

Open Work Session

Letter to Comptroller Franchot, the City of Salisbury, and the Eastern Shore Delegation

September 17, 2019

Mr. Cannon said he hopes everyone had a chance to review the letter to Comptroller Franchot, the City of Salisbury, and the Eastern Shore Delegation. Mr. McCain said he looked at the letter, and his comment has nothing to do with the content of the letter, but he simply thinks Council should not be sending a letter. He explained, a letter is what started this discussion, the response letter is what fueled it more, and, actually, he is a little shocked that they are talking about sending a letter. He said they are the Legislative Body of Wicomico County, so they need to focus, as they have been doing today, on their Legislative responsibilities, and do not need to become part of this letter exchange. Mr. Dodd said he kind of agrees, and thinks Mr. Cannon said enough at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. McCain said Mr. Cannon made his comments, and they should just leave it there.

Mr. Cannon explained, the purpose of the letter is to try to repair the damage, to which Mr. McCain responded, this letter is not going to repair anything because the damage has long been done. Mr. Cannon said Council does not know what the Comptroller is thinking, so he thinks the purpose of the letter is to simply try to reinforce that Wicomico County still appreciates what he did, and the fact that he went to great lengths to try to salvage this Festival. Mr. McCain said they have all read the letter, and he is not debating the content of the letter, but he is debating writing the letter, and he will say it again, he does not want to send a letter. Mr. Dodd said he does not want to either. Mr. Cannon said he is trying to tell them why they should, and he is not taking a vote yet, but is trying to explain the reason the letter is being suggested. He clarified, he wants to reemphasize and make sure the Comptroller knows that not all of Wicomico County is against this. Mr. Dodd said, if Mr. Cannon called the Comptroller, he believes he would be more than willing to talk to him. Mr. Davis said he thinks everyone understands who was involved, and who stirred this up, and he believes that no one thinks it is the Council. He said, when reading the Comptroller's response, he had nothing to say about the Council, to which Mr. Cannon responded, he understands, but he does not see any harm in sending the letter. Mr. Davis said he does not think Council should try and fight this.

Mr. Dodd said he agrees with Mr. McCain. Mr. Hastings said, given the back and forth, and the way things have played out, there is no need for Council to jump into this. He said he thinks Mr. Cannon did a good job at the opening of the meeting, to which Mr. Dodd responded, he is sure the Comptroller has already heard about it. There was no further discussion.

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John T. Zannon, President



Larry W. Dodd, Vice President, District 3



Ernest F. Davis, District 1



Nicole Acle, District 2



Josh Hastings, District 4

absent

Joe Holloway, District 5



William R. McCain, At-Large



Laura Hurley, Council Administrator