**The Mayor and Commissioners**

**of the Town of Elkton**

May 29, 2020

In order to comply with Governor Larry Hogan's declaration of a State of Emergency as part of Maryland's response to COVID-19, and in order to limit public gatherings during this time, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") conducted a virtual meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons participated 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.; Planning Director Jeanne D. Minner; Zoning Administrator Charles A. Bromwell; Chief of Police Matthew J. Donnelly; Senior Administrative Specialist L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire.

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

 Mayor Alt polled the participating Board members to confirm a quorum.

 **Request from Elkton Alliance for Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition**

 **Request from Elkton Alliance for Authorization for Temporary Use of Parking Spaces along Main Street by Food Service Establishments**

 Mayor Alt stated the purpose of the meeting today is to discuss Phase I of Gov. Hogan's lowering of gathering restrictions currently in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

 Mayor Alt expressed support for creation of an area in which businesses can safely serve customers in the Downtown area. He asked Mr. George to present Resolution R5-2020, which provides for blocking of parking spaces and provides for a waiver of prohibition of public alcohol consumption in order for Downtown food service establishments to conduct business out-of-doors.

 Mr. George presented Resolution R5-2020 for the purpose of providing an alcohol waiver and the temporary use of parking spaces to accommodate outdoor dining for Foodservice Establishments.

 Mayor Alt questioned if a foodservice establishment can operate on Sunday. Mr. George stated Resolution R5-2020 does not provide the waiver of prohibition of public alcohol consumption on Sunday. He stated Resolution R5-2020 expires on June 27th but can be extended or amended by the Board.

 **ACTION:** Resolution R5-2020 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner.

 **Discussion**

 Discussion ensued regarding the parameters established by Resolution R5-2020.

 Commissioner Massimiano questioned if Resolution R5-2020 provided for outdoor service at the rear of the foodservice establishments. Mr. George responded in the negative, stating the areas to the rear of the establishments are private property. He stated Resolution R5-2020 pertains to Main Street.

 Mayor Alt expressed support for establishment of an annual outdoor service area on Main Street from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Commissioner Broomell concurred with Mayor Alt's suggestion.

 Mayor Alt queried the Board regarding inclusion of Sunday in the waiver of prohibition of public alcohol consumption. It was the consensus of the Board to include Sunday in the waiver of prohibition of public alcohol consumption.

 Commissioner Givens amended his motion to extend the waiver of prohibition of public alcohol consumption.

 **ACTION:** Resolution R5-2020, as amended, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

 Mayor Alt queried the Board and those joining the virtual meeting via computer and telephone for additional comments.

 Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the virtual meeting at 12:09 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson

Sr. Administrative Specialist

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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