

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

January 9, 2013

A public meeting (workshop) of the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (“the Board”) was held on this date at 4:00 p.m. with the following persons present: Mayor Joseph Fisona, Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr.; Charles E. Hicks, V (arriving at 4:15 p.m.) and Mary Jo Jablonski; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole; Elkton Police Chief William E. Ryan; Director of Parks & Recreation Mary Magaw; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr. Commissioner Earl M. Piner, Sr. was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Fisona called the workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

Fireworks Extravaganza – July 4, 2013 Agreement

Commissioner Jablonski expressed support for renewing the agreement with Fireworks Extravaganza, stating the Town’s fireworks show on July 4th was a gift to Town residents.

Mayor Fisona expressed concerns regarding the cost (\$15,330) of the display. He stated area businesses supported the event in 2011 and 2012; however, donations in 2012 were far lower than 2011.

Discussion ensued regarding costs associated with the event and fees charged to participating vendors. Discussion continued regarding sponsors for the event.

Mayor Fisona queried the Board regarding renewal of the agreement. Commissioner Jablonski stated the event brought thousands of people to Elkton each year, which resulted in increased business for area merchants. It was the consensus of the Board to renew the Fireworks Extravaganza July 4 2013 Agreement. Mr. George stated he would present the agreement at the January 16, 2013 meeting for approval.

Discussion – Elkton Police Department Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

Chief Ryan, prior to presenting the Elkton Police Department (EPD) Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, made a request for a Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Amendment to utilize Seized Funds (\$9,256) to purchase an updated DVR to capture images from several cameras in the department. He stated the current equipment was outdated and had limited retention of data.

Commissioners Hicks and Jablonski expressed support for the DVR equipment purchase. Mr. Repole stated he would present the Budget Amendment at the January 16, 2013 meeting for approval.

Chief Ryan stated the EPD Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, as presented, included an increase of \$9,855 over Fiscal Year 2013.

Discussion ensued regarding increases in costs associated with professional services, dues and subscriptions, operational supplies, etc.

Discussion continued regarding the request of 7 new vehicles to replace the department's Ford Taurus and Dodge Durango SUV models. Commissioner Givens questioned the anticipated life expectancy of Police vehicles. Chief Ryan stated the anticipated life expectancy was 6 – 7 years for a Police vehicle.

Chief Ryan stated he was requesting replacement of EPD handguns. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of updating the weapons.

Chief Ryan stated he reviewed the EPD computer equipment and software needs with Mike Devine, the Town's IT vendor. He stated Mr. Devine determined EPD needed a new server and printers.

Commissioner Hicks, referring to Cecil County's Central Dispatch Program, questioned the expiration date of the Town's agreement with the County. Chief Ryan stated the agreement renewed annually, adding that the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services was improving the central dispatch system.

Discussion

Mr. George stated KCI Technologies, Inc., the Town's engineer, submitted a "way finding signage" proposal. He requested the Board's consensus to present the proposal for approval at the January 16, 2013 meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. George present the KCI way finding signage proposal for approval at the January 16, 2013 meeting.

Mayor Fisona stated the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), the Town's insurer, awarded a grant to the Department of Public Works for snow plow training.

Mayor Fisona reminded the Board of the NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Breakfast on January 21, 2013.

Mayor Fisona stated the Maryland Municipal League (MML), of which the Town is a member, was working to get Highway User Revenue (HUR) funds reinstated from the State of Maryland. He said the MML was working to have Public & Legal Notices placed on Town Websites instead of running expensive newspaper ads.

Mayor Fisona, referring to vacant properties in Elkton, stated the latest issue of the MML's magazine had an interesting story on vacant properties and foreclosures.

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Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

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AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE