

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2005**

Railroad Square Parking Fee Resolution–Dave Dunn

Report attached. Rates haven't increased ever—this proposes to raise rates to \$30 per month from \$20 per month. Annual fee increase from \$200 to \$330. Renewal will be restricted to one year, and no sub-leasing will be allowed. Have received a 12-signature petition against increase.

Sharon Pennington–919 County Club Drive, Harpers Ferry, WV–Believes 50% increase too high at one time. Parking spots have been taken by other motorists and have received no City support in that situation.

Dave Dunn–Mentions that Public Hearing was not required by law.

Homestead Property Tax Credit–Dave Dunn

Report attached.

Smith–States there are properties that have not yet been appraised. Figures will be outdated.

Dave–Using current assessment values.

Joe Harrington–46 East F Street–Believes Brunswick should emulate Mt. Airy program, with a 0% increase in property tax value.

Smith–Mt. Airy is highly commercial. They can afford that type of program.

**Meeting Notes**

Call to Order

Pledge

Roll Call–Johnson, Smith, Greenfield, Stull, Bell; all present

Mayor's Remarks–Railroad Days this weekend. County Bulk Trash pick-up this weekend. Mentions Charles Leopold's passing.

Citizens' Forum

Old Business:

New Business:

LEPS Drill Briefing–Dennis Wenner

October 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 a.m. Gives briefing, thanks all participants and everyone else involved.

Brunswick Crossing Special Tax District–Timmy Ruppensberger, City Bond Counsel  
Report attached. Gives background.

Keenan Rice–Attached.

Smith–Inquires about prepayment provisions. What happens when properties sold at high amounts and bonds are prepaid?

Rice–Would prepay bond. Retirees often most likely to prepay.

Bell–Who keeps track of bonds?

Rice–An Administrator is hired.

Mayor–Is tax rate only established once?

Rice–Yes. Can collect less (reduce), but not increase.

Smith–What would Homeowners Association have to do with bonds?

Rice–No involvement.

Bell–Who decides which roadways are on list to improve? Souder Road left out currently.

Jerry Connelly–Brunswick Crossing, LLC.–Road improvements selected by City and State highway when APFO was established. Planning Commission approved. Analysis was done on individual roads.

Smith–Why is intersection of Rt. 464 and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue included?

Connelly–That was designated as a failing intersection.

Dan Snyder–State will be responsible for their own roads.

Smith–Is this on list of priorities for funding improvements?

Jerry–Funding will go to as many items on list as money allows for.

Park Avenue Stop Signs  
Original documentation attached.

Chief–Doesn't think stop signs will curb speeding.

Smith–Motion to remove stop signs.

2<sup>nd</sup>–Bell

Stull–Should honor citizens’ request for signs in area.

Bell–Stop signs will result in collisions because hill is too steep.

Vote 3-2 (Johnson, Stull against)

Motion to make current signage larger–Bell

2<sup>nd</sup>–Smith

Vote 5-0

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Date City Administrator Date