

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

April 21, 2010

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their second regularly scheduled meeting in April on this date at 7:00 P.M. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens; Mary Jo Jablonski and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Assistant Town Administrator Kim Kamp; Elkton Police Department Chief William Ryan; Finance Director Steven Repole; Department of 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.

Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (7) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; a Closed Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7:20 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; Chief of Police William Ryan; Human Resources Director Venus Kincaid; Assistant Town Administrator Kim Kamp; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorneys H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esq. and Kevin McCormick, Esq.

Notice of Commissioner Resignation

Mayor Fisona announced that Commissioner C. Gary Storke resigned his seat in order to file his candidacy for the office of Mayor. He read Mr. Storke's letter of resignation into the record of the minutes.

ACTION: The resignation of Commissioner C. Gary Storke was accepted on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

ACTION: The minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. 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 Piner and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2010-017

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2010-017 to recognize a \$2,000 Community Grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation to support Elkton Police Department Training and Education, and Operating Supplies Expenses.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2010-017 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2010-018

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2010-018 to transfer \$1,500 from the Parks & Recreation General Repairs and Maintenance Account into the Skate Park Expenses Account.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2010-018 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Proclamation – Silver Star Family Banner

Mayor Fisona stated the Silver Star Families organization provided flags and banners for presentation to families of ill and wounded service personnel. He presented a Proclamation declaring May 1, 2010 as Silver Star Banner Day in Elkton. A copy of the Silver Star Banner Day Proclamation was placed in the record of the minutes.

ACTION: The Proclamation declaring May 1, 2010 as Silver Star Banner Day 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 presented Resolution R2-1010 to adopt the Town of Elkton's Hazard Mitigation Plan 2009 Update and the Cecil County Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Ms. Kamp read Resolution R2-2010 into the record of the minutes.

ACTION: Resolution R2-2010 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona asked for approval of the appointment of Ms. Jill Vamos to the Elkton Board of Supervisors of Elections for the term March 1, 2010 – February 29, 2012. He stated the appointment was to replace Ms. Martha Grice, who recently resigned from the Board.

ACTION: The request to appoint Ms. Jill Vamos to the Elkton Board of Supervisors of Elections for the term March 1, 2010 – February 29, 2012 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Public Comment

Mr. Ronald Rae expressed concerns regarding ongoing water pipe repairs at Park Towne Drive. He stated the pipe was repaired numerous times over the past five years.

Mr. Rae, referring to the Financial Report, questioned a payment to Winner Porsche Audi. Mr. Repole stated the vendor was a Ford Dealership but retained its former name on billing documents.

Mr. Mike Dixon commended the Board's decision to stream meetings on You Tube and provide updates via Twitter, and asked if videos of Workshop meetings could be placed on the Internet as well.

Mr. Dixon asked the Board to publish discussion topics on the posted Workshop agendas.

Mr. Dixon asked the Board to reconsider its decision to limit public comment to those who signed in prior to a meeting. Mr. Dixon commended Commissioner Givens for his opinion that citizens should be permitted to speak without signing in prior to a meeting.

Mr. Dixon asked the Board to provide additional information regarding topics for discussion when calling for a Closed Meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the information form used by the Board when calling for a Closed Meeting. Mr. George stated the form used by the Board when calling for a Closed Meeting was derived from the Closed Meeting Manual issued by the State of Maryland Attorney General.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

Pursuant to State Article § 10-508 (a) (9) conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; a Closed Meeting was requested on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. 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 7:20 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.