
 8 input in this process clearly and for advancing
 9 an extensive set of recommendations.
 10 MS. PRICE: Right. And it looks like I
 11 guess there was 23 that you came to consensus
 12 on.
 13 MR. KANE: Yes.
 14 MS. PRICE: I think that that would be
 15 good to put forth as a package to do updates.
 16 And then there were about four, four or five,
 17 five that maybe were a little bit more,
 18 requiring more discussion and more public
 19 input.
 20 So a lot of the 23 are things that need to
 21 be addressed now. And if we were to wait and

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1 try to address all of them with some that are
 2 pretty straightforward I think and some that
 3 definitely require more discussion, it's only
 4 going to delay some decisions that need to be
 5 made on people who are going through the
 6 process now.
 7 So I would hope that what we can do in the
 8 next legislative session or so is to have
 9 introduction, in my personal opinion, of say
 10 the first 23 or at least the vast majority of
 11 them and then address the other five
 12 afterwards, after the first of the year so that
 13 we can get some more public input on those.
 14 But I do appreciate the process that you
 15 went through. It was very, very extensive and
 16 very thoughtful.
 17 MR. KANE: Thank you very much.
 18 MR. PACK: Anyone else?
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: I think you've done a good
 20 job. I like how things are. I just have, when
 21 the time comes, I just feel like some of the

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1 building codes and stuff need to be looked at.
 2 Like your thinking and getting creative on how
 3 we're going to handle some of that. That was a
 4 little bit my concern.
 5 MS. PRICE: And that's part of the five
 6 that I think --
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Right, exactly.
 8 MS. PRICE: -- further on.
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm saying.
 10 MR. DIVILIO: I greatly appreciate, being
 11 new to this, and I wasn't here when this was
 12 initially established.
 13 It shows that the board put a lot of time
 14 and effort into this, listening to the public.
 15 I greatly appreciate that.
 16 I want to admit that I've gone through
 17 them. I still have some questions with several
 18 of these that I'm going to reach out to you
 19 directly and then just kind of go through some,
 20 just see where you were coming from and then
 21 you know what I was sort of thinking. I think

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1 we're probably on two different planes, and if
 2 you can fill me in.
 3 MR. KANE: Sure.
 4 MR. DIVILIO: I think that would be where
 5 I need to be.
 6 I greatly appreciate the efforts that
 7 you're going through with the board to clean up
 8 some of this legislation and try to just make
 9 things a little smoother for the Planning &
 10 Zoning Office, too.
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.
 12 MR. KANE: Well, if I might. You
 13 established us a year ago. So this is our
 14 first birthday that we're celebrating right
 15 today. Last November.
 16 And I really want to thank the members of
 17 the board, the members of the planning staff
 18 that's helped us, the members of the county
 19 attorney's office, all of the people that
 20 contributed very, very freely of their time and
 21 advice and counsel.

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1 So what you see before you is an
 2 amalgamation of all that process, as well as
 3 the result of your asking us on August the 9th
 4 to consider how things were going.
 5 Right now we've heard some 45 applications
 6 and acted on those. So we, ourselves, have a
 7 fair amount of experience with the process.
 8 But initially through the process that you
 9 initiated in August, we opened up and held work
 10 sessions, we heard from 40-plus people in
 11 direct testimony. There were some 60-plus
 12 submittals given to us.
 13 So it opened up some additional avenues of
 14 thought that we had not really recognized in
 15 the hearing process, but the citizens of the
 16 county spoke. Citizens, owners of STRs,
 17 rentals of STRs and business people and
 18 governmental agencies. So there was a wide
 19 variety of input. I thought it would be a
 20 quick process, but we held two work sessions
 21 for open public testimony and then we

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1 considered a number of issues, of which
 2 Ms. Price you've indicated, we settled on 23 or
 3 24.
 4 There was some other input that we didn't
 5 have a chance to really talk about and come to
 6 a conclusion on. So there are a number of
 7 other things that we could present to you,
 8 depending on what your preference is and how
 9 you would like to proceed.
 10 So we serve at your direction. Let us
 11 know how you would like us to proceed.
 12 MR. DIVILIO: So you and I both made the
 13 same mistake of thinking this would be a quick
 14 process.
 15 MR. PACK: As long as it keeps moving in
 16 the right direction.
 17 Scott, again, take our thanks back to your
 18 board for their due diligence in doing what the
 19 Council asked to do.
 20 I know we gave you very somewhat narrow
 21 parameters to work within. So there were

