

**The Mayor and Commissioners
of the Town of Elkton**

August 4, 2021

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 Public Works J. Daniel Handley, P.E.; Director of Planning Jeanne D. Minner; Senior Administrative Specialist 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 July 21, 2021 hybrid virtual meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell 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 Massimiano and approved by all present.

Elkton Alliance

Request to Create Mural at Property Owned by the Town of Elkton at 219 North Street

Elkton Alliance representatives Ms. Jessica Price, Executive Director, and Ms. Margie Blystone, Arts & Entertainment Chair, introduced themselves to the Board. Ms. Price stated the purpose of their appearance is to request the Board's approval to place a mural honoring Mr. Bernard Purdie, an Elkton native who is an internationally recognized drummer. Ms. Blystone introduced Mr. Bruce Gulick who plans to create the mural.

Discussion ensued regarding the Board's plans for the building at 219 North Street. Mayor Alt stated the building may be sold or demolished in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding creation and preservation of the mural and potential alternate locations, including the Elkton Farmers Market and property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Bridge and Howard Streets.

Mayor Alt queried the Board for a consensus regarding creation of the mural if an appropriate location is identified. It was the consensus of the Board to support creation of the mural if an appropriate location is identified.

Town Administrator's Report

Elkton Alliance Alcohol Waiver

Mr. George, referring to the Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition, issued to the Elkton Alliance for Fall Fest activities during September 17-18, 2021, stated Ms. Price requested an amendment to the waiver to extend the road closure from Courthouse Plaza to Grooms Lane. He stated Ms. Price obtained permission from Cecil County Administration to include the area in the waiver.

ACTION: The request to amend the Fall Fest Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition to extend the road closure from Courthouse Plaza to Grooms Lane was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Commissioner Piner questioned if additional Downtown Car Shows are scheduled for the remainder of the year. Ms. Price stated the Alliance scheduled a limited number of car show events in 2021 in response to difficulties obtaining trophies and related materials during the pandemic. She stated the Alliance hopes for a full agenda of events in the future.

Commissioner Massimiano questioned if the Music on Main program will be extended. Ms. Price stated the schedule is weather-dependent.

Commissioner Broomell, referring to previous discussions regarding a sound system for the Downtown area, questioned the status of the equipment. Ms. Price stated the current system is difficult to maneuver, and added that Ms. Blystone has applied for grant funding to obtain a permanent system. Commissioner Broomell questioned if the planned system will provide uniform sound from Bow Street to Courthouse Plaza. Ms. Price answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Givens questioned the number of volunteers associated with Fall Fest. Ms. Price stated approximately 30-40 volunteers assist with Fall Fest.

Commissioner Piner stated W.L. Gore associates provide volunteer community service hours. He asked Ms. Price to provide a written request for volunteers for Fall Fest, which he will forward to W.L. Gore.

Mr. George advised the Board that a large amount of commercial projects are underway in the Southfields and Free State Business Parks.

Mayor Alt's Report

Mayor Alt stated the Board attended the ribbon cutting at the Highland Warner distribution center at Konica Drive. He stated the company plans to hire over 100 employees at the facility.

Mayor Alt advised the Board to contact Administration regarding potential extension of healthcare coverage to Board members.

Commissioner Massimiano's Report

Commissioner Massimiano stated the National Night Out event was held on Tuesday, August 3rd at Meadow Park. He commended the Elkton Police Department (EPD) and volunteers who created a very positive community event that was well attended.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner echoed Commissioner Massimiano's statements regarding EPD, volunteers and sponsors who provided a positive event for the community.

Commissioner Piner wished Commissioner Broomell a belated Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens asked Mr. George to provide a synopsis of their meeting at Collins Street.

Mr. George stated he met with Commissioner Givens and Mr. Scott Koenig, P.E., KCI Technologies, to discuss the potential extension of South Street to provide access from East High Street to the Cecil County Public School (CCPS) property, ending at the Neighborhood Community Center (NCC). He stated the group met at Collins Street in order to obtain a field perspective of the project.

Mr. George stated he has been in contact with Mr. Perry Willis to discuss the probability of a required easement over CCPS property to provide access to the NCC.

Commissioner Givens commended all involved in the National Night Out event, stating it provided great interaction between Police and citizens, stating it was the largest turnout that he had experienced. He noted that the event was coordinated in less than 2 weeks.

Commissioner Broomell's Report

Commissioner Broomell expressed her disappointment that she was unable to attend the National Night Out event.

Chief Rogers expressed appreciation for the Board's support of the National Night Out event, and thanked the Department of Public Works for their assistance.

Public Comment

Ms. Pat Opal announced the "Kayaking Through History" event on September 4th. She stated participants will leave Marina Park at 9:00 a.m. and will travel about 2 hours to Historic Elk Landing.

Mayor Alt announced that there will be no workshop meeting on August 11th.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

Pursuant to State Government Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; Mayor Alt made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt announced that the Public Meeting will not reconvene.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Sr. Administrative Specialist

**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.