

MINUTES

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Commissioners

COSM Special Remote Session No 3

Monday, May 18, 2020, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

- I.

Call to Order

- President Boos called to order the special remote meeting of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 11:00 a.m. in St. Michaels, Maryland. Also present were Commissioners Michael Bibb, Jaime Windon, Joyce Harrod, Dennis Glackin, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Police Chief Anthony Smith, Lieutenant Jeffrey Oswald, Legislative Clerk Suzanna Warnick, Technical Coordinator Chris Thomas, and several members of the public via internet.

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- II.

Pledge of Allegiance

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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- III.

Items for Discussion

- Continuation of Special Meeting to discuss, strategize and implement ways to support the business community
- President Boos said the purpose of this meeting was to have a discussion of St. Michaels' first weekend under relaxed virus restrictions to determine what decisions and processes were working and what else needed to be done. President Boos said there had been a lot of feedback from the public and the Commissioners would take additional questions and comments during the meeting. Police Chief Smith and Lieutenant Oswald reported on what went right and wrong over the weekend, followed by a report on the trash and restroom situations. Chief Smith said businesses did a good job of limiting the number of people allowed in their stores at one time, but many visitors did not wear masks, as was the directive in the Governor's order. The Commissioners and the police officers discussed various approaches to mask violations and agreed that additional masks for police to hand out would be helpful. The officers also suggested that additional seating was important, as visitors are buying takeout food and drinks and looking for places to consume it. Police Chief Smith

concluded that, other than the seating and no-mask issues, there were no other problems in town over the weekend, including no criminal activity.

Mrs. Weisman addressed the public works issues, noting that trash cans were over-flowing over the weekend, despite public works doing three pickups throughout Town on Saturday.

The Commissioners directed town staff to do whatever was necessary to solve the trash problem, whether dumpsters or more cans or additional public works staffing. After discussion of restrooms, the Commissioners authorized staff to rent portable restrooms to put them next to the public restrooms, and to place additional units in Muskrat Park and Back Creek Park.

Mrs. Weisman then read public comments.

The Commissioners agreed to write a letter to the Governor urgently requesting that restaurants be allowed to use their outdoor seating. President Boos volunteered to help draft the letter and circulate it. The Commissioners also authorized laminated signage on all the picnic tables with instructions on trash disposal.

Mrs. Weisman read final public comments. The Commissioners agreed to meet again on Tuesday or Wednesday the following week to discuss how St. Michaels fared over the Memorial Day weekend.

- 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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- There was no discussion of Ordinance No. 510 at this meeting.

- V.
Comments from the Public
- VI.
Comments from the Commissioners
- VII.
Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.