

# **The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton**

## **MINUTES**

January 11, 2023

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") conducted a hybrid virtual workshop meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons participated in person or via computer and/or telephone: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Director of Planning Jeanne D. Minner; Director of Building & Zoning Chip Bromwell; Director of Human Resources Andy Rodriguez; Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire.

Mayor Alt called the workshop meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### **Discussion - Judy Center**

Ms. Mandy Feeney, representing the Judy Center, introduced herself to the Board. She stated the purpose of her appearance was to provide an overview of the programs offered by the Judy Center Early Childhood Learning Program and to request the Board's assistance in locating a space for programs and staff.

Ms. Feeney provided a presentation regarding the Judy Center's programs, a copy of which was placed in the record of the minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding potential space at the Family Education Center and other Town-owned facilities.

### **Introduction**

Ms. Alicia Davis, representing Eternal Change Church, introduced herself to the Board. She stated the purpose of her appearance was to meet the Board and make her Church ministry known. She expressed her desire for increased involvement in the community.

### **Discussion - Inframark Proposed Rate Increase**

Messrs. Jerry Shupe, Jason Taylor and Michael Croen, representing Inframark, the Town's contracted Water Treatment Plan (WTP) and Wastewater Treatment Plan (WWTP) operator, introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Shupe stated the purpose of their appearance was to discuss a proposed rate increase for operations and maintenance at the Town's facilities.

Mr. Shupe stated the proposed increase established the annual base compensation at \$2,294,352.00, and extends the contract expiration date to January 31, 2028, adding that the

increases are in anticipation of extended operating hours and staffing at the facilities, based upon projected growth within the Town.

Mayor Alt queried the Board for a consensus regarding consideration of the proposed increase.

Commissioners Broomell and Piner expressed support for the proposal. Commissioner Broomell, referring to the anticipated increase in operating hours, questioned if the facilities could withstand increased hours. Mr. Shupe answered in the affirmative.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the proposed increase at a subsequent Board meeting.

### **Discussion**

Mr. George advised the Board that KCI Technologies will draft and present a proposal for testing and treatment of Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), particularly in Well #3. He stated the well will be replaced with a PFA treatment filter system.

Mr. George stated that Artesian Water uses the same process for treatment of its water supply.

### **Presentation - WILMAPCO Long Range Plan**

Mr. Dave Gula, representing the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), introduced himself to the Board. He stated the purpose of his appearance was to provide an overview of WILMAPCO's Long Range Plan (the Plan). Mr. Gula provided a Power Point presentation of the Plan, a copy of which was placed in the record of the minutes.

Mr. Gula stated the Plan included plans to create a Greenway from Florida to Maine, and enhancements to Maryland's commuter rail system.

### **Discussion - Charter Review Articles V VI**

Mayor Alt provided the Board with copies of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Charter Amendment Procedures for review. He asked the Board to review the guidelines for future amendments to the Town's Charter.

Mayor Alt asked the Board to review Charter Articles V and VI for future discussion.

Hearing no additional comments or questions, Mayor Alt adjourned the workshop meeting at 1:18 p.m.

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L. Michelle Henson  
Assistant Town Administrator

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE