

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

January 6, 2010

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their first regularly scheduled meeting in January on this date at 7:00 P.M. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr., and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Assistant Town Administrator Kim Kamp; Finance Director Steven Repole; Elkton Police Chief William E. Ryan; Human Resources Director Venus Kincaid; 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 December 16, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens 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 Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona, referring to the Charter of the Town of Elkton, § 2.04.010, stated that persons who wished to address the Board would be required to sign in prior to the meeting. Commissioner Givens expressed concerns that a citizen would not be permitted to address the Board if they were to arrive late. He stated he did not want to discourage public participation in the meetings.

University of Maryland Extension-Cecil County 4-H Grant Support Request

Ms. Victoria Stone, University of Maryland Extension, Program Assistant, Cecil County 4-H Youth and Development, introduced herself to the Board. She said the Cecil County 4-H applied for grant funding from the National 4-H Council for a project to engage youth in a decision making program in the Rudy Park and Windsor Village neighborhoods. She said the purpose of her appearance was to request a letter of support from the Board regarding the grant application.

Commissioner Storke commended the Cecil County 4-H Program.

ACTION: The University of Maryland Extension-Cecil County 4-H Grant Support Request was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Storke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Severn Trent Environmental Services

Water / Wastewater Treatment Services Report - Month of December 2009

Mr. Ken Benner, Area Manager, Severn Trent Environmental Services, presented the Water/Wastewater Treatment Services report for the month of December 2009. A copy of Mr. Benner's report was placed in the record of the minutes.

Mr. Benner reported that the Wastewater Treatment Facility was substantially complete with minor outstanding punchlist items. He stated the plant was operating efficiently, and presented a spreadsheet that outlined the cost savings to date.

Commissioner Storke questioned the status of the punchlist items. Mr. Benner stated the outstanding items were minor and that the plant would be ready for the dedication in April.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. George presented Ordinance 9-2009, Community Piers, for adoption. He stated Ordinance 9-2009 was introduced at the December 16, 2009 meeting.

Mr. George said Ordinance 9-2009, Community Piers, provided for community piers, with conditions, in the RP (Resource Protection) Zone.

ACTION: Ordinance 9-2009, Community Piers, was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Kamp requested the Board's approval of a transfer of historic documents to the Cecil County Historical Society. She said the documents included items such as Tax Assessment logs, Ordinance books, Police Journals and various bills and correspondence.

ACTION: The request to transfer historic documents to the Cecil County Historical Society was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona questioned the status of the West Main Street Project. Mr. George stated he would follow up with the State Highway Administration for a status of the project.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski questioned if Mr. Repole had obtained information regarding services offered by area banks. Mr. Repole answered he contacted local banks and received responses from 2, adding that he was meeting with representatives from a third area bank on January 7th.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner expressed concern regarding the number of shopping carts left about in town, and stated businesses needed to secure their property.

Commissioner Piner, referring to an email message from a citizen who stated he was struck by a car on the Delaware Avenue bridge, questioned if the State Highway Administration planned to construct a walkway. Mr. George stated he notified the State Highway District Engineer of the citizen's comments. Commissioner Piner stated a sign should be installed warning motorists of pedestrians on the bridge.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens stated a citizen was issued a citation for parking against traffic, and he questioned if the positioning of a vehicle when parked was called out in state law. Chief Ryan answered that the law required a vehicle to be parked with its right side to the curb unless angled parking was permitted. Chief Ryan added that citizens requested increased patrols in the area in which the citizen was ticketed, and that parking enforcement was part of the increased patrol.

Commissioner Storke's Report

Commissioner Storke requested a Closed Meeting to discuss Personnel.

Public Comment

Ms. Mary Beth Cole commended the Board for posting their meetings on the Town's Website.

Ms. Cole asked to clarify a statement made by Mr. Wes Walker during Public Comment at the December 16, 2009 meeting. She stated Mr. Walker said he represented businesses on Main Street, and asked that the record show he did not represent her family's business.

Ms. Cole expressed support for the "On Our Own" Program operated on East Main Street.

Ms. Cole expressed support for requiring speakers to sign in prior to addressing the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the Board's meeting protocol.

Mr. Corey Wims expressed support for posting videos of meetings of the Mayor and Commissioners on the Town's Website.

Mr. James Crouse suggested that the Board, when discussing an issue, defer voting on the issue until the following meeting to provide opportunity for public comment.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees or officials over whom the Town has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; Commissioner Storke made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and was approved by all present.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

AN AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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