

The Town of New Market



Town Council Minutes
40 South Alley, New Market, MD 21774
General Session
April 10, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market met in person and virtually via Zoom on Thursday, April 10, 2025, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Council members present were Matt Chance, Dennis Kimble, Shane Rossman, Chris Weatherly, and Michael Wright. Pat Faux, Zoning Administrator/Town Planner; William Wantz, Town Attorney; Shawn Burnett, Tim Rye, Town Engineers (via Zoom); and Steve Pippin, President of NMCP, were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Motion: Councilman Rossman made a Motion to Approve the March 13, 2025, minutes
Second: Councilman Kimble
Public Comment: None
Vote: For –5 (Chance, Kimble, Rossman, Weatherly, Wright)
Against – 0
Abstain – 0
Absent – 0
The Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Burhans and William Wantz, Town Attorney, introduced Ordinance 2025-03: *For the Purpose of Declaring that Certain Real Property is no Longer Needed for a Public Use and Authorizing Conveyance to an Adjoining Property Owner* at the March 13, 2025, meeting. Notice for the public hearing was posted in the Frederick News Post on March 19 and March 26, 2025, emailed town-wide, and posted on Facebook, the Website, and the Town Hall door on March 19, 2025.

Motion: Councilman Kimble made a Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2025-03: *For the Purpose of Declaring that Certain Real Property is no Longer Needed for a Public Use and Authorizing Conveyance to an Adjoining Property Owner*

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Second: Councilman Weatherly
Public Comment: Brooke Donahue, Nicole Moravy, Linda Luber
Vote: For –5 (Chance, Kimble, Rossman, Weatherly, Wright)
Against – 0
Abstain – 0
Absent – 0
The Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to Amend Charter Amendments Resolution No. 2025-01 & Resolution No. 2025-02

Councilman Wright clarified his intentions regarding the resolutions to amend the Town Charter presented at the previous council meeting. He indicated his goal was to encourage more residents to participate in town governance. He stated that he would not amend the resolutions at this time, and no further action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Impartiality of the Election Board and Conduct of the Clerk – Discussion

Councilman Chance discussed that he thought it was inappropriate for the Election Board to post the opinion letter submitted by Town Attorney Wantz without the Council's approval.

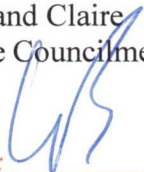
Appointment of Dave Kramer to the Board of Supervisors of Elections – term ending March 2029

Mayor Burhans presented Dave Kramer as a candidate for a board member position on the Board of Supervisors of Elections. Mr. Kramer's bio was sent to the Council.

Motion: Councilman Kimble made a Motion to Appoint Dave Kramer for a term ending March 2029
Second: Councilman Weatherly
Public Comment: Howard Wilson
Vote: For –3 (Chance, Kimble, Weatherly)
Against – 1 (Rossman)
Abstain – 1 (Wright)
Absent – 0
The Motion passed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Wright thanked the PTA, Rotary Club, Mayor Burhans, Catie Russell, and Claire Cawthon for their help with the Town Clean-up on April 6, 2025. He also thanked the Councilmen Kimble and Rossman for their service and asked for a round of applause.

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Councilman Rossman said it was a good ride. Thank you all.

Councilman Kimble reported that the building was cleaned and sanitized and that the HVAC system was installed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Kimble made a Motion to Adjourn
Second: Councilman Rossman
Public Comment: None
Vote: For –5 (Kimble, Rossman, Weatherly, Wright)
Against – 0
Abstain – 0
Absent – 0
The Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mitchell
Clerk to Mayor and Town Council

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