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1 certain things that were maybe outside the
 2 scope of what the Council was asking you to
 3 look at.
 4 I believe, Ms. Verdery, the next step
 5 would be probably for this body and the STR
 6 Board to have a work session where we can go
 7 through these. I know Mr. Divilio has some
 8 questions about some. I have one or two that I
 9 would like just to talk about.
 10 But I'm also open to receiving any, as you
 11 said, for any additional recommendation in
 12 writing, in writing to the Council that we can
 13 then consider at the work session, either
 14 directly from the STR Board or maybe from any
 15 other citizen.
 16 That way the Council can deal with this
 17 completely comprehensively and get this done,
 18 make any changes we want to make, and get those
 19 implemented as quickly as possible.
 20 So I think we all are in agreement with
 21 accepting these 25, 24 recommendations, and I

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1 think the next step would just be to see when
 2 we can sit down in a work session to kind of go
 3 through them --
 4 MS. PRICE: That's not actually what I was
 5 suggesting.
 6 MR. PACK: I understand, I understand.
 7 MS. PRICE: So what --
 8 MR. PACK: Let me finish my thought,
 9 Ms. Price.
 10 For the sake of transparency so that we
 11 can go through them, as well as take any
 12 additional comment that may be out there in
 13 writing. We can doing a straw poll of which
 14 ones we want to approve and which ones we don't
 15 what to approve to be added into the new
 16 NextStep190.
 17 MS. PRICE: May I finish now?
 18 MR. PACK: You can start now.
 19 MS. PRICE: Okay. So there are some
 20 things that need to be addressed immediately.
 21 They're coming up on renewals again. It's

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1 November.
 2 Some of these things I think are very cut
 3 and dry. So what I would suggest is that
 4 Council look through the 23 or so that they
 5 have clear recommendations on. If there are a
 6 handful that need to come out because you still
 7 have questions, but there probably are 15, 18,
 8 20 that we probably all do agree on, which
 9 would allow them to go forward. We can get
 10 some legislation drafted for December 10th. Be
 11 able to approve, hopefully, the majority of
 12 them. There might be a handful that need to
 13 come and have a work session on --
 14 MR. PACK: I think the majority of the
 15 document will probably be approved. I agree
 16 with you.
 17 But rather than piecemealing it.
 18 MS. PRICE: May I finish, please?
 19 MR. PACK: Rather than piecemealing it.
 20 MS. PRICE: No, it's not, because some of
 21 them are more controversial.

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1 MR. PACK: Exactly.
 2 MS. PRICE: Like, let me use for example,
 3 doing these year-round. So they need to be
 4 applying again by the end of the year for
 5 January.
 6 If we wait, we got the holidays coming up,
 7 if we wait to try to get a work session, I
 8 think that's probably going to be tough. And
 9 nothing gets introduced until late January or
 10 February, and their hands are tied.
 11 So rather than make a specific decision
 12 right now tonight that we have to do a work
 13 session first, why don't we get back to staff
 14 and say okay, I'm okay with 20 of 23 of them.
 15 If we at most -- and of course, there's
 16 still going to be transparency because there's
 17 going to be a public hearing. The document
 18 will be provided of however many of the 23 that
 19 the Council is going to put legislation on. We
 20 have a public hearing. It's just as
 21 transparent.

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1 And the ones that we might be stuck on,
 2 five or six or seven of them, we have a work
 3 session, but there are --
 4 MR. PACK: You're still talking about a
 5 work session, Ms. Price. So again, rather
 6 than -- I understand what you're saying.
 7 Why don't we just get the work session out
 8 of the way --
 9 MS. PRICE: Because they can't keep going
 10 forward and we have applications --
 11 MR. PACK: You're still talking about a
 12 work session.
 13 Yes, some applications will expire.
 14 MS. PRICE: And some of these will need to
 15 be addressed for them to go forward with an
 16 application of renewal.
 17 So I would just say look at them again.
 18 And if there are 20 of them that we all agree
 19 on, let's go ahead and get the legislation
 20 drafted.
 21 Otherwise, it's going to be three months.

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1 And they're going to be stuck on things like
 2 notification and sending out mailings.
 3 MR. PACK: Even if you did that
 4 legislation, legislation takes 90 days before
 5 it takes effect anyway.
 6 MS. PRICE: But they could put their
 7 applications in with knowing what to expect,
 8 even if it's not. Okay.
 9 So I would say that the Council needs to
 10 get back to staff and we need to take a vote on
 11 whether or not we're going to go straight to a
 12 work session and delay this or whether we think
 13 that we can come up with a majority of these
 14 that we can agree on so that people can go
 15 through their application process in a timely
 16 manner. They're expiring in six weeks.
 17 MR. PACK: Okay. Anyone else have any
 18 comment?
 19 We need to give them direction. We have
 20 two recommendations before Council. One, as I
 21 laid out, is to go ahead and set this in for a

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1 work session. The other is to forego a work
 2 session.
 3 Again, I explained my concern with that
 4 and that we may miss some things rather than
 5 clearly speaking with the board and going
 6 through those items in a more transparent way.
 7 So let's go ahead and call a vote so we
 8 can get some direction to Ms. Verdery and to
 9 staff as to how we're going to proceed.
 10 Are there any additional comment? Yes.
 11 MR. LESHER: Is there a both-and approach
 12 to this? That we advance the legislation now
 13 and schedule a work session as a way of, to
 14 Ms. Price's interest, to keep the -- so that
 15 once we get to adoption of what we get, we
 16 still have that 60-day period until it takes
 17 effect, again to Ms. Price's point, that some
 18 of this will be expiring certainly sooner than
 19 that window could possibly take effect.
 20 MS. PRICE: You can always amend a couple
 21 of them.

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1 MR. PACK: I think you're saying the same
 2 thing that she just laid out. I mean if you're
 3 going to do that, then what you're doing is
 4 you're pulling -- again, I just think that
 5 trying to have Council members now respond back
 6 to Ms. Verdery separately and then have her
 7 create a document based on what she's hearing
 8 by five different people, when we can just all
 9 sit down at one time and then give her
 10 direction, either the majority approving
 11 numbers one, two, three, and five --
 12 MS. PRICE: Most of them are so simple.
 13 MR. PACK: I agree --
 14 MR. LESHHER: -- notification --
 15 MR. PACK: Most of them will be probably
 16 done very, very quickly.
 17 Again, I think that we can be as
 18 transparent and as open as possible in the
 19 process, allow for it to be done one time. If
 20 there's any additional written comment that
 21 groups or persons want to submit, we take those

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1 under advertisement and get everything done --
 2 MS. PRICE: Public hearing.
 3 MR. PACK: -- everything done at one time,
 4 at one work session. That way we find out what
 5 is written, we'll receive it in written comment
 6 and then what we have as far as the
 7 recommendations.
 8 MS. PRICE: Remember, it only takes one
 9 person to introduce legislation. So with
 10 that --
 11 MR. PACK: Legislation still takes 90 days
 12 before it's enacted. So you're still running
 13 up against that time constraint. So either
 14 way, you're still looking at a 90-day window.
 15 MR. DIVILIO: And maybe this was my fault
 16 and my delay with Thanksgiving. I asked to
 17 have meetings back to back.
 18 MR. PACK: No, no.
 19 MR. DIVILIO: I just haven't had a chance
 20 to go through them all with the board like I
 21 would like to.

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1 MR. PACK: Well, no, it's not your fault.
 2 No, no. Because I mean my thinking was always,
 3 in conversation with Ms. Verdery, was that a
 4 work session would be appropriate way to kind
 5 of vet these out and see which ones that we
 6 want to go with and which ones that we want to
 7 lay aside.
 8 And then we also have been getting other
 9 comment in from other persons about other
 10 things. And I said well, we'll take those
 11 under advisement when we get through that work
 12 session.
 13 So this way it will allow us to take a
 14 more comprehensive approach of the STR
 15 legislation, rather than again piecemealing it
 16 and doing this piece and this piece and that
 17 piece, do everything at one time, what the
 18 recommendations are and what we may get from
 19 the written public. Just do everything at
 20 once.
 21 That's my approach.

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1 MS. PRICE: I don't look at it as
 2 piecemeal because you're talking about --
 3 MR. PACK: That's my chosen word.
 4 MS. PRICE: -- out of 28, again, probably
 5 got at least 20 to 24 that we can probably all
 6 agree on if we spent 15 minutes reading through
 7 it. They're not that complicated.
 8 MR. PACK: So what do we want to do?
 9 Anything further?
 10 Madam Secretary, I'm calling the vote.
 11 We're going to go first for a work session. By
 12 a show of hands, Council members who want to go
 13 with a work session.
 14 MR. LESHHER: I support a work session.
 15 MR. PACK: So we'll go with a work
 16 session.
 17 And we'll set this in as quickly as
 18 possible. Ms. Verdery and Mr. Kane, as quickly
 19 as possible. Get the work session together.
 20 We have your recommendations. Again, I don't
 21 think it's going to take us long to come to

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1 consensus on this.
 2 We'll ask for any members of the public
 3 who want to also send recommendations for us to
 4 consider.
 5 Or is this document online yet,
 6 Ms. Morris? Have we released the document to
 7 the public yet?
 8 MS. MORRIS: I'm looking at Ms. Verdery.
 9 MR. PACK: Ms. Verdery, have we released
 10 this document to the public yet?
 11 MS. VERDERY: Not yet.
 12 MR. SALINAS: We're going to be posting
 13 it.
 14 MS. VERDERY: It is not online, but we can
 15 post it.
 16 MR. PACK: Okay. So let's release the
 17 document online, because the public hasn't even
 18 seen it. That's another thing.
 19 MR. LESHER: I've certainly heard a lot of
 20 feedback already from the public who have read
 21 it. So it must be out there somewhere.

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1 MR. PACK: Somebody must have gotten a
 2 copy from someone. So let's go ahead and put
 3 it online so we can release it to the public.
 4 They need to see it as well. So let's give
 5 them a chance to see it and react to it.
 6 Since we don't -- I'm looking at Ms. Moran
 7 and Ms. Morris as far as when we can set this
 8 in. When should we ask for written comment to
 9 be sent back to us?
 10 SECRETARY: That will depend on when you
 11 want the work session.
 12 MR. PACK: Okay. How can we get this
 13 information out to the public as far as the
 14 work session and the written comment?
 15 SECRETARY: We can advertise.
 16 MS. MORRIS: Do you want to go through
 17 dates in public like this?
 18 MR. PACK: No, no, no. We don't have to
 19 do that.
 20 We're going to announce something public
 21 as far as the work session and when we want to

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1 receive public comment back in writing. They
 2 have to go through the calendar and figure that
 3 out for us. So we'll do that.
 4 So we'll do a work session. We'll set a
 5 date for public comment once the public has a
 6 chance to read this. And we'll ask for that
 7 public comment to be in writing back to us so
 8 we'll have that document as well to go from.
 9 All right.
 10 MS. VERDERY: Okay.
 11 MR. PACK: Is that fair with you, Scott?
 12 MR. KANE: That sounds fine.
 13 MR. PACK: Okay. Great. Thank you.
 14 MR. KANE: Is there any feeling as to when
 15 the work session would be?
 16 MR. PACK: Again, we're going to let staff
 17 work out -- go through the calendar. We'll get
 18 it done as quickly as possible.
 19 MR. KANE: Okay.
 20 MR. PACK: Thank you, guys.
 21 MR. KANE: I just wanted to mention that I

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1 plan to be out the month of January. So if we
 2 can have the work session December.
 3 MR. PACK: Could you send them your dates
 4 when you're going to be out, please?
 5 MR. KANE: Yeah.
 6 MR. PACK: Because I know some Council
 7 members are going to be out as well. So we got
 8 to consider that as well.
 9 So if you could send Ms. Moran or
 10 Ms. Morris your dates when you're going to be
 11 out, we appreciate that.
 12 Are you out on holiday?
 13 MR. LESHER: I'll be back before we can
 14 possibly schedule this work session.
 15 MR. PACK: Okay. Thank you, Scott. If
 16 you can do that, we appreciate it.
 17 MR. KANE: Thanks very much.
 18 MR. PACK: So Mr. Hollis, I think that's
 19 all I have. It's on you, sir.
 20 MR. HOLLIS: So requesting, Council, the
 21 approval for use of contingency funds for

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1 additional bus passes of the Talbot Senior
 2 Center, specifically in the amount of \$2,450 to
 3 fund ten additional monthly bus passes for the
 4 remainder of the fiscal year through June 30th.
 5 And I'm sorry, Angela Lane, your finance
 6 director, has identified the contingency funds
 7 are available.
 8 MR. PACK: Ms. Brooks, do you wish to be
 9 heard? Are you okay with your seat?
 10 MS. BROOKS: I have no voice.
 11 MR. PACK: She has no voice, okay. So
 12 Mr. Hollis she's all depending on you at this
 13 point.
 14 We've all received this. Is there a
 15 motion to accept?
 16 MR. LESHER: I so move.
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.
 18 MR. PACK: Moved by Mr. Leshner, seconded
 19 by Mr. Callahan. Any further discussion?
 20 And Ms. Lane has already certified that
 21 the funds are available. Okay.

