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C O U N C I L M I N U T E S M A R C H 1 4 , 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
Dianne Laughlin
John O'Day
Reece Walker

Staff
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

Brown recommended removing agenda items 11. B. Martin House improvements and 11. D. Firearms in parks, due to the absence of the manager and attorney.

Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, including the agenda, open session minutes for 2/9 and 2/16, financial report, and Summerwind secondary road additions resolution (Citron Dr., Summer Breeze Ct., Summer Wind Ct.). The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brown congratulated Halvorsen on her 10 years of service with the town, stated Town Hall would be closed tomorrow due to staff illness, and the unveiling of the Laughlin School historical marker would be 4/7 at 3:30pm. Walker stated there would be a softball tournament 4/22 at 8:00am to benefit a wounded sheriff deputy.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR HISTORICAL COMMITTEE WRITING CONTEST

Linda Southard and Anna Heroy presented checks and certificates to contest winners: elementary age group: 1st place Lily Guilbeau, 2nd place Sam Long, honorable mention Hannah Rochester and Banks Gdovin; middle school age group: 1st place Meredith Long, 2nd place Claire Worsham, honorable mention Lydia Dean; high school age group: 1st place Matthew Long.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Priscilla Olnick of 3100 Pleasant Ridge Road thanked Council for delaying PD consideration and expressed concern that high-density housing will negatively affect schools and will shut out local builders in developing here. She suggested figuring out an alternative way to offer affordable housing and that the Comprehensive Plan be amended.

Paul Poole of 7356 Henson Forest Drive said PD is a solution in search of a problem; there are affordable homes within a 7-minute drive so there is no need for high-density housing in Summerfield; Council could just adjust the Development Ordinance to allow smaller homes on



smaller lots; and higher density effectively changes the demographics of the town to support commercial development rather than the other way around. Citizens want the large houses, large lots, and good schools that we have now; PD will change why we moved here in first place.

Lee Haywood of 7203 Macintosh Place agreed with Poole and asked that Council abandon efforts to restrict the right to arms (referring to agenda item 11. D., which was removed from the agenda).

Teresa Pegram of 7401 Greenlawn Drive congratulated Halvorsen on her 10th anniversary. She spoke as a representative of the Save Our Summerfield Committee and stated current density was designed to protect the water supply and PD does not. She asked Council to involve the community to amend the Comprehensive Plan stating she had 1300 signatures on a petition to do so and the \$1500 fee required.

Douglas Cornelius of 5405 Chestnut Ridge Drive spoke against restricting carrying firearms and felt the proposed ordinance to do so is immoral and a violation of the 2nd amendment that takes away citizen rights.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC-150 West spoke against the proposed PD stating it went against why the town incorporated and why citizens bought homes in Summerfield.

Carla Bluitt of 7087 Toscana Trace thanked Council for delaying a decision on PD and noted such amendments could be considered after the Comprehensive Plan is updated.

Norman Klick of 5 Owls Roost Court asked all to keep Deputy Logan Self, who was shot in the line of duty, in their thoughts and prayers.

Amber Best of 7990 Witty Road spoke against the proposed PD and asked Council to make decisions based on citizen wants.

Frank Ficca of 6300 Westcott Drive asked Council to step back and consider the feelings of all citizens when considering creating a good ordinance.

John Dwyer of 5902 Mark Hall Court spoke in favor of firearms rights; requested information on how the proposed PD amendment got as far as a vote by Council without a clear understanding of the document and how it was written; and suggested brainstorming on how to improve processes to get citizen input before items get to a Council vote.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive spoke against proposed PD, thanked Halvorsen for her 10 years of service, and asked why the Development Ordinance rewrite was still not finished.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RE: FY2017-18 BUDGET (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

Elizabeth McClellan of 7 Lentz Court stated the proposed PD document was deficient and recommended adding funds to the budget for additional, external planning services.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive asked Council to listen to citizens when crafting the budget; felt expensive land purchases should be considered via referendum or public hearing; asked management to consider how to serve the public when staff is out sick; stated citizens wanted low taxes; and said operating expenses exceed income due to growing government.



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COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** The 2/20 meeting was canceled; the next meeting would be 3/20, during which the committee would discuss the budget.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard said the next meeting would be 3/30, the unveiling of the Laughlin School historical marker would be 4/7 at 3:30pm.
- C. **Trails and Open Space:** Jane Doggett said the next meeting would be 3/22.
- D. **Founders Day:** Halvorsen stated the next meeting would be 3/21.
- E. **ABC Board:** *no report*

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

- A. **Summerfield Fire District:** Captain Jenna Daniels reported February calls (100 total: 26 fire, 59 EMS, 15 "other"); 15 child safety seats were installed. Approximately 200 children were reached through public education and community outreach in February. Daniels discussed upcoming events and outdoor burn safety.
- B. **Guilford Co. Sheriff's Dept.:** *no report*
- C. **Guilford Co. Emergency Services:** *no report*

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **Zoning Board appointments/reappointments:** O'Day motioned to reappoint Jeff Davis to the Zoning Board, seconded by Walker, which carried unanimously. Barnes motion to reappoint Scott Henson as a Zoning Board alternate, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously. Regarding reappointment of Dwayne Crawford as a Zoning Board alternate, the issue died due to lack of a motion. Barnes motioned to thank Crawford for his service and to seek new applicants. The motion was seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously.
- B. **Martin House improvements:** *removed from agenda*
- C. **Stewart supplemental agreement request re: A&Y Greenway (south) design contract:** O'Day motioned to approve the \$40,364 supplemental agreement for realignment of the A&Y Greenway in the area of the US-220 pedestrian tunnel. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried 4 to 1 (Laughlin opposed).
- D. **Firearms in parks:** *removed from agenda*

With no further business, a motion was made at 7:40pm by O'Day to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

Mark Brown, Mayor

Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk

Council: Mayor Mark Brown, Mayor Pro-tem Dena Barnes, Mike Adams, Dianne Laughlin, John O'Day, Reece Walker **Manager:** Scott Whitaker

Staff: Jeff Goard (P&R Mgr.), Cheryl Gore (Mgr. Asst./Events Coord.), Dee Hall (Finance Ofc.), Valarie Halvorsen (Clerk), Carrie Spencer (Planning Dir.)