

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
July 26, 2023

The Board of Commissioners Work Session was held on July 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Kevin Bianca
Mary Chance (via call-in)
Paula Etting
Erin Hughes
Donna Kahoe

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Anderson, Public Information Officer
Eddie Hopkins, Town Administrator
Chuck Moore, Chief of Police
Kevin Small, Director of Planning
Jane Sudbrink, Recording Secretary
Elizabeth Thompson, Town Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bianca called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bianca asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Kahoe moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Etting seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Kahoe motioned and Ms. Hughes seconded the motion to go into a closed session. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 5:05 pm.

A. This meeting will be closed under the provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Act General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(7) and Art. § 3-305(b)(8).

B. Topics of Discussion

1. To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation regarding the Barton Bodt, et al. vs. Town of Bel Air, Maryland case.

C. Reason for Closed-Session Discussion of Above Topics

1. Because public discussion of confidential information and legal strategies can compromise the attorney-client privilege and inhibit the ability of the public body to receive candid and uninhibited legal guidance.

Ms. Hughes motioned to reopen the meeting at 5:35 pm. and Ms. Etting seconded. All in favor.
Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bianca asked for a vote. Ms. Hughes made a motion to appeal the case to the appellate court of Maryland. Ms. Kahoe seconded. Ayes: Mr. Bianca, Ms. Chance, Ms. Etting, Ms. Kahoe, Ms. Hughes. Nays: none.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

APPROVED: August 21, 2023

Signature on file
Kevin M. Bianca, Chair
Board of Town Commissioners

Signature on file
Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk