

MINUTES

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Commissioners

COSM Legislative Remote Session

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Remote Meeting

- I.

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

- President Harrod called to order the remote legislative session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 6:00 p.m. in St. Michaels, Maryland. Also present were Commissioners Michael Bibb, David Breimhurst, Jaime Windon and Tad duPont, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Legislative Clerk Suzanna Warnick, and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Agenda Amendments

- There were no agenda amendments.

III. Announcements from COSM and Staff

- There were no announcements.

IV. Comments from the Public

- There were no comments from the public.

V. FY21 Budget review

- Commissioner duPont
- Commissioner duPont provided highlights of the coming year's budget. which he noted was reasonably on target.
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VI. Marketing Review

- Kimberly Weller, Marketing Director
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- Mrs. Weisman said there was nothing new for the Marketing report.
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VII. Consent Agenda for Minutes and Events

- Minutes

April 27 2021 - Legislative Session

April 29 2021 - Special Session

May 4 2021 - Special Remote Budget Session and Closed Session

• Events

- President Harrod said the Consent Agenda included draft minutes for April 27th, April 29th, and May 4, 2021 and a Town permit for the Maritime Museum to offer a Fireworks viewing area on its campus. Commissioner duPont had corrections to the minutes of May 4, 2021. As there were no additional changes, President Harrod made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the minutes, with the corrections made to the minutes of May 4, 2021, and the event permit for the Fireworks viewing. Commissioner duPont seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

VIII. Ordinance Eligible for Vote

• Ordinance No. 525 - Obstruction to Public Ways

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS, CHAPTER 285 (STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND ALLEYS) TO AMEND §285-2 OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO PIERS AND BULKHEADS PROHIBITED; TO ALLOW FOR BETTER ENFORCEMENT PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO PUBLIC WAYS IN THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS.

This Ordinance was on April 27, 2021, Introduced on May 12, 2021 by Commissioners Bibb and Breimhurst and is now eligible for vote.

- President Harrod announced that Ordinance No. 525 was introduced on May 12th and was now eligible for a vote. Mrs. Weisman read the title of the ordinance into the record as noted above.

Commissioner Bibb suggested a change to the wording of the ordinance in Section C for more than one cone to mark a parking space. There were no other comments. Commissioner Bibb made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 525 with the suggested wording change. Commissioner duPont seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

IX. Ordinances for Consideration or Introduction

• Ordinance No. 526 - Amend Ordinance for Use of Facemasks

- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 515 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE END OF MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS INSIDE ESTABLISHMENTS AND OUTSIDE WHEN WITHIN SIX FEET OF OTHERS; PROVIDED THAT THE TITLE OF THIS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS

- President Harrod announced the Emergency Ordinance No. 526 was eligible for introduction. Mrs. Weisman said the Commissioners had voted last week to get rid of the mask mandate and this ordinance officially amends and removes the mask mandate from the original Ordinance 515, but leaves the rest of the ordinance in tact. Commissioner Bibb made a motion to set aside the Commissioners' regular ordinance procedures. Commissioner Breimhurst seconded it and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

Mrs. Weisman then read the title of Ordinance No. 526 into the record as noted above. Commissioner Breimhurst made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 526 as presented. Commissioner Bibb seconded it and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

X. Items for Discussion

- Meeting Rules and Recusals

- President Harrod introduced the next topic which was the Commissioners' meeting rules.

Mrs. Weisman said that at an earlier meeting, the Commissioners had met with the Town's attorney and asked him to make some changes to the rules concerning conflict of interest. Commissioner duPont asked for the recusal process to be further clarified. Commissioner Breimhurst suggested the addition of language to the recusal from voting section to include "a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest."

Mrs. Weisman said she would draft a resolution that would include the changes for the next meeting.

- Sidewalk Lighting at the Boy Scout Cabin

- Bill Gilmore to present modifications made
- President Harrod opened the discussion of the lights at the Boy Scout Cabin. Bill Gilmore, Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer for the Town, said the lights have been modified to reduce the wattage and the kelvin temperature. Mr. Gilmore said he would have another report next week. The Commissioners questioned why the lights are on all night instead of just for a scout function. Commissioner duPont said there is a cost for the lights to be on overnight. Commissioner Bibb said he could rewire the lights and put them on a kill switch or add a motion detector.

Mr. Siegal of Mulberry Street said the lights were overkill for a scout cabin and simple path lights were a less expensive and more appropriate choice. Mrs. Kennedy of St. Mary's Square said the lights were a mistake.

The Commissioners agreed that more research was needed before a decision could be made. Commissioner Bibb said he would turn the lights off until the matter was resolved.

XI. Comments from the Commissioners

- Commissioner Bibb said he had met with a Boy Scout who wanted to take on the Marea trail extension as a project and the Scout would like to come before the Commissioners to make a presentation next week. Commissioner Breimhurst thanked the Parks and Recreation committee and the St. Michaels In Bloom organization for their work on the flower boxes and other Town beautification projects.

XII. Calendaring

- Joint work session with Planning Commission and COSM on moratorium on the parking fund and other parking issues
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- Mrs. Weisman and the Commissioners discussed agenda items for their meetings in June, and set a special joint meeting with the Planning Commission for Tuesday, June 1st at 1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners called for any final public comments. There were no comments.

XIII. Announcement of Future Meetings

May 31 2021 - Town Office closed for Memorial Day

June 2 2021 - 6:00 - remote COSM Working Session

June 23 2021 - 6:00 - remote COSM Legislative Session

XIV. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.