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1 Madam Secretary, will you please call the
 2 roll.
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.
 4 MR. PACK: Aye.
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.
 10 MS. PRICE: Aye.
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.
 12 MR. LESHER: Aye.
 13 MR. HOLLIS: Requesting Council approval
 14 by motion to declare Tuesday, December 17,
 15 2019, as a special legislative day.
 16 MR. PACK: Is there a motion?
 17 MR. LESHER: So moved.
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.
 19 MR. PACK: Moved by Mr. Leshner. Seconded
 20 by Mr. Callahan. Any further discussion on the
 21 new legislative day in December? This is

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1 because of the Christmas holiday, of course.
 2 Hearing none, Madam Secretary, please call
 3 the roll.
 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.
 5 MR. PACK: Aye.
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.
 7 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 10 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.
 11 MS. PRICE: Aye.
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.
 13 MR. LESHER: Aye.
 14 MR. HOLLIS: Two announcements, Council.
 15 The Cordova Village Master Plan meeting
 16 will be held on Thursday, November 21st, at the
 17 Cordova Volunteer Fire Department. 5:30 p.m.
 18 begins the open house. 6:30 p.m. begins the
 19 presentation.
 20 Secondly, county offices will be closed on
 21 Thursday, November 28th, for Thanksgiving and

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1 Friday, November 29th, for American Indian
 2 Heritage Day.
 3 That's all. Thank you.
 4 MR. PACK: That's all. Okay. Thank you
 5 very much.
 6 Just been handed the public comment sheet,
 7 Council. We have one person listed here.
 8 Ms. Jody. Jody, there you are. Come
 9 forward, please.
 10 MS. HARDESTY: Hello.
 11 MR. PACK: Hello, Jody. How are you?
 12 MS. HARDESTY: I'm well. Thank you. I
 13 know you've all heard from me several times
 14 now.
 15 MR. PACK: For the record, can you give
 16 the recording officer your address and your
 17 name, please?
 18 MS. HARDESTY: Jody Hardesty. Do you need
 19 my full mailing address?
 20 MR. PACK: Or PO box, whatever you want to
 21 give. Yes.

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1 MS. HARDESTY: Okay. It's 300 Dixon
 2 Street, unit 406, Easton.
 3 MR. PACK: Thank you. Mr. Callahan has
 4 you on the clock. So whenever you're ready.
 5 MS. HARDESTY: Okay. So my main objective
 6 is just to be part of the conversation
 7 regarding the Short-Term Rental Review Board's
 8 list of recommendations. I think as the boots
 9 on the ground, I've gotten a good sense of
 10 what's working and what's not, what has become
 11 an enormous challenge really, one of which is
 12 the amount of paperwork.
 13 This is for one application. There are
 14 ten copies of the 16-page paper. There's more
 15 than 200 pieces of paper here for one house's
 16 application. This doesn't include all of the
 17 letters that are sent out that we now do twice
 18 to notify neighbors of the application and then
 19 of the hearing. So it's an obscene amount of
 20 paper that goes out.
 21 The other part is the application of the

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1 2003 building code to all houses that are
 2 rented for that short ten-week period of time,
 3 that somehow we think that that is increasing
 4 safety, but it's also I think telling
 5 homeowners that live here full time that their
 6 safety isn't as important somehow as somebody
 7 who comes for three days to one week.
 8 The biggest concern about applying that
 9 2003 building code, not only is it a great
 10 expense to have to either rip out a staircase
 11 and replace it, change out windows and replace
 12 them to meet this code, we're also destroying
 13 the historical integrity of many houses in
 14 Talbot County. So there are houses that were
 15 built in the 1800s, houses that were built in
 16 the 1950s that were built to the code that was
 17 current at the time of construction. And now
 18 suddenly we're changing or requiring homeowners
 19 to change elements just so they can rent it out
 20 for ten weeks out of the year.
 21 So while we heard from the Tourism

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1 Department all the wonderful work that they're
 2 doing and bringing visitors to the area, we
 3 should also be accommodating those visitors
 4 without having to build hotels on the precious
 5 land that we have.
 6 So I think by allowing the short-term
 7 rental application process to become a
 8 smoother, less onerous process, we're telling
 9 homeowners that we welcome you, we welcome the
 10 visitors that you host in your homes, and I
 11 think there's a place for all of us, while also
 12 taking safety into consideration.
 13 So in the list of recommendations, I know
 14 there are I think elements that address fire
 15 extinguishers and smoke detectors and carbon
 16 monoxide detectors, and we're all for that. We
 17 want everybody to be safe. But we also think
 18 that the application process needs to be pared
 19 down.
 20 The housing should be respected for the
 21 age that it was built and not required to

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1 change to sort of what seems to be an ambiguous
 2 application of the building code.
 3 That's all. We just want to be part of
 4 the discussion. If there's a work session, I
 5 would like to also have our points of view
 6 taken into consideration.
 7 MR. PACK: Yes. And you just heard what I
 8 just said. We will be receiving written
 9 comment. I know we received some things from
 10 you already by e-mail.
 11 MS. HARDESTY: Right.
 12 MR. PACK: So if you guys want to put
 13 together a nice comprehensive list of
 14 recommendations and get it in to us, that will
 15 be, of course, accepted and looked at by
 16 Council for consideration.
 17 We don't have any dates for you as of yet.
 18 The staff is working on that. So as soon as we
 19 get those, we'll make public note of that.
 20 We hear you out there. So just get it to
 21 us as soon as you can and we'll take it under

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1 advertisement.

2 MS. HARDESTY: Thank you very much.

3 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.

4 MR. PACK: Thank you. Okay. I'll just

5 open it up to the floor now. Is anyone else

6 for public comment? You can speak about

7 anything. Three minutes if you're speaking for

8 yourself, five minutes if you're speaking for a

9 group. No.

10 Council, we'll go ahead and close public

11 comment at this time. Thank you very much.

12 That's done.

13 We now reach that point in time of the

14 year where elections of Council for the

15 2019-2020 season. And I'll turn it over to

16 Mr. Kupersmith.

17 MR. KUPERSMITH: Thank you, Mr. Pack.

18 Section 209 of the Charter says that the

19 Council shall elect from among its members a

20 president and vice president on an annual

21 basis. That's all the Charter says.

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1 I would leave it up to you all to decide

2 exactly how you want to proceed with this.

3 In the past, we've done it different ways.

4 You can either do the president first. We can

5 do that vote and announce the result and then

6 the vice president afterwards. Or we can do

7 them both together.

8 And I would just ask that you all make a

9 motion as to how you want to proceed and

10 whether you want to proceed with ballots or

11 not. It's up to you.

12 MR. PACK: You're giving us a whole

13 variety of things this year, aren't you.

14 MS. PRICE: I would make the motion that

15 we do one at a time because you kind of have to

16 know who the president is before you can vote

17 for vice president because we might flip-flop

18 them, and that was very awkward last year.

19 So I think the majority of the time I've

20 been on the Council, we've done one and then

21 we've announced that result and then voted for

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1 vice president. So I think that makes the most

2 sense. I make that motion.

3 MR. CALLAHAN: I second it.

4 MR. PACK: Everyone fine with this. By a

5 show of hands to go with that particular

6 motion.

7 By Council, Madam Secretary.

8 So Mr. Kupersmith, if you will give us the

9 ballot for president first.

10 MR. KUPERSMITH: Yes. Let me separate

11 these.

12 So was there a vote on that motion?

13 MR. PACK: Yeah. We did a show of hands.

14 MR. KUPERSMITH: Show of hands, okay.

15 Does everyone have a pen?

16 MR. PACK: I think we're all cast.

17 MR. KUPERSMITH: The votes have been

18 counted for president of the Council for this

19 coming year, and the vote is for Mr. Pack.

20 MR. PACK: Thank you very much, Council

21 members.

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1 Now we'll proceed with the vice president

2 for next year.

3 MR. DIVILIO: While he's counting those,

4 I'd just like to go through Ms. Brook's letter

5 since she wasn't able to speak regarding the

6 bus passes. I think this is just important

7 information to get out and the reason that we

8 voted for it. So this is just being taken from

9 the letter that she provided us.

10 During the fiscal 2020 annual budget

11 session, we approved \$14,500 for bus passes.

12 This amount would provide 35 passes per month

13 to Talbot County residents to use the bus at

14 least nine times per month. The majority of

15 individuals are currently on dialysis or

16 receiving cancer treatment, while others are

17 attending the center. They ran out of money to

18 do that in August.

19 So that's what the additional money is.

20 That was in August that things ran out. So it

21 is in good use.

