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Commissioners

COSM Special emote Session 2

Friday, May 15, 2020, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

- I.

Call to Order

- President Boos called to order a remote emergency meeting of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 11 a.m. Present were Commissioners William Boos, Michael Bibb, Joyce Harrod, Dennis Glackin, and Jaime Windon, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Town Attorney Chip MacLeod, Police Chief Anthony Smith, Legislative Clerk Suzanna Warnick and several public participants via internet.

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- II.

Pledge of Allegiance

- III.

Items for Discussion

- Continuation of Special Meeting to discuss, strategize and implement ways to support the business community
- President Boos asked Attorney Chip MacLeod about the definition of "bulk area" in the draft Emergency Ordinance No. 510, and whether there should be an Item G in the ordinance about alternate use of a parking lot. Attorney MacLeod said "bulk area" refers to setback requirements, and Item B could be amended to say "bulk area and use." Attorney MacLeod clarified other sections in the ordinance and noted an addition of a line of authority for the "Town Clerk/Manager, or her designee" for action on permits.

The Commissioners discussed whether wearing masks should be "required" or "recommended" both inside and outside. The Commissioners agreed that masks should be mandatory and Attorney Macleod adjusted the ordinance language while the Commissioners continued their discussion. Mrs. Weisman then read public comments.

The Commissioners also discussed opening the Town's restrooms, professional cleaning services and portable restrooms, as well as questions the Town needed to clarify with the County Health Department regarding the opening of B&B's and hotels and food service in those establishments.

- IV.

Ordinance for Introduction and possible Vote
Ordinance No. 510

- **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK/MANAGER TO TEMPORARILY RELAX OR WAIVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING, BULK AREA, SEATING, CAPACITY, SIDEWALKS, AND SIGNAGE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO FACILITATE THE SAFE REOPENING OF COMMERCE AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TOWN IN ACCORD WITH STANDING GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS CONCERNING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY RELAXING OR WAIVING OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN CODE IN THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS.**

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- Attorney MacLeod presented the changes he had made to the draft Ordinance No. 510, and the Commissioners were in agreement. President Boos made a motion set aside the normal ordinance procedure and adopt Ordinance No. 510 as an emergency ordinance. Commissioner Bibb seconded it. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor. President Boos then made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 510 as presented. Commissioner Windon seconded it. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

Commissioner Windon said she and the other members of the committee to review waivers would be working informally today and over the weekend and would be prepared with a progress report on Monday, May 18th for the Commissioners' meeting at 11:00 a.m.

- V.

Comments from the Public

- Meeting coordinator Chris Thomas read the concluding comments from the public.

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- VI.

Comments from the Commissioners

- The Commissioners thanked all for participating and Chris Thomas for coordinating the remote meeting.
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- VII.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.