The Town of New Market



Town Council Minutes 40 South Alley, New Market, MD. 21774 General Session January 12, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held in person and virtually via Zoom on Thursday, December 8, 2022, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Council members present Shane Rossman, Dennis Kimble (via Zoom), Matt Chance (via Zoom), Chris Weatherly (via Zoom), and Michael Wright. Also in attendance were Pat Faux, Zoning Administrator/Town Planner; Shawn Burnett, Town Engineer; Steve Pippin, and Caitlin Moroney, Main Street Manager/Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Councilman Wright made a Motion to approve the minutes of the October

13, 2022, meeting as written

Second:

Councilman Chance

Discussion:

None None

Public Comment: Vote:

For – 4 (Rossman, Chance, Weatherly, Wright)

Against -0

Abstain - 1 (Kimble)

Absent - 0

The Motion passed.

Motion:

Councilman Kimble made a Motion to approve the minutes of the

December 8, 2022, meeting as written

Second:

Councilman Wright

Discussion:

None

Public Comment:

None

Vote:

For – 3 (Rossman, Kimble, Wright)

Against - 0

Abstain - 2 (Chance, Weatherly)

Absent - 0

The Motion passed.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 2022-05: - FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, 1.5 NON RESIDENTIAL USES OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE - ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE IN THE RESIDENT MERCHANT DISTRICT-INN

Ordinance No. 2022-05 was introduced at the November 10, 2022, Town Council meeting and reintroduced at the December 8, 2022, Town Council meeting. Notice for the public hearing was posted in the Frederick News Post: December 20 and 27, 2022; emailed Town-wide December 22, 2022; posted on Facebook, Town's website, and Town Hall doors.

Mayor Burhans opened the Hearing for public comment at 7:07 p.m. Mayor Burhans closed the Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Motion:

Councilman Rossman made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-05

Second:

Councilman Weatherly

Discussion:

None

Public Comment:

None

Vote:

For – 5 (Rossman, Kimble, Chance, Weatherly, Wright)

 $\begin{array}{c} Against - 0 \\ Abstain - 0 \\ Absent - 0 \end{array}$

The Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Engineer Burnett presented to Council a Draft Transportation Improvement Request letter to Frederick County for approval. By unanimous consent, Mr. Burnett was authorized to finalize the letter and have Mayor Burhans sign it.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Burhans reported that he is scheduled to meet the new County Executive, Jessica Fitzwater, on Friday.

Councilman Wright reported on the January 10, 2023, HDC meeting. There were two items: 26 West Main moved forward with Mr. Gregory's change out of vinyl and a presentation on the 5 acres that are vacant and opposite Marley Street.

Councilman Rossman reported attending the MML meeting and meeting all new senators and delegates. They are actively soliciting ideas and have asked for a list of wants and needs for the Town.

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Councilman Kimble reported that he is working on getting the flag lights in. He is also looking to change the existing building lights to weatherproof ones. He would like water at Messanelle Park for the fountain and a possible water fountain. He has reached out to a few pool companies for quotes for maintenance during the summer and the opening and closing of the fountain.

Councilman Weatherly reported that he reviewed the Event Barn plans looked great. He met with Synder Electric. He said that if we get a solar partnership with the Frederick County schools since they have more of a consistent electric load, it may help get state and federal grant funding for the project. He will work with school officials regarding this issue.

He received a request from a Town constituent regarding opening the bathrooms on Main Street. There was a discussion amongst Council, and it was decided that the bathrooms shall remain closed during the week.

ADJOURNMENT

Decision:

Councilman Rossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second:

Councilman Wright

Vote:

For – 5 (Rossman, Kimble, Chance, Weatherly, Wright)

 $\begin{array}{l} Against - 0 \\ Abstain - 0 \\ Absent - 0 \end{array}$

The Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mitchell Clerk to Mayor and Town Council