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1 MR. PACK: Thank you.
 2 MR. KUPERSMITH: And for vice president,
 3 Mr. Callahan.
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Council.
 5 MR. PACK: Congratulations, Mr. Callahan.
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.
 7 MR. PACK: Thank you very much, Council,
 8 for that.
 9 So we'll move on to Council comments. And
 10 Mr. Leshner, since you're flying away, we'll
 11 start off with you.
 12 MR. LESHER: I have nothing.
 13 MR. PACK: You have nothing.
 14 Ms. Price.
 15 MS. PRICE: Just wanted to address
 16 Ms. Hardesty's comments. Nothing changed in
 17 the building code. The only difference is
 18 there's inspections now. So the standard
 19 didn't suddenly change or anything like that.
 20 And I know we've had that discussion before for
 21 short-term rentals. It was always just an

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1 affidavit process.
 2 So I just don't want -- whether it's
 3 right, wrong, or indifferent, I just want the
 4 public to understand that the Council did not
 5 change that 2003 building code, that it is
 6 simply that we inspect for it now than
 7 accepting someone's written affidavit, which is
 8 the only difference. So just wanted to bring
 9 that up.
 10 Whether there should be a waiver process
 11 for historic homes is I think something that we
 12 should consider. But we'll get to that as we
 13 go forward with the process.
 14 But just while -- I just didn't want that
 15 to go unanswered, that perception. Thank you.
 16 MR. PACK: Thank you.
 17 Mr. Vice President, anything from you?
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Thanksgiving is next week.
 19 I want to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving,
 20 safe one.
 21 And I just want to give a shout-out in my

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1 family. Me and Julie, my girlfriend, we take
 2 care of her grandmother, who is 98 years old.
 3 And she's a very special woman in our lives.
 4 And her parents are coming this Thanksgiving.
 5 And Mom-Mom, her name is Pearl, she walks a
 6 mile a day out at the Easton Club. And she had
 7 the opportunity of she's getting ready to move
 8 to a retirement place in Atlanta, down to
 9 Cumming, Georgia. I'm sorry. Cumming,
 10 Georgia.
 11 I want to wish her the best. She's been a
 12 big part of the family. And a woman that's 98
 13 years old that you've been around every day,
 14 it's just remarkable how she really inspired my
 15 life. And I'm going to miss her a lot. I wish
 16 her well and I love her a lot. And she's a big
 17 part of the family. So just want to wish her
 18 well.
 19 MR. PACK: Mom-Mom is going down.
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah, Mom-Mom is going.
 21 MR. PACK: Mr. Divilio.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: Just with that, everybody
 2 talks about Black Friday shopping coming up on
 3 the 29th. Just remember to shop local on
 4 Saturday. It's a big deal. It's great.
 5 Easton, St. Michaels, Oxford, we have some
 6 great towns and some great shops that most of
 7 us probably walk right past when we go to
 8 restaurants all the time and forget to stop in.
 9 So please take a little time to stop in,
 10 meet the merchants, check out the new inventory
 11 that's always turning over, which is what's
 12 great about having small town clothing stores,
 13 toy stores, and what have you. There's always
 14 new things; new artwork hanging, new books. So
 15 please make sure you get out and check out the
 16 stores on Saturday because if we don't have
 17 them, it's a lot different picture downtown.
 18 MR. PACK: Excellent. Okay. I also want
 19 to say happy Thanksgiving to everybody for next
 20 week.
 21 Today we had another meeting of the

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1 Property Tax Referendum Committee that the
 2 Council put together. That committee met over
 3 at Bay Street. And Ms. Lane, Angela Lane, our
 4 finance officer, is the chairwoman of that
 5 committee.
 6 And I just want to say that that committee
 7 is working actively to educate and put together
 8 a possible amendment to the property tax code
 9 for this body to consider for 2020 election
 10 period.
 11 You will be hearing more from this
 12 committee as they go about their work and start
 13 going out into the community on their education
 14 campaign. So please keep a good eye and ear
 15 out for that group. It's made up of a number
 16 of well-intended and noted citizens here who
 17 are giving of their time and their talents to
 18 be a part of it.
 19 In another vain, I want to send out my
 20 prayers to Mr. John Ford from the Town of
 21 Easton. You may have seen in the paper John

