

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

January 20, 2010

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their second regularly scheduled meeting in January on this date at 7:00 P.M. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr. and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Assistant Town Administrator Kim Kamp; Elkton Police Department Chief William Ryan; Finance Director Steven Repole; Planning Director Jeanne Minner; Human Resources Director Venus Kincaid; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire. Commissioner Charles H. Givens, Sr. was excused from the meeting.

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

Notice of 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; a Closed Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:37 p.m., in the Mayor and Commissioners Conference Room at 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland. The following persons were in attendance: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr., and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven Repole; Human Resources Director Venus Kincaid; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esq.

ACTION: The minutes of the January 6, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner 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 Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2010-009

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2010-009 to recognize a Community Grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation to support the annual Firefighter's Challenge event.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2010-009 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona asked for the presentation of the Belle Hill, LLC Annexation Petition in the interim prior to the Public Hearing.

Annexation Petition - Belle Hill, LLC

Mr. Dwight Thomey, Esq., representing Belle Hill, LLC, introduced Messrs. Tom Hanna and William Lauer of Belle Hill, LLC, owners of 27.807 acres located at 189 Belle Hill Road, Tax Map 303, Parcel 257.

Mr. Thomey stated the parcel was zoned for commercial use. He said there was an existing 30,000 square foot building which was previously used as a truck sales facility.

Mayor Fisona questioned the planned use of the property. Mr. Thomey stated the property would be used for commercial purposes, such as warehousing, or possible office or research type businesses.

Mr. Thomey stated the site was served by a well which would be turned over to the Town if the property was annexed.

Commissioner Storke questioned if the Town could accommodate the site's water and sewer needs. Mr. George stated the petitioner would be required to perform an analysis on the property to determine its water and sewer needs.

Commissioner Storke, referring to the Annexation Policy of October 6, 2004 and subsequent Annexation Policy of May 17, 2006, expressed concerns that the Town did not have the water and sewer capacity to accommodate annexation.

Commissioner Jablonski, referring to the Comprehensive Plan, stated the plan contained a chart that illustrated demand and capacity of the Town's water system.

ACTION: The Annexation Petition of Belle Hill, LLC to consider annexation of 27.807 acres located at 189 Belle Hill Road, Tax Map 303, Parcel 257, was approved for acceptance by the Board on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner. Commissioner Storke opposed the motion. The record of the vote is as follows:

Mayor Fisona: Aye

Commissioner Jablonski: Motion

Commissioner Piner: Aye

Commissioner Storke: Nay

Public Hearing - Comprehensive Plan Presented for Adoption

Ms. Jeanne Minner, Director of Planning

Mayor Fisona declared the Public Hearing open at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Michael Bayer, representing Environmental Resource Management (“ERM”), was introduced to the Board. He stated he provided consulting services to the Town regarding the Town of Elkton 2010 Comprehensive Plan (the “Plan”). He expressed appreciation to the Town’s various departments and the Planning Commission for their hard work and diligence in preparing the document.

Mr. Bayer stated the Town’s Plan was one of four in Maryland that addressed all of the State’s water resource requirements. He said the Plan proactively addressed anticipated growth and related issues such as transportation. A copy of the Plan was placed in the record of the minutes.

Ms. Minner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Plan on January 11, 2010, and recommended approval of the Plan at the January 18, 2010 meeting.

Mayor Fisona queried the audience for comments regarding the Plan. Hearing no comments from the audience, Mayor Fisona declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Fisona queried the Board for comments regarding the Plan.

Commissioner Jablonski expressed appreciation to Ms. Minner and her staff and the Planning Commission for their work on the Plan.

Mayor Fisona echoed Commissioner Jablonski’s comments.

Mr. George presented Resolution R1-2010, Town of Elkton 2010 Comprehensive Plan, for approval. He read Resolution R1-2010 into the record of the minutes. A copy of Resolution R1-2010 was placed in the record of the minutes.

ACTION: Resolution R1-2010, Town of Elkton 2010 Comprehensive Plan, was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Commissioner Jablonski’s Report

Commissioner Jablonski expressed concerns regarding Emergency Medical Services response time to a medical emergency on Main Street. She queried Chief Ryan if numerous cell phone calls to the dispatch center affected response time. Chief Ryan answered in the negative.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner commended Cecil County for addressing a property on Route 40 on which a flea market was operated.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:50 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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