

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

July 5, 2012

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their first regularly scheduled meeting in July on this date at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph L. Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr.; Charles E. Hicks, V; Mary Jo Jablonski and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire.

Mayor Fisona called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION: The minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski 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 Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2012-022

Mr. George presented Budget Amendment 2012-022 to recognize the expense incurred (\$12,795) to advertise annexation resolutions and the revenue received from annexation petitioners to cover the expense.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2012-022 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Severn Trent Environmental Services

Water / Wastewater Treatment Services Report – Months of May and June 2012

Mr. Ken Benner, Area Manager, presented the Water/Wastewater Treatment Services report for the months of May and June 2012. A copy of the report was placed in the record of the minutes.

Hurricane Grill & Wings

Presentation by Mr. Chris Polizzi for a proposed restaurant located at the Village at Elkton Shopping Center

Messrs. Chris Polizzi and Rob Carlozzi introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Polizzi stated his group was in the process of opening a Hurricane Grill & Wings

Restaurant at the Village of Elkton Shopping Center, and the purpose of their appearance was to request an amendment to the Town of Elkton Code, Section 9.04, to permit serving of alcoholic beverages in the proposed restaurant's planned outdoor seating area.

Mr. Polizzi stated he was working with the Planning & Zoning Offices regarding the proposed restaurant and outdoor seating. He stated the plan had been reviewed by the Town's engineer, KCI Technologies, and that he had received KCI's recommendations. He added the owner of the Village at Elkton Shopping Center supported the project.

Discussion ensued regarding the process to amend the Town of Elkton Code, Section 9.04. Commissioner Piner questioned if the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners would consider the Town Code prior to issuing a Liquor License. Mr. Wilson stated the Town Code's prohibition of outdoor alcohol consumption would not affect issuance of the license for the planned restaurant.

Commissioner Jablonski asked Mr. Trostle for his opinion regarding the planned restaurant. Mr. Trostle stated he had no issues with the planned restaurant, and suggested that the Board should specify "outdoor dining" in any amendment the Town Code, Section 9.04.

Mr. George stated he and Mr. Trostle would draft an Ordinance to amend the Town Code Section 9.04 for the Board's review.

Town Administrator's Report

Annexation A4-2012 – Belle Hill Manor LP – Presented for Introduction

Mr. George presented Annexation A4-2012 – Belle Hill Manor LP, for introduction. He said the proposed annexation consisted of 3 parcels totaling 10.978 acres, located on Belle Hill Road. He stated Stavrou Associates, the owner of the property, planned an 84-unit workforce housing development on the parcels. He read a synopsis of Annexation A4-2012, a copy of which was placed in the record of the minutes.

ACTION: Annexation A4-2012 – Belle Hill Manor, LP, was approved for introduction on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona stated the Town's July 4th Fireworks event was a great success.

Appointment – Elkton Housing Authority Board

Mayor Fisona stated the Elkton Housing Authority Board had a vacancy, the term of which expires January 31, 2014. He asked the Board to approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Olewine, Jr. to fill the vacancy.

ACTION: The request to appoint Mr. Robert Olewine, Jr. to the Elkton Housing Authority Board to fill a vacancy, the term of which expires January 31, 2014, was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner.

Discussion

Commissioner Jablonski, referring to Mr. Olewine's current membership on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), stated he was an asset to the BZA, and questioned if he had resigned from that board. Mayor Fisona answered in the negative. Mr. Wilson stated Mr. Olewine could serve on both boards without a conflict. Commissioner Jablonski expressed support for Mr. Olewine.

VOTE: Mayor Fisona, noting a motion and a second, requested a vote. The motion was approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona stated the Town contracted with Complus to collect outstanding parking ticket fines. He stated the company was working with the Town to mail letters regarding unpaid tickets, which resulted in over \$11,000 in collections so far in 2012.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski commended the Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and the Elkton Police Department regarding the July 4th fireworks event. She stated the event was great for local businesses, and she thanked those who contributed. Mayor Fisona concurred with Commissioner Jablonski's comments.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner echoed Commissioner Jablonski's comments regarding the fireworks display. He stated it was an excellent event from the Town staff to the Fireworks Extravaganza staff. Referring to fireworks displays held by other municipalities, he stated it was important to assure the Town was able to retain July 4th for its festivities, and recommended executing the 2013 contract as soon as possible.

Commissioner Piner commended the Police Department's Bicycle Patrol Officers for their response to an aggressive driver after the fireworks event.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens reiterated comments made by Commissioners Jablonski and Piner. He stated the Department of Public Works did a great job on making Meadow Park presentable for the event.

Commissioner Givens, referring to the increased need for yard waste and litter collection, requested clean up by Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Givens questioned the status of the proposed Community / Recreation Center. Mr. George stated he, Planning Director Jeanne Minner, Zoning Administrator Craig Trostle and Parks and Recreation Director Mary Magaw met with Todd Frey, P.E., of KCI Technologies to review the site plan. He stated KCI would provide a cost estimate for design of the planned facility. Mr. George stated he also contacted Mark Clark for preliminary architectural fees, and would provide the Board with the information when received.

Commissioner Hicks' Report

Commissioner Hicks stated the July 4th fireworks event was a family-friendly affair, and agreed with Commissioner Piner that the Town needed to ensure its hold on the date.

Motion to Adjourn

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ACTION: The request to adjourn the meeting was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

AN AUDIO AND 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.