

# The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

## MINUTES

March 5, 2008

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their first regularly scheduled meeting in March on this date at 7:00 P.M. 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.; Elkton Police Chief William Ryan; Human Resources Director Venus Kincaid; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esq.

Mayor Fisona called the meeting to order, and 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; a Closed Meeting was held at 7:56 P.M. on Wednesday February 20, 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 20, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Storke. 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 Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

### **KCI Technologies, Inc. Engineering Services Report – February, 2008**

Ms. Sabine Watson, P.E. appeared on behalf of KCI Technologies, Inc.

Ms. Watson, referring to the report previously submitted to the Board, presented the February, 2008 Municipal Engineering Summary, updating the Board on KCI's review of subdivision/land development plans and other engineering activities which occurred during the month. A copy of the report was placed in the record of the minutes.

**Mayor Fisona's Report**  
**Appointments – Board of Supervisors of Elections**

Mayor Fisona stated that all members, with the exception of Ms. Elsie Witwer, expressed interest in re-appointment to the Board of Supervisors of Elections. Commissioner Givens questioned the status of Ms. Witwer's open seat. Mayor Fisona stated that the present membership met the Town Charter's requirements for the minimum of five members, therefore it was not necessary to fill Ms. Witwer's seat. He asked the Board to entertain a motion to re-appoint the following persons to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for the term March 1, 2008 – March 31, 2010:

Ms. M. Faye Comegys

Ms. Martha Grice

Mr. Robert MacDonald

Mr. Brian McCandless

Ms. Paula Newton

Ms. Joyce Potter

**ACTION:** The request to re-appoint the above-referenced persons to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for the term March 1, 2008 – March 31, 2010 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

**Appointment – Elkton Housing Authority Board**

Mayor Fisona stated that Mr. Ronald Fetterolf expressed interest in re-appointment to the Elkton Housing Authority Board. He asked the Board to entertain a motion to re-appoint Mr. Fetterolf to the Elkton Housing Authority Board for the term March 1, 2008 – February 1, 2013.

**ACTION:** The request to re-appoint Mr. Ronald Fetterolf to the Elkton Housing Authority Board for the term March 1, 2008 – March 31, 2010 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

**Appointments – Elkton Planning Commission**

Mayor Fisona stated that Ms. Asma Manejwala and Mr. H. Fred Thomas, II expressed interest in filling two open seats on the Elkton Planning Commission. He asked the Board to entertain a motion to appoint the individuals to the Elkton Planning Commission for the term March 1, 2008 – February 28, 2013.

**ACTION:** The request to appoint Ms. Asma Manejwala and Mr. H. Fred Thomas, II to the Elkton Planning Commission for term March 1, 2008 – February 28, 2013 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. Commissioner Jablonski seconded the motion. Commissioner Storke opposed the motion. The record of the vote is as follows:

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Mayor Fisona: Aye

Commissioner Givens: Aye

Commissioner Jablonski: Second

Commissioner Piner: Motion

Commissioner Storke: Nay

Commissioner Storke requested the record of the minutes reflect that he was not opposed to the individual appointees, stating that he appreciated citizens who wanted to serve on Town Boards and Committees. He said he opposed to the timing of the replacement of long-serving members of the commission, as the Town was preparing to update the Comprehensive Plan, which required experience on the part of the Planning Commission members. He stated he was not in favor of changing the membership of the Board during the Comprehensive Plan review.

**Commissioner Storke's Report**

Commissioner Storke requested leaf pick up in Elkton Heights.

**Commissioner Givens' Report**

Commissioner Givens questioned the status of recruitment. Ms. Kincaid stated that interviews were conducted for Finance Director candidates. She said resumes were received for the Assistant Town Administrator position, and that she re-advertised the Human Resource Assistant position.

**Commissioner Jablonski's Report**

Commissioner Jablonski congratulated Mr. Jimmy Nicholson regarding an article about the North Street Hotel in Cecil Soil Magazine.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Kathy Wareham, owner of Judy's Java, questioned the status of parking enforcement on North Street.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement options. Commissioner Jablonski questioned if an Ordinance that limited parking to 2 hours on North Street was appropriate. Commissioner Givens concurred with Commissioner Jablonski. Commissioners Piner and Storke expressed concerns regarding establishment of limited parking on North Street.

Commissioner Jablonski stated that Main Street business owners did not complain when the Town enforced the 2-hour parking limit on Main Street.

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Mayor Fisona requested that Mr. George draft an Ordinance establishing 2-hour parking on North Street, for introduction at the Mayor and Commissioners March 19, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Robert Schick questioned the status of road maintenance at the Southfields neighborhood. He stated Buttonwoods Road was not plowed or salted in winter. He stated that street light maintenance was also an issue.

Mr. Wilson said the roads were not Town property, and that he was attempting to locate former officers of the defunct Homeowners Association in order to initiate transfer of the roads to the Town. He said once the roads were deeded to the Town, routine maintenance, including plowing, would ensue.

Mr. Schick expressed concerns regarding the proposed subdivision on the Southside, LLC property located near Frenchtown Road. He stated adjacent wells would be negatively impacted by the amount of homes. He stated that schools would also be impacted, as well as the federally protected bog turtles in the area.

Mr. Jeff Miller concurred with Mr. Schick's comments and reiterated the request for Town maintenance of the roads and open space. He stated that the neighborhood did not have recreational facilities, resulting in children playing in the streets.

Mr. Jun Ouano agreed with his neighbors' comments, and requested mowing of open space.

Mayor Fisona suggested that the residents band together to re-establish their Homeowners Association.

Mr. David Duchesne echoed the request for road maintenance. He expressed concern regarding drainage swales in need of maintenance.

Mr. James Crouse stated that the residents of Southfields needed to re-establish the Homeowners' Association.

**Motion for a Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (9), conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations, 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.

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L. Michelle Henson,  
Administration Office Secretary

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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