

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, January 12, 2010 – 7:45 p.m.
Ordinance 09-O-09

**An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland,
Amending Chapter 132 “Litter And Graffiti”, By Adding Article IV, “Shopping Carts”, §
132-15 “Storage Of Shopping Carts” And §132-16, “Violations And Penalties” And Amending
Chapter 110, “Fees And Penalties”, §110-2, “Penalties”, To Prohibit Off-Premise Shopping
Carts And To Provide For A Penalty.**

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Nagle, Wojahn, Catlin, Stulich, Cook, Afzali and Mitchell; Deputy Student Liaison Becca Lurie.

ABSENT: Councilmember Perry.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services.

Mayor Fellows opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 09-O-09 at 7:52 p.m.

Mary Cook, 9806 47th Avenue: Thanked Councilmember Cook for bringing this legislation forward and thanked Public Works and everyone at the City that was involved in collecting shopping carts and speaking with the manager of Shoppers Food Warehouse. Mrs. Cook stated that Shoppers Food Warehouse has gotten better with customers not removing the shopping carts beyond the parking lot area due to the fact that they have installed the wheel lock system; however, Home Depot carts are now being seen outside of the shopping center. She encouraged Council to support this ordinance.

Shirley Sabin, 4701 Cherry Hill Road: The shopping cart issue has been a problem for the past six years. Abandoned shopping carts are an eyesore for the residents and pose possible safety hazards when they are sitting on Cherry Hill Road. Mrs. Sabin thanked Council for helping to resolve this problem and encouraged Council to support this ordinance.

Stasia Hutchison, 4710 Kiernan Road: Shopping carts have been left on Cherry Hill Road next to the apartments, by the entrance to the Market Place Shopping Center, at the bus stop and by the brick wall. They are unsightly and pose a hazard to pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. This new ordinance would make the manager/business responsible for their shopping carts, not the City. She encourages Council to pass this ordinance to make sure that this will not become an issue in the future.

Mayor Fellows declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:58 p.m.

Yvette Allen
Assistant City Clerk

Date Approved