

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

March 2, 2022

As part of The Town of Elkton's response to COVID-19, and in order to limit public gatherings during this time, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") conducted a hybrid virtual meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons participated in this meeting: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole, CPA; Chief of Police Carolyn Rogers; Director of Planning Jeanne D. Minner; Planning Assistant Nick Cannistraci; Director of Zoning Charles A. Bromwell; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, P.E.; Director of Human Resources Andy Rodriguez; Human Resources Specialist Renee McCormick; Director of Parks & Recreation Mary C. Magaw; Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire.

Mayor Alt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION: The minutes of the February 16, 2022 hybrid virtual meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner 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 Broomell and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2022-02

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2022-02 to budget American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Standard Allowance Funds and a Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to Sub-recipient William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2022-02 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2022-03

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2022-03 to budget ARPA Standard Allowance funds in the amount of \$454,852 for the purpose of purchasing 8 Police vehicles.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2022-03 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Proclamation P2-2022 Miss Sytieia Brown, State of Maryland 2A Shot Put Champion

Mayor Alt presented Proclamation P2-2022 to Miss Sytieia Brown, State of Maryland 2A Shot Put Champion. A copy of Proclamation P2-2022 was read and placed in the record of the minutes.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. George presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for St. Patrick's Day Events on March 11, 12, 13 & 17, 2022 and associated closure of Main Street from North Street to Grooms Lane.

ACTION: The request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for St. Patrick's Day Events on March 11, 12, 13 & 17, 2022 and associated closure of Main Street from North Street to Grooms Lane was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Mr. George presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for the closure of Main and Howard Streets between Bow and South Streets for the Annual Little League Parade on April 8, 2022.

ACTION: The request from the Elkton Alliance for the closure of Main and Howard Streets between Bow and South Streets for the Annual Little League Parade on April 8, 2022 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Discussion ensued regarding downtown locations for placement of equipment in order to broadcast music during downtown events.

Mr. George offered congratulations to Planning Director Jeanne D. Minner for 30 years of service to Elkton.

Mr. George stated he, Ms. Minner and Mr. Handley attended a discussion regarding Federal earmarks with representatives of Senator Ben Cardin's office. He stated Ms. Minner provided several projects that could potentially qualify to receive Federal earmark funds.

Mayor Alt's Report

Appointments to Historic District Commission

Mayor Alt requested the Board's approval to appoint Mr. Mickey K. Thompson to the Historic District Committee for the term March 2, 2022 - February 28, 2025.

ACTION: The request to appoint Mr. Mickey K. Thompson to the Historic District Committee for the term March 2, 2022 - February 28, 2025 was approved on a motion made by

Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt requested the Board's approval to appoint Ms. Christine A. Brimm Hurschman to the Historic District Committee for the term March 2, 2022 - February 28, 2025.

ACTION: The request to appoint Ms. Christine A. Brimm Hurschman to the Historic District Committee for the term March 2, 2022 - February 28, 2025 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt, referring to the Board's previous discussions regarding the annual July 4th Fireworks event, requested a consensus of the Board to approve the location of the display.

Discussion ensued regarding the pre-2021 location of McKinney Park vs. Meadow Park in 2021.

Mayor Alt stated the Eder Park Association opened its concession stand at the ballfield during the 2021 event, adding that it was a success. He stated the Association plans to do the same in 2022 if the display is shot from Meadow Park.

Chief Rogers stated closing Meadow Park for the shooting location worked well, adding that the historic bottle neck of traffic did not occur.

Mayor Alt noted recent relaxation of masking requirements from the State and Federal governments, and asked that the Town make the wearing of masks by visitors to Town Hall and staff optional.

Commissioner Massimiano's Report

Commissioner Massimiano stated the recent Celebrity Roast of Mr. Roger Owens was a success, and thanked all who participated.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner stated the Neighborhood Community Center is thriving. He expressed his desire for donation of computers in order to teach IT programs to young adults.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens expressed support for initiation of computer programs at the NCC.

Commissioner Givens, referring to recent spikes in fuel costs, questioned the financial impact on the Town. Mr. Handley stated the Town had not yet received any notice of increase from its supplier.

Commissioner Givens thanked all who assisted with and attended the ceremonial Deed transfer at 205 Booth Street.

Commissioner Broomell's Report

Commissioner Broomell commended Ms. Cheyne Hudson for her work in compiling the recent Resident Guide.

Public Comment

Mr. Dwight Hair questioned the status of property located at 213 East High Street. Mr. Downs stated the Town is acquiring the property via Cecil County tax sale, adding that the building will be demolished in order to sell the lot for construction of a single family dwelling.

Motion for Closed Meeting

ACTION: Pursuant to State Government Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; Commissioner Broomell made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt stated the Public Meeting will not reconvene.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Assistant Town Administrator

A 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.