

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

April 16, 2008

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, Sr., Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr., and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Director of Planning Ms. Jeanne D. Minner; Elkton Police Chief William Ryan; Human Resources Director Venus Kincaid; Administrative Clerk Kathy Saienni; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esq.

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

ACTION: The minutes of the April 2, 2008 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 Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment # 2008-015

Mr. George presented Budget Amendment # 2008-015 to record revenue received for participation in Police Training provided by the Town of Elkton and allocating the revenue to expenses associated with such training.

ACTION: Budget Amendment # 2008-015 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona requested Mr. George present his report in the interim prior to the start of the 7:05 p.m. Public Hearing.

Town Administrator's Report Ordinance 1-2008 Presented for Adoption

Mr. Lewis H. George, Jr. presented Ordinance 1-2008 for adoption, stating the ordinance was approved for introduction at the April 2, 2008 Mayor and Commissioners meeting. He said the purpose of Ordinance 1-2008 was to raise sewer rates for in- and out-of-town users by 8%. He said the increase in rates was based on analysis provided by Municipal and Financial Services, which recommended the incremental increases to

properly fund the upgrade, operation and maintenance of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

ACTION: Ordinance 1-2008 was approved for adoption on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storke. Commissioner Piner opposed the motion. The record of the vote is as follows:

Mayor Fisona: Aye

Commissioner Givens: Motion

Commissioner Jablonski: Aye

Commissioner Piner: Nay

Commissioner Storke: Second

Mr. Lewis H. George, Jr. presented the Severn Trent Water/Wastewater Treatment Facilities Operation & Maintenance contract extension for the period of July 1 through September 30, 2008.

ACTION: The Severn Trent Water/Wastewater Treatment Facilities Operation & Maintenance contract extension was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Public Hearing-Ordinance 7-2008 Presented for Introduction

Mayor Fisona declared the public hearing open at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Jeanne D. Minner presented for introduction Ordinance, 7-2008, amending the Elkton Subdivision Regulations, Article X, Section 8.2 Permissible Use Table, Use Description 1.423 permitting with special exception and conditions a day care consisting of greater than 30 children in the Business Industrial (BI) zone.

Mayor Fisona queried the audience for comment, hearing none, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

ACTION: The introduction was accepted on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

KCI Technologies, Inc. Warner Road / Meadows Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Contract Management & Inspection Proposal

Mr. Lewis H. George, Jr. presented the Contract Management & Inspection Warner Road/Meadows Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Proposal from KCI Technologies, Inc. for approval.

Mayor Fisona questioned the start date and completion timeframe. Ryan Flickenger, engineer for KCI, stated the expected start date is September 2008 and projected completion date is May 2009.

ACTION: The Contract Management & Inspection Warner Road/Meadows Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Proposal was accepted on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Walkable Community Update

Ms. Jeanne D. Minner stated the Walkable Community event was a success. The information gathered will assist Elkton in becoming a friendlier and safer walking area. Commissioner Givens stated benchmarking with other areas is needed. Commissioner Mary Jo Jablonski stated the group created from the Walkable Community event will be working to enhance the neighborhood. Areas for improvement include walking and bicycling for a safe workable community. She also stated that Governor O'Malley would institute 'Maryland is the Walking State' in May 2008.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona questioned the safety at Route 40 and Delancy Road, suggested a crosswalk for pedestrian safety. Lewis H. George, Jr. stated he would contact the State Highway Administration (SHA) for information regarding a pedestrian study for the site. The Mayor also stated a sidewalk on Delancy Road is needed.

Mayor Fisona questioned the status of the census for the 2010 decennial. Ms. Jeanne D. Minner stated she would provide maps and addresses for the census.

Mayor Fisona questioned the availability of a portable cardiac defibrillator for the Town. Commissioner Givens queried if Public Works is equipped with the portable cardiac defibrillator. Venus Kincaid stated she would verify the certification process for operation of the portable cardiac defibrillator.

Mayor Fisona stated he spoke with John Denver of Delmarva Power and Light regarding upgrade of street lamps. He said the new lamps will save on electricity costs.

Commissioner Storke's Report

Commissioner Storke requested enforcement of skateboard laws.

Commissioner Storke thanked Mr. George for the new roof at the skate park. Lewis H. George, Jr. stated the credit was due Ms. Mary Magaw, Director of Parks and Recreation, for a 'great looking' skate park.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens questioned the amount of employment vacancies for the Town of Elkton. Miss Kincaid gave a brief synopsis of recruitment.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski thanked Ms. Jeanne D. Minner and WILMAPCO for the Walkable Community meeting. She reiterated the positive comments regarding the skate park.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner stated he has received complaints regarding boom boxes and excessive noise. Chief William Ryan acknowledged. Commissioner Piner requested enforcement of traffic laws regarding bicyclists.

Mayor Fisona presented a plaque to Elkton Police Chief William Ryan from the Elkton Little League in appreciation for the Elkton Police Department's support and dedication to the league.

Public Comment

Mr. Edgar Rhoades stated the need for handicapped assessable sidewalks/ramps for Hollingsworth Manor. He stated a great need in the area due to the number of disabled residents. He also stated there a many damaged sidewalks. Discussion ensued regarding sidewalk rehabilitation. Ms. Jeanne D. Minner stated she will investigate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for sidewalk rehabilitation.

Ms. Rebecca McKinney stated the need for the Elkton Police Department to patrol in the Hollingsworth Manor more frequently.

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 and approved by all present.

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 7:35 P.M.

Kathy Saienni,
Administrative Clerk

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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