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Commissioners

COSM Closed Executive Session and Open Session

Thursday, February 27, 2020, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Edgar M Bosley Jr. Municipal Admin Building

300 Mill Street; PO Box 206

St. Michaels, MD 21663

- I.

2:00 - Call to Order for Closed Executive Session

- The Commissioners will vote to hold a Closed Session today at 2:00 pm. Please take a recorded vote to close the open session and go into closed session according to the following:

This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. Sub-Section 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; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and 14 - Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

- President Boos called to order a meeting of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 2:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Boos then called for a motion to move into Executive Session, pursuant to the Maryland Code as noted above. Commissioner Boos made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Bibb, which then passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor, with Commissioner Windon voting via telephone.

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- II.

Items for Discussion

- Interview potential real estate agents

2:00 - Carolina Barksdale

2:45 - Rob Lacaze

3:30 - Kate Kopen

4:14 - Cornelia Heckenbach

- President Boos reconvened the Public Meeting of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 4:00 p.m. following a closed session to discuss employment and real estate matters. The Commissioners discussed two public issues prior to continuing the closed session interviews.

Commissioner Bibb said the Fire Department's emergency vehicles had been receiving tickets for speed violations from the speed cameras on Talbot Street. Commissioner Bibb said the law allows 12 mph over the speed limit before a ticket is issued. Commissioner Bibb said that in his capacity as ombudsman for the speed camera project, he had met with Chief of Police Anthony Smith and the camera company to see what could be done. Commissioner Bibb said a remedy had been discussed that would allow emergency vehicles to have tickets adjusted up to 20 mph above the speed limit. Commissioner Bibb said there were concerns about the potential for high speed accidents with this solution. After some additional discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Fire Chief would need to issue a policy for his department, collect and verify the tickets, and submit them to the Chief of Police for adjudication. The Commissioners determined that only emergency vehicles would be eligible for the exemption and not the personal vehicles of volunteers. Commissioner Bibb said he would pursue additional meetings with the Fire Chief and Chief Smith and a final resolution.

Mrs. Weisman presented pictures of the outside lights planned for the Boy Scout Cabin, saying that Choptank Electric had agreed to pay for the six lights.

President Boos then made a motion to move back into Closed Session as noted above. Commissioner Glackin seconded it and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

- III.

Adjourn Closed Session to move into Open Session to discuss New Town Office plans

- President Boos reconvened the public meeting at 4:45 p.m. to discuss minor changes in the town office plans.
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Discussion on New Town Office plans

- Mrs. Weisman opened the discussion of the town office plans, noting that Bill Gilmore, the Town's Codes Enforcement Officer and engineer had been reviewing the new office plans and had suggested that the town should have a generator. Mrs. Weisman said that the architect had suggested going ahead with wiring for a generator at the electrical panel, but postponing the purchase of a

generator until later on. The Commissioners agreed to go ahead with the wiring via unanimous consent without objection.

Mrs. Weisman said the architects had also reduced the amount of glass wall space to increase privacy but maintain the open design. Mrs. Weisman also said the request for a reduction in the water heater capacity wasn't feasible because 50 gallons is the minimum size, and fewer TVs in favor of a projector and screen was also not possible due to the height of the ceilings.

President Boos then made a motion to move back into Closed Session to continue the real estate interviews. Commissioner Glackin seconded it, and the motion passed on unanimous agreement and without objection.

- IV.

Adjournment

- The public meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.