

Town of Upper Marlboro

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 17, 2019 • 8:00 a.m.

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Tonga Turner, President of the Board of Town Commissioners;
Wanda Leonard, Commissioner; Linda Pennoyer, Commissioner/Treasurer

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk/Administrator; Kyle Snyder/Chief of Staff; UMPD Chief David Burse

Also present: SCW Chair Evelyn Stephens; TUMHC Chair Patti Skews and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Turner asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was granted by all Commissioners present.

Business

Contract: President Turner presented a contract for services from Feldmann Communications Strategies LLC, for Board approval. She explained the value for the Town in having the service, especially when engaged in "crisis communication" with media outlets. The Board expressed a desire to explore more options for the service. The President recommended that the Board approve this contract now in the meantime, so as not to go without and be at risk. Two minor edits were noted by the Clerk. After discussion and a very short recess, Commissioner Leonard motioned to approve the contract as amended, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. With all in favor, the motion was passed.

Board Q & A with the Mayor: The President waived standard public comment procedures and allowed an open forum style exchange of questions and answers with residents in attendance. Topics and suggestions for Board consideration that were covered by the President included: 1.) Continuing relationships with County Executive, County Councilmember(s), and, State Delegates and Senate President; 2.) Continuing Town Forum dialog on possible options for "Form of Government" restructuring; 3.) Employee Salaries ordinance; 4.) Continuing dialog on "moving forward" with Downtown redevelopment with Court Administrative Judge, the Honorable Sheila R. Tillerson Adams; and, 5.) Board member briefings for Board structure transition to be conducted by Chief of Staff.

Adjournment

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk/Administrator

