



Talbot County, Maryland



Easton, Maryland

MINUTES

August 30, 2011

Present – President Dirck K. Bartlett, Vice President Corey W. Pack, Thomas G. Duncan, R. Andrew Hollis, Laura E. Price, County Manager John C. Craig and County Attorney Michael Pullen.

I. Update by Shore Health System, Inc. on Proposed Relocation of Memorial Hospital – Michael Silgen, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Business Development, Shore Health System, Inc.; Patti Willis, Senior Vice President, External Relations and Development, Shore Health System, Inc.- Ms. Willis and Mr. Silgen updated the Council on the status of matters relating to the proposed relocation of Memorial Hospital at Easton to County-owned property at the northern entrance to the Town of Easton, stating that: (1) all parties to the Developers Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) are working to finalize same; (2) permitting approval from the State is underway; (3) purchase of property easements is underway; (4) sizing issues related to the water tower to be located on the proposed hospital property are being discussed; (5) realignment of MD Rt. 662 and U.S. Rt. 50 access improvements are being considered; (6) outside sources are assisting with the State process for Shore Health System’s Certificate of Need (CON) application; (7) Shore Health System, Inc. is working with the Town of Easton and Talbot County to comply with all regulatory issues; and (8) the schematic design of the proposed facility is on-going so that it reflects a state-of-the-art design at the time of construction which can accommodate future innovations in patient care and the best use of square footage of the basic footprint with any additions which might occur in the future. Council discussion ensued with the representatives with regard to several matters, including the criteria used to determine the number of in-patient beds for the proposed new facility. Ms. Willis stated that the timeline for permitting and construction is generally on schedule, including: submittal of a CON to the State for the January – March 2012 cycle, groundbreaking in late 2012, and an opening date of 2015-2016. Council also requested Shore Health System’s consideration of the proposed hospital property as a possible alternative site for the proposed Center for Allied Health and Athletics. Shore Health System will continue to update the Council on the proposed Regional Medical Center project on a regular or as-needed basis.

II. On Thursday, August 25, 2011 an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 6:15 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5-0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

In accordance with State Article §10-508(a)(4)(7) the purpose of the Executive Session was for discussion of a legal/real estate matter for legal advice concerning possible relocation of Memorial Hospital at Easton to County owned property and timetable for same. The Executive Session ended at 8:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, August 30, 2011 an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 5:50 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room and the Bradley Meeting Room. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5-0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett – Aye

Mr. Hollis – Aye

Mr. Pack – Aye

Ms. Price – Aye

Mr. Duncan – Aye

In accordance with State Article §10-508(a)(1)(i) the purpose of the Executive Session was for discussion of a personnel matter to discuss a matter involving the Liquor Inspector. The Executive Session ended at 7:50 p.m.