

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2005 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 05-11

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on May 23, 2005. Jonathan Herman, Mayor of the Town of Sykesville, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room at the Town House. Mayor Herman led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Edward Cinkole Debby S. Ellis Eugene E. Johnson, Sr.
 Jeannie M. Nichols Mark Rychwalski Russell G. Vreeland

STAFF: Matthew H. Candland, Town Manager John R. Williams, Jr., Chief of Police

Mayor Herman welcomed the new reporter for the Advocate, Ashley Reams.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Herman called for additions to the agenda.

Councilmember Nichols	Business	Parks & Rec Update
Mayor Herman	Business	Riverfront Update

BUSINESS: **Public Safety Report – Chief Williams** – Chief Williams presented the Public Safety Report. There was some discussion in this regard.

Chief Williams stated that May 23 – June 5, 2005 is National Seatbelt Awareness/Child Safety Seat Week, and the months of April and May is the Maryland Chiefs Challenge.

Mayor Herman read the proclamation into the record.

MOTION: **Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the proclamation that “the months of April and May, 2005 as The 2005 Maryland Chief’s Challenge Months and the week of May 24, 2005 as Buckle Up America! Week in Sykesville, Carroll County, and encourage community observation thereof.”**

The motion carried unanimously.

Warfield Complex Ground Breaking – Report – Mayor Herman reported that the Warfield Complex Ground Breaking was an “uneventful event”. He stated it was a “perfect” day in all ways. There was some discussion in this regard.

FY2005-2006 Budget – Public Hearing (continued from May 9, 2005 meeting) – Matthew Candland stated there were some oversights, changes, and corrections from the previously “introduced” budget. He reviewed these. There was extensive discussion in this regard.

Matthew Candland stated some items need to be discussed in closed session, after which time the budget will be presented for approval in open session.

Mayor Herman stated the Public Hearing would remain open until after the closed session.

Town Projects Update – Schoolhouse, Shannon Run Gazebo, Cooper Park Bridge – Matthew Candland stated the electric has been installed at the Schoolhouse, the new Gazebo at Shannon Run Park has been installed, and the Cooper Park Bridge Eagle Scout Project has been completed.

There was additional discussion regarding each of these projects.

Riverfront – Update – Mayor Herman stated we have sent back the contract for the site plan to Michael Dowling. He stated that 'now is the time'.

There was some discussion in this regard.

Springfield Hospital Ballfields Lease – Final Draft – Matthew Candland and Dennis Hoover reviewed the terms of this Lease.

There was some discussion in this regard, including the terms of the lease and the partnership with the Kevin Robert/Freedom Optimists.

MOTION: **Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to approve the lease agreement for the Springfield Hospital Ballfields as presented, contingent upon approval of Exhibit A, the plat of the properties.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Rec – Update – Councilmember Nichols stated there are a limited number of booths available for vendors at Family Fun Day, for \$75.00 each. Additionally, kids can get service hours if they want to volunteer to work. She also reported the Golf Tournament was successful.

MISC: **Warfield Intersection** – Mayor Herman stated the bids for the Warfield Intersection are due on June 9th.

OTHER: **MML Annual Convention – June 26-29, 2005 at Ocean City** – Matthew Candland stated this as a reminder. Mayor Herman and Councilmember Nichols will attend the MML Breakfast Meeting.

MINUTES

APPROVED: The minutes of the May 9 and May 16, 2005 meetings were read and approved as presented.

MOTION: **Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2005 Official Council Meeting Minutes.**

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2005 Official Council Meeting Minutes.**

The motion carried unanimously.

MISC: **GateHouse Museum Liaison** – Mayor Herman stated he felt there was a need for a GateHouse Museum Liaison and appointed himself to this position.

MOTION: **Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to approve the appointment of Mayor Herman as the GateHouse Museum Liaison.**

The motion carried unanimously.

C.O.G. Planning Conference – Councilmember Nichols stated the C.O.G. Planning Conference is scheduled for June 11, 2005. This was stated as a reminder.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report of April 2005 for approval.

MOTION: **Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the April 2005 Financial Report and file for audit.**

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO RECESS:

Councilmember Vreeland motioned to take a short recess at 8:15 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: **Councilmember Ellis motioned to close the session at 8:22 p.m.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Herman, Councilmembers Ellis, Cinkole, Vreeland, Johnson, Nichols, and Rychwalski, Matthew Candland, Dennis Hoover, Chief Williams and Laura Lindberg.

Items discussed were: Mutual Aid Agreement, Police Salaries, Gossage Property, Swimming Pool, Saslow Property, Bagley Property, Martin Gross Property.

REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: **Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to reopen the meeting at 9:39 p.m.**

The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS: **FY2005-2006 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING** (continued) – Mayor Herman called for any additional questions and/or comments regarding the BY2005-2006 Proposed Budget. There were no additional questions and/or comments in this regard.

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MOTION: Councilmember Vreeland motioned to close the Public Hearing at 9:40 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to approve the FY2005-2006 Proposed Budget as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Cinkole motioned to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Police for Crisis Response.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Johnson motioned to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

Laura L. Lindberg
Clerk/Treasurer

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