



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S A P R I L 1 1 , 2 0 1 7 , 6 : 3 0 P M , S F D C O M M U N I T Y C E N T E R

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mark Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

Mark Brown, Mayor
Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro-tem
Mike Adams
John O'Day
Reece Walker

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
Dee Hall, Finance Office
Carrie Spencer, Planning Director
Mary Gant
Torin Fury, Attorney

Dianne Laughlin was not in attendance. Adams motioned for the meeting to be continued in her absence. The motion was seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously. Attorney Hill was absent, but Attorney Torin was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brown requested to replace item 10. D. ("Architectural services for Gordon Hardware Building and Martin House") with "Citizen group request to amend Comprehensive Plan." Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, including the open session minutes for 3/14, 3/17-18 and 3/21. Adams seconded and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker announced Founders' Day dates of 5/12 (6:00pm-10:00pm) and 5/13 (10:00am-4:00pm) and deadlines. Whitaker also addressed a misunderstanding concerning the "Firearms in parks" topic (that a new ordinance had *not* been adopted the previous month) and the topic would be discussed later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RE: FY2017-18 BUDGET AND PUBLIC COMMENTS (these mixed here)

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive asked about the upcoming budget posting; wanted to confirm the 4/24 Zoning Board meeting was still scheduled; stated council should meet their own timeline in and ensure it is as accurate; stated the town feels the PD amendment would cost taxpayers more and place a financial burden on the fire department; the intersection projects will cost too much.

Andy Stevens of 4200 US-29 North, Trailer 260 stated the firearm ordinance is not necessary and felt Summerfield is becoming too regulated; felt that guns are not the issue, but the people who misuse them are; the public should be able to carry wherever they desire if they are lawful citizens.

John Dwyer of 5902 Mary Hall Court asked why there is gross inflation of the budgets yearly; stated the town should not consistently have a surplus; stated that there are people with different views who want to serve their community and they should be given equal consideration.

Amber Best of 7990 Witty Road asked if they will hear the responses from the Zoning Board in regard to their decision for passing the PD; mentioned a consistent claim of miscommunication but

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the board does not share information with the community; felt the 2/9 meeting was difficult to follow because all of the information needed was not provided.

Priscilla Olinik of 3100 Pleasant Ridge Road said a citizen offered to pay for a survey; people want to know when the Development Ordinance will be completed and approved; people have asked for studies on water, fire department, septic, traffic, schools, crime; taxes would be affected by PD.

Elizabeth McClellan of 7103 Lentz Court stated that there is more diversity needed on the proposed committee board; pointed out that a person who is attempting to join the Zoning Board has a wife already on another committee board; said not much had been spent of the current budget; her HOA was in line with the spending and there would be backlash if there were a surplus; she'd like to be able to carry her gun anywhere as she does have a concealed weapons permit.

Tyres Tatum of 194 Wall Road, Mayodan, stated he works for Homeland Security and teaches all NRA courses available; said when people are trained accurately and safely, they should be able to carry a weapon to defend themselves. The board should allow the citizens to make their own decisions.

Teresa Pegram of 7401 Green Lawn Drive stated the people want to know who will be chosen for the Zoning Board. She had no problem with anyone on the board, but encouraged diversity; said council cannot continue to choose people to serve or not serve because of individual feelings.

Steven Best of 7990 Witty Road stated there should be funds in the budget to fight legislation in regards to the firearm ordinance; said people want to feel safe in their communities and they should be able to defend themselves with lawful weapons; reiterated that if a crime were to occur in a city park or public area, the police officers would be the first targets.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive said highly-qualified people should serve on the Zoning Board; complained about the TOS Committee chair and how meetings are run; felt the UDO needs to be completed; felt that having deputies in attendance was insulting to citizens; complained about renovations and not having full and accurate information.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC-150 stated higher density changes the community and higher density hasn't had significant support; said a number of people involved in local construction have expressed an interest in serving; asked that Council be careful and cognitive of the interest of those who are voted into Council.

COMMITTEE / BOARD / EVENT REPORTS

- A. Finance: Budget and retreat priorities were discussed during the 3/20 meeting. The initial line-item budget draft should be ready per the adopted calendar. The next meeting would be 4/17.
- B. Historical: Laughlin School received the first historical marker with over 130 graduates and former students included in the event festivities. Another sign would be placed in the near future. The next meeting would be 4/27.
- C. Trails and Open Space: Members working on Founders' Day. The next meeting would be 4/26.
- D. Founder's Day Committee: Vendor registration was a little low, but it was being addressed.
- E. ABC Board: *no report*



EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

- A. **Summerfield Fire District:** Captain Jenna Daniels reported April calls (120 total: 33 fire, 71 EMS, 16 "other"); 39 child safety seats were installed. Approximately 400 children were reached through public education and community outreach. Daniels discussed upcoming events and the recent 5k event, which raised \$11,000.
- B. **Guilford Co. Sheriff's Dept.:** *no report*
- C. **Guilford Co. Emergency Services:** *no report*