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1 has pretty serious medical conditions at this
 2 time. He was very, although he wasn't a part
 3 of the Property Tax Referendum Committee, he
 4 was very interested in their work and he
 5 attended at least the first meeting of that
 6 group. And I know very well he would have
 7 probably been in attendance for today if not
 8 for his sudden illness. So I just want to send
 9 out my thoughts and prayers out to John and
 10 Peggy and the family and pray for a speedy,
 11 speedy recovery for my good friend, Mr. John
 12 Ford.
 13 Tomorrow evening is the Arts Council
 14 winners circle reception. That's always a
 15 great time to see the young talent we have here
 16 in Talbot County from a variety of arts field,
 17 whether it be music or painting or sculpture or
 18 dance. So it's always good to be over at the
 19 Art Academy when they present the awards to
 20 those students.
 21 Also, I want to send out a heartfelt

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1 thought and prayer to Mr. Eric Lowery, who is
 2 also not doing well from the reports I've
 3 heard. If there is anyone who was in
 4 attendance at the Douglass Day ceremony, of
 5 course, Eric has been the leader of the
 6 Frederick Douglass Committee for some time,
 7 ever since inception I believe. Eric has been
 8 the president there.
 9 And it was, of course, very obvious and
 10 very noted that he was not present during this
 11 year's Douglass Day ceremonies. So I just want
 12 to ask that you also extend your thoughts and
 13 prayers to Eric and Harriet and the family for
 14 a speedy recovery on his part.
 15 And we lost a very dedicated fireman,
 16 Mr. Harvey. Mr. Harvey was a fixture at the
 17 Eastern Fire Department. Every time we had the
 18 Easton fire reception, he was always right
 19 there at the table and was always greeting you
 20 with a big smile and a handshake and a pat on
 21 the shoulder. So you did see in the paper

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1 about his passing and the services I do
 2 believe, Chuck, last week.
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Few weeks ago.
 4 MR. PACK: I know Council has a card in
 5 the back that we're sending over to his family.
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: A lot of service to the
 7 Easton Police Department.
 8 MR. PACK: Right. Mr. Harvey, he was
 9 great to the department and a life member of
 10 the Easton Fire Department. He will
 11 definitely, definitely be missed by that group.
 12 So want to send again thoughts and prayers out
 13 to his family as well.
 14 Council's next legislative meeting will be
 15 held on Tuesday, December the 10th. That
 16 meeting will begin at six p.m. Council will be
 17 convening in open session 4:30 p.m. and then
 18 immediately adjourning into closed session to
 19 discuss real estate, legal, personnel matters
 20 and listed on the statement for closing that
 21 meeting.

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1 On Monday, December the 9th, at four p.m.
 2 the County Council will be holding a work
 3 session.
 4 MS. MORRIS: Excuse me, Mr. Pack. There
 5 has been a change from that paragraph you're
 6 reading.
 7 MR. PACK: There has been a change. Stand
 8 by. So am I not reading that?
 9 MS. MORRIS: You don't have to read that.
 10 MR. PACK: I don't have to read that.
 11 Okay.
 12 So with that being said, is there a motion
 13 to adjourn this meeting and reconvene at noted?
 14 We're not going back for closed session
 15 this evening?
 16 MS. MORRIS: No.
 17 MR. PACK: So there is no closed session
 18 this evening. So is there a motion to adjourn?
 19 MR. LESHER: So moved.
 20 MR. PACK: Moved by Mr. Leshher.
 21 MR. DIVILIO: Second.

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1 MR. PACK: Seconded by Mr. Divilio.
 2 Madam Secretary, your roll please.
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.
 4 MR. PACK: Aye.
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.
 10 MS. PRICE: Aye.
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.
 12 MR. LESHER: Aye.
 13 MR. PACK: Thank you.
 14 (Meeting concluded at: 7:27 p.m.)
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1 STATE OF MARYLAND
 2 I, Diane Houlihan, a Notary Public in and
 3 for the State of Maryland, County of Anne Arundel,
 4 do hereby certify that the within named, Talbot
 5 County Council Audio, personally appeared before me
 6 at the time and place herein set according to law,
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 9 I further certify that the examination was
 10 recorded stenographically by me and then transcribed
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 13 in a true and accurate manner.
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 15 I further certify that the stipulations
 16 contained herein were entered into by counsel in my
 17 presence.
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 19 I further certify that I am not of counsel
 20 to any of the parties, not an employee of counsel,
 21 nor related to any of the parties, nor in any way
 interested in the outcome of this action.
 AS WITNESS my hand Notorial Seal this 22nd
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