

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

January 16, 2008

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 L. Fisona, Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr., Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr., and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Chief of Police William E. Ryan; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esq.

Mayor Fisona called the meeting to order, and then 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 at 7:12 P.M. on Wednesday January 2, 2008 in the Mayor and Commissioners Conference Room at 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr., Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr. and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esq.

ACTION: The minutes of the January 2, 2008 Mayor and Commissioners 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 bills submitted for payment were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

MARC Train Station Update

Ms. Diane Ratcliff, Director, Office of Planning, Maryland Transportation Administration, introduced herself to the Board. She provided a Power Point Presentation of the proposed Elkton MARC Service, including anticipated costs and funding sources. A copy of the presentation was placed in the record of the minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding funding and anticipated growth in the area's population due to the influx of transferred workers from the Monmouth, New Jersey Army Facility.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona congratulated Mr. Jeff Tuer, Director of Administrative Services, Elkton Police Department, for receipt of a CPR training grant from the Local Government Insurance Trust.

Mayor Fisona stated that there was a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and a vacancy on the Board of Housing Appeals. He asked the Board to entertain the appointment of Ms. Cheryl Gee to the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals, to fill the vacancy, the term of which expires January 31, 2009. He also requested the appointment of Mr. Andrew Gee to the Board of Housing Appeals, to fill the vacancy, the term of which expires January 31, 2010.

ACTION: The request to appoint Ms. Cheryl Gee to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Mr. Andrew Gee to the Board of Housing Appeals was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski requested that Mr. George inquire about renovations to the AMTRAK station.

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Litzenberg stated that the Town was receiving unwarranted negative publicity regarding a proposed homeless advocacy facility. He said that letter-writers to the *Cecil Whig* were reacting to negative news stories, and unaware of the processes involved with opening a facility of this type. He suggested that the Board place a news release in the *Cecil Whig* to clarify that the Board of Zoning Appeals followed the process required by the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and was not trying to stall the progress of the application. Mr. Wilson stated that the advocacy group had filed an appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals decision in District Court; therefore, since the issue was in litigation, it should not be discussed in the paper.

Mr. Kevin Racine expressed support for a train station in Elkton, and stated that he would work with the Town to help it succeed.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

Pursuant to State 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 Jablonski made a motion for a closed meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona announced that the Public Meeting would not reconvene.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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.townofelkton.org. The minutes, in hard copy format, are retained indefinitely by the Town of Elkton, Administration Office, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921. The Maryland Public Information Act provides that the minutes of public meetings be made available to the public upon request. Please contact the Town of Elkton by telephone at (410) 398-0970, by facsimile at (410) 392-6633, or by email at elkadsec@iximd.com to request a copy of these minutes.