

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

February 3, 2021

In order to comply with Governor Larry Hogan's declaration of a State of Emergency as part of Maryland'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 virtual meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons participated via computer and/or telephone: 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; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, P.E.; Director of Planning Jeanne D. Minner; Director of Parks & Recreation Mary C. Magaw; Chief of Police Carolyn Rogers; Assistant Town Administrator Joseph V. Zurolo; 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 January 6, 2021 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 Broomell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt noted that current revenues are at about 60% of normal. Mr. Repole stated revenue flow is not received in uniform increments from month to month.

Mayor Alt, noting that there was no representative from You Cricketer, Inc., asked Mr. George to present his report.

Town Administrator's Report

**Resolution R5-2020 (5th Amendment) For the Purpose of Accommodating Outdoor Dining for Foodservice Establishments/Restaurants and Bars
Presented for Approval**

Mr. George presented Resolution R5-2020 (5th Amendment) for the purpose of providing an alcohol waiver and the temporary use of parking spaces along specific areas of Main Street to accommodate outdoor dining for Foodservice Establishments/Restaurants and Bars. He stated Resolution R5-2020 was amended over the past months in order to extend the expiration date, and noted the current amendment remains in effect until revocation by the Board.

ACTION: Resolution R5-2020 (5th amendment) was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Discussion ensued regarding safety devices used to delineate outdoor seating areas. Mayor Alt stated the safety devices are water filled, plastic "Jersey barriers".

Commissioner Broomell asked the Board to consider establishing a schedule of a recurring outdoor event in which a street is blocked to permit pedestrian only traffic, similar to an event in Newark, Delaware. Mayor Alt asked Ms. Jessica Price, Executive Director of the Elkton Alliance to discuss the topic with downtown merchants.

**Elkton Alliance Request for Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition
St. Patrick's Day Events - March 12, 13, 14, and 17, 2021**

Mr. George presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for St. Patrick's Day events on March 12, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., March 13, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., March 14, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., and March 17, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

ACTION: The request from the Elkton Alliance for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for St. Patrick's Day events on March 12, 13, 14, and 17, 2021 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt's Report

Mayor Alt asked Commissioner Broomell to assume the role of ex-officio member of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Broomell accepted the role as ex-officio member of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Broomell's Report

Commissioner Broomell, referring to discussions at a recent meeting of the Cecil County Arts Council, questioned if the Alliance needed assistance from the Board. Ms. Price stated the Alliance will request the addition of Arts and Entertainment District placards to the wayfinding signs at Route 213 and Howard Street.

Ms. Price stated the desire of the Elkton Alliance to add Arts and Entertainment information to the Town's website.

Ms. Price stated the Alliance's desire to decorate the electric power box located in the courtyard of the Alliance, and requested the Board's support when the official request is presented to Delmarva Power.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens expressed appreciation to all who attend the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative webinar, hosted by Wrights AME Church. Mayor Alt thanked Commissioner Givens and Wrights AME Church for the presentation.

Commissioner Massimiano's Report

Commissioner Massimiano stated he and Commissioner Broomell met with Mr. Ray Jackson and Mr. Michael Browne regarding the proposed sports facility associated with the planned Southfields development, adding that the meeting was very informative.

Commissioner Givens stated that he and Commissioner Piner also met with Messrs. Jackson and Browne, and echoed Commissioner Massimiano's comments.

Mayor Alt encouraged the Board to meet with potential town developers / business owners, stating an educated Board results in better stewards for Elkton.

Mr. George publicly recognized the Police and Public Works for continuation of services during the recent snow event.

Public Comment

Ms. Price, referring to a previous fundraiser event in which donors could "purchase" a brick from sidewalk adjacent to the Elkton Alliance, requested the Board's approval to reinstate the event, stated proceeds will be used to fund a Cecil College scholarship in memory of Commissioner Mary Jo Jablonski.

Ms. Price requested the Board's approval to close Main Street from North Street to Courthouse Lane for planned St. Patrick's Day events.

ACTION: The request to close Main Street from North Street to Courthouse Lane for planned St. Patrick's Day activities was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Mr. George advised Ms. Price to coordinate the closure with Lt. Waldrige of the Elkton Police Department.

Ms. Pat Opal asked for assistance in recruiting a Treasurer for the Historic Elk Landing Foundation.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the virtual meeting at 12:31 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.