

**TOWN OF ELKTON
TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

The Elkton Town Community Meeting was held on August 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Town Hall, located at 173 W. Spotswood Avenue, Elkton, Virginia, with Mayor Joshua J. Gooden presiding.

Present: Mayor Joshua J. Gooden, Vice-Mayor Phillip Workman, II, Council Member Jan Hensley, Council Member Virginia Fulginiti, Council Member Louis Heidel, and Council Member Aaron Napotnik.

Absent: Council Member Rachel Michael (excused).

Also Present: Town Manager Greg Lunsford, Town Attorney Quinton Callahan, Public Works Director Gaither Hurt, Community Development Director Delores Hammer, and Clerk of Council Denise Monger.

Mayor Gooden opened the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Council member Fulginiti moved, seconded by Vice-Mayor Workman, and carried that council go from Regular Session in to Closed Session pursuant Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.A.7 and Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.A.1 as follows:

- a. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.A.7 for, "Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter."
- b. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.A.1 for, "Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body."

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, A. Napotnik, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

The Mayor and Council left the meeting area and convened into closed session in the conference room of the Town Hall. Upon conclusion of the closed session, Mayor, Council and staff returned to the front lawn of the Town Hall and following motion was presented:

OPEN SESSION/MOTION TO CERTIFY CLOSED MEETING

Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded Council member Napotnik, that Council go from Closed Session back into Regular Session and Council certify pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3712(D), that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each Council member's knowledge, as recognized by each Council member's affirmative vote, that only such business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711, as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was

convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting by Council, and that the vote of each individual member of Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, R. Workman, A. Napotnik, and L. Heidel

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Heidel, and carried to adopt the agenda as amended to add two personnel hires and to remove the recommendation by the Elkton Planning Commission to hold a joint public hearing on a special exception request by Tucker Wood for a short-term rental at 133 North Street, Elkton, VA.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, L. Heidel and A. Napotnik

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission recommendation to schedule a joint public hearing with the Elkton Town Council on a request from Kai Li for the issuance of a special exception permit for a short-term rental at 17140 Mt. Pleasant Road, Elkton, Virginia

Mrs. Hammer stated that the hearing would take place on August 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Council member Heidel moved, seconded by Council member Hensley, and carried to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to schedule a joint public hearing for August 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the Elkton Town Council on a request from Kai Li for the issuance of a special exception permit for a short-term rental at 17140 Mt. Pleasant Road, Elkton, Virginia.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, L. Heidel and A. Napotnik

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Appoint Elkton Chief of Police

Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Fulginiti, and carried to appoint Mike King as the Chief of Police for the Town of Elkton.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, L. Heidel and A. Napotnik

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Appoint Interim Sergeant

Council member Fulginiti moved, seconded by Council member Napotnik, and carried to appoint Ryan Insana as Interim Sergeant for the Elkton Police Department.

YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, L. Heidel and A. Napotnik

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

The following items were discussed:

- a. Overview of the downtown marketplace
- b. Donations
- c. Grant money
- d. Sign to be erected showing donation dollars
- e. Cost of downtown marketplace
- f. Notices to Valley Trail, if free

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lunsford reported the following:

- a. In-ground holding tank / drinking water / loans / grant money
- b. Engineer designing drinking water project which could go to bid in eight months
- c. Storm water project on Spotswood Avenue / possibility of project going to bid in six months
- d. Police department relocation project / working with architects / possible bid out in three to four months / cannot relocate until Rockingham County has finished their emergency center on Blue & Gold Drive

Mr. Hurt gave an overview of the sidewalk projects.

Mayor Gooden briefly discussed some citizens receiving a letter from the Department of Historic Resources regarding the downtown historic district nomination. A public informational meeting would be held on August 21, 2023. A previous meeting had been held last spring.

Chief King briefly discussed department vacancies and potential promotions.

Council member Fulginiti encouraged citizens visit the community center to see what a wonderful job Jessy Beasley had done reorganizing the facility. She noted that Mrs. Beasley's ability to post events on social media was a huge benefit to the Town. A discussion took place regarding a chili cook-off and Touch-a-Truck event.

Town attorney Callahan briefly spoke regarding nuisance areas and the framework he was working on to assist the Town.

Mrs. Hammer stated that interviews would take place on August 21, 2023 for the planning commission vacancy. An alternate Board of Zoning Appeals vacancy needed to be filled.

All attendees at the event were encouraged to speak individually to Town officials after the meeting adjourned.

Motion to Adjourn

Vice-Mayor Workman moved, seconded by Council member Napotnik, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

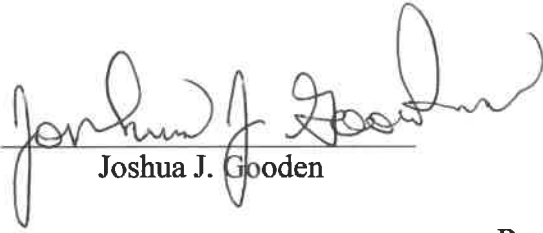
YEAS: J. Hensley, V. Fulginiti, P. Workman, R. Michael and A. Napotnik

NAYS: None

VOTE: (5 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

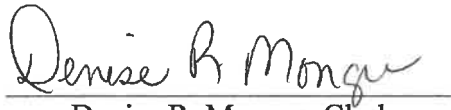
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Mayor:



Joshua J. Gooden

Recorder:



Denise R. Monger, Clerk