

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 7-7-15
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on August 4, 2015

Mayor Prats called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:41 p.m. Council Members David Preusch and Larry Halvorson were present. The Assistant Clerk was present as were two residents.

Mayor Prats administered the Oath of Office to Council Members David Preusch and Larry Halvorson.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting on June 2, 2015 were approved as submitted. The Public Hearing Minutes from the Laytonsville Grove Final Site Plan Review on June 2, 2015 were approved as submitted. The minutes from the Budget Hearing held on June 2, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

Committees and Board Reports

Safety Inspection 3rd quarter: The safety inspection report performed by Council Member Jim Ruspi for the 3rd quarter was read into the record by Mayor Prats and is as follows: 1) Regarding street signs, on Brink Road going east, the speed bump sign is covered with vegetation and a second sign was knocked over. 2) There is vegetation over sidewalks in several locations. 3) The stop sign on First Street and Sundown Road cannot be seen because of a large bush. 4) There is no crosswalk on Howard Street or Maple Knoll Drive.

Mayor's Update and Reports:

Construction Update: Mayor Prats reported that due to the rain, construction has been at a standstill but will resume when the weather clears. Two building permits were submitted last week.

Work session: None scheduled.

Gas Station Update: Mayor Prats reported that the tenants at the gas station left without the owner's knowledge. He has contacted the marketing group and stated that according

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to them, there is no leaking or problems with the gas tanks. Landscaping will be kept up and he will continue to have active discussions with them.

Sidewalks: Mayor Prats stated that he reported the pitting of the sidewalks on Route 108 to a crew who was out measuring to see if the sidewalks were ADA compliant. Mayor Prats stated that they will be replaced.

Picnic Update: There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 8 at 7 pm. The picnic is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in September.

Maryland Municipal League Conference Annual Convention Update: The MML annual convention in Ocean City was held from June 28, 2015 to July 1, 2015. Mayor Prats, Council Members Larry Halvorson, Jim Ruspi, Charles Bradsher and Historic District Commissioner Jill Ruspi were in attendance. Mayor Prats stated that between everyone who went to the conference, almost every seminar was attended.

The Town of Laytonsville was awarded a plaque and flag by the Maryland Municipal League for its Banner Status.

Rolling Ridge Trail Signage: Mayor Prats stated that the sign problem still needs to be addressed. The possibility of painting lines on the road was discussed. To make it a more walkable area, there was discussion about putting mile markers on trails and sidewalks and eliminating the signs.

Old Business

New Business:

Council Forum:

There was discussion regarding the comprehensive plan in which it was mentioned that all comments from the state will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan after a hearing is held. Questions followed regarding how long it will take after the adoption of the comprehensive plan for J.B. Kline Landscaping and Shanco to be annexed into the Town.

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It was also noted by the Mayor that Laytonsville Elementary School is hooking up to public water.

Residents Forum:

Sheree Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive inquired as to whether bike stands could be installed at the pond to make it more bike friendly. The Mayor said he really liked that idea.

Sheree Wenger also expressed concerns regarding the shopping center. Mayor Prats stated that Damascus Bank may be looking to move to the Airpark area. He didn't know of any other businesses moving out of the shopping center. Regarding the 7-11, Mayor Prats stated that he would talk with the property owners.

Adjournment: Council Member Preusch made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Council Member Halvorson seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington
Assistant Clerk
July 7, 2015

Trash/Recycling Update

When trash and recycling pick-up occur on Monday holidays, the following day, Tuesday, will be the designated pick-up day. The designated holidays follow the county transfer station schedule and will be as follows for 2015:

For Sept. 7, Labor Day – Pick up will be Sept. 8

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Please continue to separate recycling materials.

Please do not put yard waste or mulch out for the regular trash pick-up.

Yard waste should be placed in brown bags.

ATTN HISTORIC DISTRICT RESIDENTS: Exterior home repairs may qualify for Montgomery County tax credits. For more information:

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<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/instructions/documents/PDFTaxCreditApplication.pdf>