The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

February 1, 2023

The Mayor & Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held a regularly scheduled meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons attended the meeting either in person or virtually: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Director of Planning Jeanne D. Minner; Planning Assistant Quinn Krenzel; Director of Human Resources Andy Rodriguez; Director of Building & Zoning Charles A. Bromwell; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, P.E.; and Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson. Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr. and Finance Director Steven H. Repole were 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.

<u>ACTION</u>: The minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present with no corrections.

<u>ACTION</u>: The Financial Report and the bills submitted for payment were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Town Administrator's Report

Mayor Alt asked Ms. Henson to present the Town Administrator's Report on behalf of Mr. George.

Inframark Operations and Maintenance of Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities Contract - 6th Amendment - Presented for Approval

Ms. Henson presented the Inframark Operations and Maintenance of Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities Contract - 6th Amendment, for approval. She noted that Inframark representatives Messrs. Jerry Shupe and Jason Taylor were in attendance.

Ms. Henson presented the following statement regarding the 6th amendment on behalf of Mr. George, a copy of which was placed in the record of the minutes:

"The Sixth Amendment to Inframark's Operations and Maintenance Contract is being presented to the Board for approval. This amendment provides for additional personnel and equipment to more effectively operate and maintain the Town's water and wastewater facilities, establishes the annual base compensation at \$2,294,352.00, and extends the contract expiration date to January 31, 2028.

This amendment is necessary due to the expansion of the Town's water and wastewater facilities associated with and in support of the Southfields development, which includes Well House # 4 and an additional sanitary sewer pump station that will serve this development.

I recommend that the Board approve the Sixth Amendment to Inframark's Operations and Maintenance Contract effective this date."

<u>ACTION</u>: The Inframark Operations and Maintenance of Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities Contract - 6th Amendment was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Elkton Alliance Requests for Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for Downtown Events

Ms. Henson presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the St. Patrick's Day event March 17-18, 2023.

<u>ACTION</u>: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the St. Patrick's Day event March 17-18, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Ms. Henson presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Comedy Roast event April 1, 2023.

<u>ACTION</u>: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Comedy Roast Event on April 1, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Ms. Henson presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for Elkton's Evening of Excellence Event on April 20, 2023.

<u>ACTION</u>: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for Elkton's Evening of Excellence Event on April 20, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Ms. Henson presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Cinco De Mayo Event on May 5, 2023.

<u>ACTION</u>: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Cinco de Mayo Event on May 5, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Broomell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Ms. Henson presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Red White & Brew Event on July 14, 2023.

<u>ACTION</u>: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Red White & Brew Event on July 14, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Ms. Henson presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Fall Fest Event on September 15-16, 2023.

<u>ACTION</u>: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Fall Fest Event on September 15-16, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Ms. Henson presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Elkton High School Alumni Event on October 6, 2023.

<u>ACTION</u>: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Elkton High School Alumni Event on October 6, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Ms. Henson presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Turkey Trot Event on November 22, 2023.

<u>ACTION</u>: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Turkey Trot Event on November 22, 2023 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Proposal - KCI Technologies Upgrade of Well #3 to address the need to implement a water treatment process to eliminate PFAS organics detected in the water

Messrs. Ryan Flickinger and Kevin Nyamumbo, representing KCI Technologies, introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Flickinger stated the purpose of their appearance was to discuss and present a proposal from KCI regarding the upgrade of Well #3 to address the need to implement a water treatment process to eliminate PFAS organics that had been detected in the water.

Mr. Flickinger stated that "PFAS" was an umbrella term that includes several man-made chemicals that were used in numerous products over several years. He stated the chemicals are no longer produced, however the materials remain in the environment, including water sources.

Mr. Flickinger stated a small concentration was identified in the Town's Well #3 during routine testing, resulting in the initiation of upgrades to the well and implementation of a water treatment process to eliminate the contaminant.

Mr. Flickinger stated testing and treating for PFAS is very new, adding that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not yet determined contamination limits.

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Mr. Flickinger stated that KCI will issue a report of its findings, which will include the cost of construction and the bidding process.

Mayor Alt stated the cost of the proposal is \$33,430. He queried Mr. Downs regarding the Town's participation in a class action suit as previously discussed with Mr. Jay Gullo, Esquire. Mr. Downs advised the Board to join the suit.

ACTION: The proposal from KCI Technologies to upgrade Well #3 in order to address the need to implement a water treatment process to eliminate PFAS organics detected in the water 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 advised the Board of his desire to amend the Town's Mission Statement for all of its employees. He stated each employee is an ambassador for the Town, adding that all staff should be encouraged to speak up and address any issue that could improve service to residents.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens, referring to the Town's planned extension of South Street, noted that many of the Deeds relating to with the properties associated with the project were unclear, and could impact the project moving forward.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner stated he received citizen concerns regarding foxes roaming in the area of East High Street. Mayor Alt reminded citizens to keep pet food in a secure location.

Commissioner Massimiano's Report

Commissioner Massimiano thanked Ms. Ann Marie Hamilton for volunteering as Roastee for the Annual Comedy Roast, scheduled for April 1st.

Commissioner Massimiano announced the Annual Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for April 22nd.

Public Comment

Ms. Diane Rau, referring to her previous request to de-annex her property from Town limits, questioned if she needed to provide additional information. Mayor Alt stated that Ms. Rau's property was annexed several years as part of a planned development which never materialized. He stated Ms. Rau and her neighbor, who also requested de-annexation, paid Real Property taxes for several years without receiving water and sewer services. He stated he supported the de-annexation, and asked the Board to waive fees associated with the application and advertising.

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It was the consensus of the Board to waive fees associated with requested de-annexation of properties located on the east side of Delancy Road.

Mayor Alt, referring to a parcel located on the east side of Whitehall Road, stated that the developer questioned the possibility of annexation. Noting the parcel's proximity to the Holly Hall neighborhood, Mayor Alt expressed his opinion that the property should not be annexed, as it would create an isolated parcel that paid in-Town rates for water and sewer service, while the remainder of the neighborhood paid out-of-Town rates.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Commissioner Givens adjourned the meeting at 12:40 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.