

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

May 4, 2022

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held a regularly scheduled meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Mayor Robert J. Alt, Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole, CPA; Director of Human Resources Andy Rodriguez; Chief of Police Carolyn Rogers; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, P.E.; Assistant Town Administrator Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs. Commissioner Jean A. Broomell was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Alt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION: The minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present with no corrections or amendments.

ACTION: The financial report and the bills submitted for payment were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Employee of the Quarter - 1st Quarter 2022

Mr. Rodriguez presented the Employee of the Quarter Award to Department of Public Works (DPW) employees Ms. Brittani Eva and Ms. Danielle Kircher

*** Petition for Annexation - Presented for Approval**

Mr. Alexander A. Correa and Ms. Tiffany E. McClain, owners of property located in the Third Election District, Cecil County, Maryland, and identified on Cecil County Tax Map 033B, Parcel 1023, consisting of approximately .46 acres with improvements erected thereon, addressed as 423 Delaware Avenue, and further described in the Cecil County Land Records in Liber 5137, folio 195

*** Annexation Resolution A1-2022 Presented for Introduction Regarding Property in above referenced Petition for Annexation**

Mr. George presented a Petition for Annexation and Annexation A1-2022 regarding the property identified as 423 Delaware Avenue. He stated the property, which has an existing single family home, is adjacent and contiguous to the Town of Elkton.

ACTION: The Petition for Annexation and Annexation Resolution A1-2022 were accepted for approval and introduction, respectively, on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Proclamation P26-2022 Kids to Parks Day - May 21, 2022

Mr. George presented Proclamation P26-2022, proclaiming May 21, 2022 Kids to Parks Day in Elkton. A copy of Proclamation P26-2022 was read and placed in the record of the minutes.

ACTION: Proclamation P26-2022 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded on a motion made by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Proclamation P27-2022 Safe Boating Week - May 21-27, 2022

Mr. George presented Proclamation P27-2022, proclaiming May 21-27, 2022 Safe Boating Week in Elkton. A copy of Proclamation P27-2022 was read and placed in the record of the minutes.

ACTION: Proclamation P27-2022 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Request for placement of bird boxes at McKinney Park in area of the former fish hatchery

Mr. George presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends of Cecil County Parks & Recreation and the Town of Elkton for placement of habitat nest boxes at McKinney Park in the area of the former fish hatchery.

ACTION: The Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends of Cecil County Parks & Recreation and the Town of Elkton for placement of habitat nest boxes at McKinney Park in the area of the former fish hatchery was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt's Report

Mayor Alt stated that the mandatory use of masks should become optional, as Human Resources reported 0% COVID-positive cases among Town staff for almost 2 weeks.

Appointments

Mayor Alt requested the Board's approval of the appointments of Ms. Annmarie Hamilton and Ms. Kingsley Shaffer as auxiliary members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

ACTION: The request to appoint Ms. Annmarie Hamilton and Ms. Kingsley Shaffer as auxiliary members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections was approved on a motion made by

Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt requested the Board's approval of the appointment of Ms. Mandy Feeney to the Planning Commission for the term May 4, 2022 - February 28, 2023.

ACTION: The request to appoint Ms. Mandy Feeney to the Planning Commission for the term May 4, 2022 - February 28, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt expressed disappointment regarding increased criminal activity over the past few months.

Mayor Alt stated the importance of assuring the public that the Board and Elkton Police Department (EPD) are behind the scenes to identify and apprehend those responsible.

Mayor Alt expressed faith in Chief Rogers' leadership and EPD Officers, stating his goal to bring the community together and put an end to the violence.

Mayor Alt stated the recent Defender's Day event at Historic Elk Landing was a success. He expressed his desire for an annual event.

Commissioner Massimiano's Report

Commissioner Massimiano echoed Mayor Alt's comments, and thanked EPD Officers for their bravery and vigilance.

Commissioner Massimiano reminded those in attendance that the Annual Fishing Rodeo is scheduled on May 21, 2022 at Howards Pond.

Commissioner Massimiano, referring to the Municipal Election on May 10, 2022, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner stated that the developer of the Rudy Park and 150 East Main Street rehabilitation projects invited the Board to visit the sites to see the progress.

Commissioner Piner requested installation of basketball hoops at Marina Park.

Commissioner Piner thanked EPD for involvement within the Elkton community.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens thanked Commissioner Massimiano for his comments.

Commissioner Givens stated Elkton is a lovely place to live, and thanked EPD for their work.

Public Comment

Ms. Griffith, Ms. Romano and Ms. Tuerk appeared on behalf of Voices of Hope. Ms. Griffith stated Voices of Hope expressed appreciation for support from EPD.

Ms. Romano stated Voices of Hope provides 24-hour 7-day support for those in need of addiction services.

Ms. Tuerk expressed her desire to obtain funding support from the recent Opioid settlement and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Ms. Pat Opal requested the reinstallation of the floating dock at Marina Park.

Mr. Ron Whitzell asked the Board to obtain building materials for rehabilitation of vacant properties to house homeless persons. Commissioner Piner stated the Town cannot simply take a vacant property, due to laws and regulations.

Motion for Closed Meeting

ACTION: Pursuant to State Government Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) 3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans; Commissioner Givens made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt stated the Public Meeting will not reconvene.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Assistant Town Administrator

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Note: The minutes of regularly scheduled public meetings conducted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton, following their approval, are posted at www.elkton.org. The minutes, in hard copy format, are retained indefinitely by the Town of Elkton, Administration Office, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921.