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **Speed Limit Reduction (NC-150 E. from US-220 to Strawberry Rd.):** O'Day motioned to reduce the speed limit on NC-150 E. from US-220 to Strawberry Road, seconded by Walker. Council discussed and there was a question about the three needed forms. Whitaker understood that all provided by NCDOT would need to be completed. Council unanimously agreed to table the issue until clarification could be received.
- B. **Zoning Board appointments/reappointments:** The Zoning Board had a resignation that created an opening. Scott Henson could be moved to a voting member. Barnes motioned to appoint Henson as a full voting member, seconded by O'Day, which carried unanimously. There was also room for an unspecified number of alternate members, the town had received four applications, and a subcommittee of the Council had interviewed each. Barnes motioned to appoint Ryan Moats as an alternate, seconded by O'Day, which carried unanimously. Barnes motioned to appoint Frank Ficca as an alternate, seconded by O'Day which carried unanimously. Barnes motioned to appoint Clark Doggett as an alternate, seconded by O'Day which carried unanimously. Barnes motioned to appoint Clint Babcock as an alternate, seconded by O'Day which carried unanimously. Barnes stated it was a pleasure to meet with and interview all of the candidates.
- C. **Stewart supplemental agreement request re: A&Y Greenway (south) design contract:** Whitaker stated that the contract in place for project design and engineering required a scope change following the previous month's approval related to the US-220 realignment. This request was to consider a second scope change that would extend the northern end of the greenway to Medearis Street. Walker motioned to approve the \$29,295 supplemental agreement for adding the additional segment to the design and engineering contract. The motion was seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously.
- D. **Citizen group request to amend Comprehensive Plan:** The town had received a request to amend the Comp Plan and establish the maximum average residential housing density allowed within any new subdivision to be no more than one unit per 60,000 square feet. The request was accompanied by a \$1,500 fee as required by the fee schedule. Adams stated the Town should not charge fees to listen to the citizens and the funds should be returned. Spencer suggested that Council assure citizens that the density request will be considered after returning their fee and added that staff would work on a procedure for amending the Comp Plan. O'Day and Adams requested that the funds be returned to the citizen group and the request to consider density, as well as requests for amending the Comp Plan in general, be forwarded to the next Zoning Board meeting for advice. The check would be refunded with clarification from the citizen group

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Chairs. There was discussion about removing the fees for Comp Plan and Ordinance amendments from the fee schedule as part of the budget process.

- E. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker reported that the SHPO-requested archaeological study that within the watershed corridor did not yield any signs of archaeological sites or resources and no further work was recommended. Also, the water system feasibility study effort among Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, Guilford County, and Summerfield was progressing, Timmons Group had been selected as the most qualified firm, and he expected to bring a contract and costs forward in the near future. Also, a local resident has been mowing the former Vandergrift property for hay and a contract was being reviewed by the attorney to ensure interests are clearly addressed; no costs are involved with the mowing. Whitaker stated a meeting was scheduled with NCDOT to discuss I-73 and US-220 landscaping. The hiring of Town Planner Sean Taylor was announced. The SAP parking lot bid opening was scheduled for 4/25. The SCP amphitheater project was nearing completion with a movie event planned for 5/26.

BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- A. **Firearms in parks:** Whitaker reviewed the relevant part of the 2010 park ordinance that addresses firearms and serves as the rules as displayed on signage in both parks. There was considerable discussion related to properties, the parks, and how they have different dynamics. Council did not want to make any changes related to town-owned buildings and instead wanted to amend the ordinance to address conceal-carry permitting in the parks. The directive was for the attorney to amend Section 6 of the current park ordinance to allow those legally permitted to "carry" firearms at the parks, but not to allow the "display" of them. It was discussed that a public hearing would be held prior to any ordinance changes. The mayor also wanted the ordinance reviewed in order to address the ability to carry into town buildings.
- B. **Committee to review UDO and PD:** The status of PD was addressed. At the 2/16 Council meeting, the directive was to remand the text amendment back to the Zoning Board for further editing to address concerns raised by citizens. That directive involved reworking some of the current Development Ordinance. More recent discussions had produced an idea to form a citizen advisory committee to advise regarding the entire Unified Development Ordinance rewrite with the end goal of better engaging citizens in the process. There was consensus that a committee should be formed to help make decisions. Spencer made the recommendation of including a neutral broker to assist and Whitaker requested clarity as to who the committee would advise exactly. There was agreement that bringing the ordinance up to date was necessary to move forward. Walker motioned for O'Day and Adams to review the UDO and PD with Spencer, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously. Walker suggested that PD be placed on hold and the UDO focused on first with the understanding that PD will be a part of that overall process. Council agreed by consensus.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Brown received a letter from Guilford County Schools Superintendent Sharon Contreras concerning a recent visit with town officials and employees. She also recently spoke at Laughlin School. The manager's performance appraisal will be due in June and he requested that Council return them in mid-May.



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With no further business, a motion was made at 9:27pm by O'Day to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Mark Brown, Mayor

Mary Gant, filling in for Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk

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