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Commissioners

COSM Work and Legislative Remote Session

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Remote Meeting

I. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

- A virtual remote meeting of the Commissioners of St. Michaels began at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners William Boos, Jaime Windon, Dennis Glackin, Joyce Harrod, and Michael Bibb, Police Chief Anthony Smith, Town Manager Jean Weisman.
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II. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

III. Announcements from COSM and Staff

- Mrs. Weisman announced the results of the Town election held on Monday, July 13, 2020. Mrs. Weisman said 302 people voted, including 52 absentee ballots, representing about a 40 percent turnout rate. Commissioners Michael Bibb and Joyce Harrod were re-elected and David Briemhurst and T. Coleman DuPont were newly elected to four-year terms. Mrs. Weisman thanked all the candidates who participated and thanked Commissioners Boos and Glackin for their good service to the Town. Commissioner Bibb thanked everyone for their participation and Commissioner Harrod thanked Jean Weisman, Town staff and election judges for a very well-organized outdoor election including all of the safety measures necessary for the Covid-19 pandemic.
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IV. Comments from the Public

- There were no public comments.

V. Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 512 - Zoning Code Re-write

- AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 340 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS AS THE TOWN'S ZONING ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS SUMMARY SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ZONING IN THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS

- President Boos called upon Town Manager Jean Weisman who read the Title of Ordinance 512 - Zoning Code re-write - into the record as noted above. President Boos formally opened the public hearing on Ordinance 512. Mrs. Weisman read the Exhibits into the record as follows:

1. Copy of the Draft Ordinance 512 dated July 14, 2020, including draft Exhibit A
2. Copy of the Public Notice for the Public Hearing as posted on the Town bulletin board, the Post Office, and on the Town website, and published in the *Star Democrat* and Chesapeake Internet on July 1st and July 8, 2020
3. Affidavit of Publication from the *Star Democrat* for the Notice of Public Hearing
4. Recommendations to the Commissioners from the Planning Commission for the draft Zoning Code.

President Boos then called for comments. Planning Commission Chairman Jeff Knapp thanked Commissioners Boos and Glackin for their campaigns and everyone for their diligent work on the code re-write. He noted that the draft was ready for launch, that there were a lot of changes, but as issues come up adjustments could be made as necessary.

President Boos said Ordinance 512 could be introduced tonight and voted on at the next meeting. Karen Wald of Grace Street had questions about the parking calculations and Doug Rollow of Water Street said he had scrivener's errors that needed correction. Jeff Knapp said he had forwarded Doug Rollow's comments to Peter Johnston for correction. As there were no additional comments, President Boos called for introduction of Ordinance 512. Commissioners Bibb and Harrod introduced the ordinance.

VI. Ordinance for Vote

- Ordinance No. 513 - FY20 Budget Amendment

- AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, AS ADOPTED ON APRIL 22, 2019, EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2019
- Vice Chairman Bibb introduced the next agenda item - Ordinance 513, Budget Amendment FY20. Mrs. Weisman said this budget amendment brings any unanticipated revenues and expenditures into line with what has actually happened this year. Mrs. Weisman said Ordinance 513 was introduced at the Commissioners' last meeting and was eligible for a vote. She read the title of the ordinance as noted above into the record. President Boos made the motion to adopt Ordinance 513 as presented. Commissioner Glackin seconded it. President Boos then called for comments. There being none, Mrs. Weisman called the role, and Ordinance 513 was adopted on a vote of 5-0 in favor.
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Ordinance No. 514 - 4th Extension Emergency Ordinance

- An Ordinance to Extend the Emergency Ordinance
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- Vice President Bibb introduced the next agenda item - a fourth extension of the Emergency Ordinance. Mrs. Weisman said that the Talbot County Health Department has seen an increase in Covid cases in the County, especially among younger people as well as in the hispanic and black populations. Mrs. Weisman said an extension of the Emergency Ordinance seemed prudent given those circumstances. Mrs. Weisman then read the ordinance extension into the record as noted above. President Boos made a motion to extend the emergency ordinance as written. Commissioner Windon seconded it, and said she supported the continuation given the heightened risk. The Commissioners discussed whether there were any other measures that the Town could adopt that would encourage people to wear masks. Commissioner Bibb said he would talk to Chief Smith about having a civil penalty request sent to the Courts for approval. Commissioner Windon said she hoped that something could be done sooner rather than later and suggested an additional meeting to expedite a solution and the meeting should include the service businesses. Commissioner Bibb and Mrs. Weisman said they would research solutions for a next meeting. The Commissioners agreed on Monday July 20th or 27th for the meeting.

Chris Agharabi of S. Talbot Street related how Rehoboth Beach was dealing with masks. He said the service businesses are listing the exceptions to wearing the mask, rather than focusing on "at all times" and then supporting with consistent enforcement. The Commissioners asked Mr. Agharabi to send them a copy of Rehoboth's procedures.

Mrs. Weisman then called the role for voting on the Emergency Extension Ordinance No. 514. The ordinance passed on a vote of 5-0 in favor.

VII. Consent Agenda for Minutes and Department Reports

- There were no questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. President Boos made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Weisman called the roll and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0 in favor.
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Minutes

June 9, 2020 - COSM Work and Legislative Session

June 20, 2020 - 2nd Listening Session

June 23, 2020 - Special Session with Chief Smith

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Department Reports

Police

Disbursements

Year to Date

Profit and Loss

Planning and Zoning

Public Works
Administrative

Marketing and Communication

- There were no questions or comments on the Consent Agenda, which included minutes and departmental reports for the month of June 2020. President Boos made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Bibb seconded it. Mrs. Weisman called the roll and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0 in favor.
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Items for Discussion

- Request from Town to abate State Taxes on certain town owned properties
- Mrs. Weisman said there were three properties in the Town of St. Michaels for which the Town has historically received an abatement of Town and County taxes from the State. Mrs. Weisman said she needed the Commissioners' approval for continuing the abatement. President Boos made a motion to approve the abatement request as presented. Commissioner Bibb seconded it. The abatement request was approved on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.
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Items for Discussion - Events

- Event Permits for the Fall of 2020
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St. Michaels Running Festival for 2021
new permit for 2021

BrewFest - September 26 2020
prior date approval -move date to Sept 26th 2020

WineFest - October 3, 2020
prior date approved - move date to October 3

National Night Out - Oct 6 2020

St. Lukes Apple Fest - October 3 2020

- The Commissioners agreed to approve the Running Festival permit with the understanding that it could be rescinded at any time, depending on the Covid-19 situation. Other permit reviews were postponed to the August meeting of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bibb made a motion to approve the Running Festival permit for 2021. Commissioner Harrod seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

Regarding WineFest, Commissioner Glackin made a motion to not grant the permit at this time. Commissioner Bibb seconded it. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

Regarding BrewFest, President Boos made a motion to not grant the permit at this time. Commissioner Glackin seconded it, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Weisman said that the National Night Out event had been cancelled.

Regarding the St. Luke's Apple Festival, President Boos made a motion to not approve the permit at this time. Commissioner Glackin seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

X. Comments from the Commissioners

- Commissioner Glackin thanked everyone for their support over the past year. President Boos congratulated the winners of the election, Commissioner Glackin for his contributions and total engagement in the issues facing the Town, all Town staff members for their work and support, and special thanks and praise for Jean Weisman.

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XI. Calendaring

XII. Announcement of Future Meetings

- August 11 2020 - 6:00 - Virtual Remote - COSM Reg Working and Legislative Session

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XIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.