

C O U N C I L M I N U T E S – S P E C I A L M E E T I N G

MARCH 24, 2015, 6:30PM, SFD TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Tim Sessoms; the invocation was led by Scott Whitaker followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

Tim Sessoms, Mayor
Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem
Dianne Laughlin
Alicia Flowers
Elizabeth McClellan (arrived at 6:37pm)

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk
Katrina Whitt, Finance Officer
Jeff Goard, Parks & Recreation Manager

The 3/16 Finance Committee meeting had been canceled, so committee members were invited to this meeting to provide budget input. Finance Committee members present: Vicky Bridges and Don Wendelken.

Barnes motioned to formally excuse Adams, seconded by Laughlin, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Flowers motioned to approve the consent agenda and RES-2015-001 "Oppose Twin Trailers on NC 68." The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

FY2015-16 BUDGET WORKSHOP

- A. **Public comments re: FY2015-16 budget:** Wendelken spoke about Senate Bill 369 Sales Tax Credit Act, a proposal which would change how sales tax is distributed to counties and municipalities.
- B. **FY2015-16 budget planning session (priorities focus):** Whitaker discussed capital projects. The SAP paving project that is currently budgeted was discussed in relation to the future phase of SAP, including curb and gutter and possible additional grading. Goard noted more parking was needed for current level of use. Also discussed was what groups use the park (residents or travel teams), additional grading, and smaller projects originally planned for Phase I but not yet completed. By consensus, council directed Whitaker to get quotes for paving the proposed parking area with an option for additional grading to include pushing the dirt back to the property line and timbering the area to the property line leaving a small buffer. It was also agreed to allow current year budget money slated for paving to be used to complete smaller SAP projects, including installation of a chain-link fence at the multi-purpose field, top dressing and aerating fields, adding another batting cage, and installing security cameras.

Council: Mayor Tim Sessoms, Mayor Pro-tem Dena Barnes, Mike Adams, Alicia Flowers, Dianne Laughlin, Elizabeth McClellan

Staff: Scott Whitaker (Manager), Jeff Goard (P&R Manager), Valarie Halvorsen (Clerk), Julie Reid (Planner), Katrina Whitt (Finance Officer)



There was discussion of the following: effort to get estimates for trail design before adoption of the budget; streamlining policies and ordinances; pulling components together for a master plan for the intersection encompassing Town Hall and the Gordon building; town signage, including an additional SAP sign for the new entrance; the feasibility of keeping tractor trailers out of the historic district; and installing a cover over the SCP amphitheater ("no" by consensus).

Regarding planning, Whitaker stated due to the high work volume, there may be a need for a planning tech position or at least a contingency for contracting for additional planning services. There was discussion about the feasibility of an intern.

Other items discussed included the need for additional oversight of the parks on weekends; adding a second recycling event; another council retreat in autumn; a budget request from the Historical Committee to erect highway markers at Laughlin School and the Bugle Boy monument on 150 (approved by consensus); and upfitting the museum area of Town Hall for council and/or committee meetings.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:37pm by Barnes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.


 Tim Sessoms, Mayor


 Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk