

Council Activity Report for the Month of January 2022

- January Council Meeting was held on Monday, January 10th. Meeting began at the usual time of 7:30 pm.
- Town Council held three closed meetings.
 - One meeting was to obtain legal advice pertaining to appointments of commission members.
 - A second meeting was held to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose. This was related to the stormwater management pond over at Twin Ridge Business Park.
 - The third meeting was also related to the acquisition of real property for a public purpose. The property is 8 North Main Street.
- Various other ordinances and resolutions were voted on and introduced.
 - **Ordinances and resolution of note**
 - **Annexation Resolution 2021-14** pertaining to the Rigler Property was introduced
 - Council has set a hearing date for the April town council meeting, April 4th, for 6:30 pm.
 - Hearing date is several months out due to the town is required to obtain comments from Frederick County and the State on the resolution.
 - **Ordinance 2021-18 – Small Cell Towers**
 - Council voted to approve this ordinance with minor changes.
 - **Ordinance 2022 – 1 Emergency Budget Amendment**
 - Amendment was for \$250k dollars for the replacement of bolts on water valves in the Twin Arch Business Park.
 - Existing steel bolts have shown a rapid deterioration due to acidic soil conditions.
 - Town has already repaired one water main break
 - Problem is the same one that was fixed over in the Nottingham neighborhood.
 - **Ordinance 2022-2 – Development Fees**
 - Introduced
 - Will slightly increase all the impact fees charged by the town related to development.
 - Approximately all fees will increase by **\$200** dollars
 - Will add a new impact fee related to public safety in the amount of **\$1,700** dollars.
 - Development Fees have not been reviewed or increased for over 15 years. Last review/increase was in 2007.
 - **Ordinance 2022-3 – Public Safety Impact Fees**
 - Introduced
 - Establishes a fee to help fund the MAPD, that was not in existence in 2007

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- Hearings for both 2022-2 and 2022-3 are scheduled for 6:30 on February 7th.
This is the normal date for the Town Council meeting.
- **Resolution 2022-1 – Town Council Policy #7**
 - Requires Councilmembers to disclose contacts/meetings with interested parties by filling a summary document with the Town Clerk
 - Summaries are available to the public for review upon request.
- The first set of public workshops for the Charter were scheduled for February 24th from 6-8 pm in Town Hall.
- The fate of the Flat Iron Building was discussed, and a contract was awarded to Design Collective to come up with drawings related to the 3 preferred options to help the council to make a decision to proceed.
 - Mayor Hushour is planning on meeting with a group of interested citizens that want to preserve the structure in place.
 - It is expected that the drawings will be completed in April or May of this year and the Town Council will proceed with a decision at that time.
- **Meeting with Kaz Brothers related to Beck Property Development**
 - Meeting was requested by them with the Mayor
 - Mayor invited the public to attend as observers during the January town Council meeting.
 - Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 8th in town hall.
 - Several members of town staff were in attendance.
 - Town Attorney was present via phone.
 - Elected officials in attendance were Mayor Hushour, Councilmember Galletti, and Councilmember Munder.
 - There was no agenda for the meeting and topics of discussion were general in nature.
- **Next Town Council Meeting is February 7th at 6:30 pm due to public hearings Ordinances 2022-2 and Ordinances 2022-3.**