

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2005

Council President Donna Turner called the November 17, 2005 meeting of the Town Council to order at 6:59 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall. The following members and staff were present: Donna Turner, Council President, Mary McCarthy, Council Vice-President, Norman Pinder, Council Member, Royden Powell, Town Manager, Steve Kehoe, Town Attorney, and Jane Saulsbury, Administrative Aide.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting - The minutes were reviewed and accepted as printed by motion and second of Mr. Pinder and Mrs. McCarthy, respectively. All being in favor, the motion passed.

Business

Public Hearing - Ordinance 06-05, RE: I & I Study Assessment Mrs. Turner opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-05. Mrs. Saulsbury read the Certificate of Publication verifying that notice of the proposed ordinance was published in the Record Observer one time in each of two successive weeks. Mr. Kehoe read the ordinance for the record. Mr. Powell noted that between the first reading and second reading, the estimate for the cost of the study was changed from \$137,000 to \$138,000. The original I & I fee charged on building permits was \$200 and will now be \$275.00 per allocation. There were no public comments. It was moved and seconded by Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Pinder, respectively, to approve Ordinance 06-05, RE: I & I Study Assessment. All being in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 07-05, RE: Centreville Business Park Lot Reversion Mrs. Turner opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 07-05. Mrs. Saulsbury read the Certificate of Publication verifying that notice of the proposed ordinance was published in the Record Observer one time in each of two successive weeks. Mr. Kehoe read the ordinance for the record. Mr. Powell confirmed that the new pond is not being conveyed to the Town. There were no public comments. It was moved and seconded by Mr. Pinder and Mrs. McCarthy, respectively, to approve Ordinance 07-05, RE: Centreville Business Park Lot Reversion. All being in favor, the motion passed.

First Reading - Ordinance 08-05, RE: Grant of Perpetual Easement - Steadman Properties Mr. Kehoe read Ordinance No. 08-05 for the record and explained that the purpose of the Grant of Perpetual Easement is to provide more clear cut access to the Steadman property acquired by Quit Claim Deed from the Town Council of Centreville to Mabel Steadman. Exhibit A is the survey of the property. Exhibit B is the Quit Claim Deed. Mr. Tom Harlan of Champion Realty was invited to come forward and review the plat prepared by Jack Kirby. Mr. Harlan's recollection was that the entrance would provide 42 feet of frontage accessing all of the Steadman lots. Mr. Powell explained that the 10 foot frontage is consistent with existing right-of-ways throughout the Town. Mrs. McCarthy added that the easement enables the Steadman properties to "front" on Commerce Street. Mr. Powell explained that the zoning for the Steadman properties is R-3 and that there is sufficient square footage for two units providing there is a lot line revision.

Maryland Municipal League Report - Mrs. McCarthy reported that she is a member of the Conference Planning Committee and is attending those meetings.

Queen Anne's County Municipal League Report - Mrs. Turner and Mr. Powell recently attended a meeting regarding solid waste collection. Mr. Powell advised that the County impact fees should be adjusted to meet costs. Most of the municipalities feel that an "Adequate public Facilities Ordinance" would not be effective. On another note, Mrs. Turner reported she is serving as a member of one on the QAC Municipal League Nominating Committee.

Announcements - Mrs. Turner read the announcements. The Community Plan Update Work Group will meet on Wednesday, December 7, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the County Planning office.

Correspondence - A letter from Emergency Services inviting participation in a meeting regarding national incident management was read. Mr. Pinder will attend the meeting that is to be held on Tuesday, November 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Report of Department Heads

Centreville Police Department - Lt. Teat had nothing new to report.

Town Attorney Mr. Kehoe reported that there will be a report from the Circuit Court in sixty days on the appeal regarding the Wharf Project. The jurisdiction of the Centreville Board of Appeals is being questioned, as is the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court to rule on the appeal. The settlement of the Griffith case, a personnel issue, will be discussed in closed session.

Town Manager Mr. Powell reported on the following topics:

1. The next phase of the I & I study begins next Tuesday. (closed circuit TV) Smoke testing, to commence in December and January, will be advertised by press releases and notices left on doors of those being tested. This phase of testing will be coordinated with the 911 center and the Goodwill Fire Company. New locations such as North Brook and Symphony Village will not be tested.
2. A series of graphs were presented to explain the Wastewater Treatment Plant flows. Average daily flows and 12 month rolling averages were depicted, as well as a "Capacity Management Plan Comparison." A chart provided information on "Historic Wastewater Treatment Flows" from January 2003 through September 2005.

Mr. Kehoe added that the transcript and Memoranda for Appeal is ready for the Miller Environmental suit. There will be a hearing on March 21, 2006.

Citizens Forum

Mr. Stoney Duffey asked if the Town is issuing permits yet. Mr. Powell advised that he is working on the issuing policy and fees for introduction at the December meetings. Mrs. McCarthy asked if there is a reason we can't issue permits now. Mr. Kehoe said that the new fees and policy need to be formulated before issuance of permits. Mr. Pinder added that commercial fees also need to be adjusted. Mr. Duffey noted that it is "pretty tough" for him waiting.

Mrs. Mary Margaret Goodwin asked if there is a methamphetamine problem in Town. She had heard that items had been stolen from the Acme. Lt. Teat responded that he is not aware of one.

Mrs. Goodwin, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, she wished to thank the Council for all the good things that have been accomplished in the past year. "Our town is really being fixed." She also thanked Mr. Kehoe for all of his legal work. Mrs. McCarthy thanked Mrs. Goodwin for thanking the Council.

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Mrs. Goodwin reported that a partial time line history of the Town of Centreville will be ready to display on Saturday, December 3 in the Town Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. by motion of Mr. Pinder and Mrs. McCarthy, respectively, and by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Saulsbury, Administrative Aide

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