

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2005 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 05-17

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on October 24, 2005. Mark Rychwalski, Council President of the Town of Sykesville, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room at the Town House. Council President Rychwalski led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Eugene E. Johnson, Sr. Jeannie M. Nichols
Mark Rychwalski Russell G. Vreeland

EXCUSED
ABSENCE: Edward Cinkole Debby S. Ellis

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Council President Rychwalski called for additions to the agenda.
Councilmember Rychwalski Public Concerns Katrina Fundraiser
Beth Rosenberg, Citizen Public Concerns Central Avenue
Richard Wills, Citizen Public Concerns Parks

Council President turned the meeting over to Mayor Herman.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: **Katrina Fundraiser** – Councilmember Rychwalski acknowledged the efforts of a group of citizens that held a fundraiser for victims of Katrina at Shannon Run Park. He stated that raised \$702 by selling donated and baked goods.

Central Avenue – Beth Rosenberg, resident on Central Avenue, expressed concern about the location of “No Parking” signs recently placed at the front of her property.

There was extensive discussion in this regard.

Parks – Richard Williams, resident on Carter Road, expressed concerns about Cooper Park, including: no trash cans, broken water fountain, and condition of paths through the woods.

Each of these issues was addressed, and it was decided Public Works and Parks and Rec would revisit each of these items for needed changes/corrections/repairs.

Public Safety Report – Chief Williams presented the Public Safety Report for review. There was some discussion in this regard.

There was additional discussion including a departmental vehicle accident.

OTHER: **Century High School Homecoming Parade on Main Street – October 27th** – Chief Williams reviewed the specifics of the upcoming parade.

BUSINESS:

Route 32 Intersection – Update – Ron Esworthy – Ron Esworthy, Director of Public Works, presented an update of the progress of the Route 32 Intersection, which included sediment ponds, path clearing, storm drain management, closing of Cooper Drive. He presented a slide show with pictures of the Route 32 project.

Town Parking Lot Project – Update – Matthew Candland reviewed the progress of the Main Street parking lot project. He stated the Town is working in conjunction with the Saslow building project to reduce the impact on each project.

Parking Impact Fee Ordinance Amendment – Introduction – Dennis Hoover, Town Attorney, reviewed this proposed ordinance amendment. He stated the primary purpose of this amendment is to clarify dedications, credits, restrictions and maintenance with regards to the land donated for parking.

MOTION: **Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to introduce the proposed Parking Impact Fee Ordinance Amendment.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Introduction – Dennis Hoover reviewed this proposed ordinance amendment. He stated the primary purpose of this amendment is to prohibit or making conditional, certain uses, such as new and/or used car dealerships/lots, auto accessory shops, service stations, etc.

MOTION: **Councilmember Nichols motioned to introduce the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Line of Credit – Update – Laura Lindberg – Laura Lindberg reported that, at the previous meeting, the Council approved establishing a \$150,000 line of credit. She stated that, at that time, she had not been informed that there would be an origination fee of ½ of 1% (\$750) involved in the transaction. She requested approval of this fee to establish the line of credit.

MOTION: **Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to approve the expenditure of ½ of 1% origination fee to establish the \$150,000 line of credit.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Warfield Complex – Construction Signs – Councilmember Nichols presented the costs of construction signs to place around Town to advertise/promote Town development and progress. The proposed signs could be “adaptively reused” at later dates for subsequent projects.

Councilmember Nichols stated she would bring a more specific design to the next Council meeting.

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Funding for these signs would be approved from the Promotions line item at a later date.

Gateway Signage – Matthew Candland stated that, upon completion of the Route 32 Intersection, there would be three primary ‘gateways’ into the Town. He presented a concept drawing of a granite & brick gateway sign for discussion purposes.

MINUTES

APPROVED: The minutes of the October 11, 2005 meeting were read and approved as presented.

MOTION: **Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2005 Official Council Meeting Minutes.**

The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO RECESS:

Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to take a short recess at 8:28 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: **Councilmember Johnson motioned to close the session at 8:37 p.m.**

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dennis Hoover was in attendance for 2 discussion items. Laura Lindberg was in attendance for 5 discussion items.

Items discussed were: Warfield Master Developer, Warfield Development Corp Chair, Gossage Property, ADA Improvements, HDC Demolition, and Personnel.

REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: **Councilmember Nichols motioned to reopen the meeting at 9:30 p.m.**

The motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION: Councilmember Vreeland motioned to approve Westminster Union Bank Loan in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of the Gossage Property.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Johnson motioned to adjourn at 9:32 p.m.

Laura L. Lindberg
Clerk/Treasurer

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