

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

February 20, 2008

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their second regularly scheduled meeting in February 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 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; and (7) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; a Closed Meeting was held at 8:27 P.M. on Wednesday February 6, 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 February 6, 2008 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 Piner and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment # 2008-013

Mr. George presented Budget Amendment # 2008-013 to amend the FY 08 Budget to include seized funds forfeited to the Town of Elkton and to allocate the funds for the purpose of Undercover Police Operations.

ACTION: Budget Amendment # 2008-013 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storke and approved by all present.

State Highway Administration Update

Messrs. Richard Lindsay, Larry Gredlein, Terry Wright and Mike Lewis, representing the Maryland State Highway Administration (“SHA”) were introduced to the Board.

Mr. Lewis stated that SHA was experimenting with a new cost-saving process for roadway salting operations. He stated that a 24% brine solution was applied to road surfaces prior to winter storm events, instead of granular salt. He said the solution evaporated quickly, allowing the residual salt to adhere to the road surface, as opposed to granular salt, which, upon application, was typically pulverized by passing vehicles, then blown from the road surface. He said preliminary results were promising.

Mr. Lindsay stated that the Streetscape project, which involved resurfacing of West Main Street (MD 7) from Jeffers Street to Bridge Street, was funded for construction, adding that the project would take approximately 1 ½ years to complete.

Mr. Lindsay reported that the Delaware Avenue (MD 7D) project, which proposed to raise the road surface south of the bridge in order to alleviate flooding and resultant closure of Delaware Avenue during storm events, was proceeding through the design phase. He said the cost of the project was approximately \$700,000.00, adding if funding was secured, SHA could commence the project in 2008.

Mr. Gredlein stated that SHA would conduct a traffic study at the intersection of Landing Lane and West Main Street, to determine if the existing traffic signal was warranted. He stated that the study would be conducted as part of the Streetscape project. He said if the signal were not warranted, it would be replaced with a four-way stop designation, which would be result in lower maintenance costs to the Town.

Commissioner Storke questioned the status of improvements to the intersection at Routes 213 and 40. Mr. Lindsay stated that SHA investigated acquisition of the former Exxon property for intersection improvements, as well as reconfiguration of traffic flow at the McDonald’s restaurant, but no funding was available for the project.

Mayor Fisona questioned the status of improvements to the intersection at Routes 213 and 279. Mr. Lindsay stated that right turns on red were prohibited at the intersection. Mr. Gredlein added that a pedestrian count would be taken in spring to determine if additional measures were warranted at the intersection.

Commissioner Jablonski questioned the status of the Delaware Avenue bridge project. She stated her concerns that elevation of the roadway would direct floodwaters to areas not previously affected. Mr. Lindsay stated that elevation of the roadway would provide a direct avenue for floodwater to flow into the creek, and would not impact other areas.

Mayor Fisona questioned the status of signalization upgrades at Railroad Avenue and North Street. Mr. Gredlein stated that SHA was working with the Town's engineer, KCI Technologies, Inc., regarding the final design.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens commented on accumulating litter on Town streets and stated that citizens needed to utilize trash receptacles.

Public Comment

Ms. Kathy Wareham questioned the status of parking enforcement on North Street in the vicinity of her coffee shop. Mayor Fisona stated that the Board discussed the issue at a workshop meeting and were weighing the options, which included replacing parking meters downtown.

Mr. Robert Litzenberg questioned Mayor Fisona's statement regarding replacement of parking meters downtown. Commissioner Jablonski stated that the Board had not decided to replace the meters, but had merely discussed the option.

Mr. David Wiseman expressed concern with requests by Union Hospital for waivers from parking space requirements with regard to hospital projects. He stated that the hospital should be more cooperative with the Town regarding parking spaces.

Commissioner Givens suggested that the Board meet with Dr. Ken Lewis, Union Hospital CEO, and Mr. David Gipson, Vice President of Facilities to discuss hospital employee parking.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

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Mayor Fisona announced that the meeting would not reconvene.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

L. Michelle Henson,
Administration Office Secretary

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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