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

Council

Staff

Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Dianne Laughlin  
John O'Day  
Reece Walker  
Mike Adams

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager  
Dee Hall, Finance Officer  
Carrie Spencer, Planning Director  
Mary Gant, Deputy Clerk  
William Hill, Town Attorney

Barnes stated Mayor Brown would not be attending the meeting. Referencing the historic 9-11 tragedy, she stated that sixteen years ago all individuals were united, and then stated a desire to return to that unity.

CONSENT AGENDA

Whitaker requested to add a topic as item 9. E ("UDO Review Committee Appointment") and reorder items F and G. Adams motioned to approve the consent agenda, which included the amended agenda, open and closed session minutes for 8/8, financial report, and Support of Reliable Resources for Maintenance of National Parks resolution. O'Day seconded and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker announced upcoming events: the 9/20 legislative town hall session, 9/22 movie-in-the-park, and 9/23 Summer-Cycle.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Priscilla Olinick of 3100 Pleasant Ridge Road expressed concerns with construction relating to the recent school bus wreck. She wanted to see if the town could make changes related to the intersection being dangerous.

Todd Rotruck of 7437 Strawberry Road discussed a political cartoon on Summerfield News and felt the town's focus should be more on real issues, specifically PD.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC Highway 150 W addressed public records requests, tracking Founders' Day expenses, and if there is a value in having two town planners.

Teresa Pegram of 7401 Greenlawn Drive expressed a need for transparency, provided state information about public records, and said she receives better service outside of Summerfield.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive stated she cannot wait for open transparency when elected and addressed time allotment related to NCGS 143-318.17.

Elizabeth McClellan of 7103 Lentz Court stated she never felt threatened on Council. She stated there are conflict of interest issues within the UDO Review Committee membership.



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Rudy McClellan of 3631 Whispering Woods Drive, Houston, Texas, stated he hopes Summerfield preserves what it currently has.

Beth Kaplan of 7979 Highfill Road stated two views are needed for PD and compromise is needed. She urged the public to be careful of their vote and endorsed Tim Sessoms, Dianne Laughlin, and Mike Adams.

Don Wendelken of 3406 Windswept Drive stated no harm was meant by the political cartoon. He stated focus should be on real issues.

### COMMITTEE / BOARD/EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** The committee did not meet in August. The next meeting would be 9/18 with a short agenda and officer elections.
- B. **Historical:** Southard stated the committee met 8/28. The next meeting would be 9/28 with discussion of changes within the town center.
- C. **Trails and Open Space:** Doggett stated the committee met 8/23 and continued discussion about trail issues. The next meeting would be 9/27 and Sean Taylor's father would discuss trail issues encountered in Virginia.
- D. **UDO Review Committee:** Adams stated the committee needs varying opinions and he values all contributions. The 9/7 meeting was the start of dealing directly with substantive issues. On behalf of the committee chair, Spencer asked for a restating of the committee's charge and Adams read the committee's purpose from its establishing ordinance. O'Day acknowledged the committee's diversity and Walker stated his support of Adams in his committee role.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

- A. **Summerfield Fire District:** Chief Johnson and the fire district were recognized for vastly improving the district's ISO rating. August calls (98 total: 25 fire, 56 EMS, 17 "other"); 20 child safety seats were installed; approximately 107 children were reached through public education and community outreach in August; and they now have an educational trailer to promote fire and lifesaving messages.
- B. **Guilford Co. Sheriff's Dept.:** Captain Elliott stated District 1 is down 15% in crime this year; reported August calls (670 total); and reported more crimes are occurring to the west. He mentioned fraud cases involving the elderly and reminded all to lock doors and be vigilant.
- C. **Guilford Co. Emergency Services:** Whitaker reported on behalf of the agency: 70 calls for August and support of the Wyndham PGA Championship.

### BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **NC Department of Commerce Revitalization and Economic Development Award:** Whitaker reported the awarding of \$33,334 in funding to be used for downtown revitalization. As the master planning was just beginning, Spencer inquired about using the awarded funds for an unspecified project that would result from the separate master planning. A resulting project would fit the program parameters and the funds must be used by October 2018. There was Council consensus to proceed with the project submission with these terms.



- B. Trails & Open Space Committee appointment:** Muhammad Ejaz was recommended by O'Day and Barnes, who stated they felt he would be a good fit during the interview. O'Day motioned to appoint him for the opening. Adams seconded and passed unanimously.
- C. Zoning Board Appointment:** Whitaker stated Moats resigned to join the UDO Review Committee, therefore leaving a vacancy. Jason Sheppard was interviewed and O'Day and Barnes felt he was a solid candidate. O'Day motioned to appoint Sheppard. Laughlin seconded and passed unanimously.
- D. Founders' Day Committee reappointments:** Whitaker stated the committee started earlier last year and that worked well. The committee had some attrition and he requested to appoint the committee now with hopes to recruit new resident members. The recommendation was to appoint the recommended slate. Walker inquired about the first meeting and Whitaker stated possibly as soon as late September. Walker asked how decisions could be made and Whitaker responded that some progress could be made, but other decisions might be delayed. O'Day stated Jason Sheppard had also shown interest in serving, Sheppard affirmed, and he was accepted as a member by consensus of Council.

There was discussion of O'Day recusing himself from voting for Kelly O'Day as an ex-officio member and Walker recusing himself from voting regarding his membership as an ex-officio member. O'Day motioned to appoint all current members minus Kelly O'Day and Walker. Adams seconded and passed unanimously. Walker then motioned to reappoint Kelly O'Day. Laughlin seconded and passed unanimously minus O'Day. O'Day motioned to reappoint Walker. Adams seconded and passed unanimously minus Walker.

- E. UDO Review Committee appointment:** Adams stated Billy Tesh had resigned, that the subcommittee had met, and he read the criteria for becoming a committee member. He said the subcommittee considered geographic representation of potential applicants in arriving at a recommended replacement and then motioned to appoint Carolyn Collins. O'Day seconded and passed unanimously. Whitaker clarified he was away and did not get to meet with the subcommittee. Teresa Pegram questioned why Priscilla Olinick was not recommended. Adams stated that simply attending the meeting and knowing material was not the most important requirement. The information is readily available through the media for the public to view. He stated geographical diversity of the committee was important and Carolyn would provide that.
- F. Council budget amendment #2 (FY16-17):** Finance Officer Hall stated amendments are needed regarding officer protection through the November meeting and for the temporary Clerk position. Walker made a motion to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Adams and passed unanimously.
- G. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker stated the active recruitment for a Clerk. He stated the current Summerfield population is 11,388 as of 7/1/16. He added that the architectural work for the Gordon Building was progressing as they review design concepts. Surveying was complete for the intersection master planning. The SAP northern parking lot construction was progressing and window restoration proposals were being sought for the Martin House. Whitaker discussed A&Y Greenway progress and that Stewart's design, engineering, and relevant permitting were scheduled for completion by 12/26.



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### BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A. Accounting of public records requests:** Whitaker stated there was not an issue with transparency and that some public requests are able to be fulfilled quickly, while others are much slower due to the broadness of the request and time involved. O'Day asked about the current policy and Whitaker acknowledged that some updates are needed. Hill stated she has reported on her days off to complete public records requests and reported recent costs of \$4,284.14 (staff time) and \$7,963.33 (attorney fees).

Hill stated that 98% of his recent time had been spent focusing on two large requests. Whitaker stated there are requests for information that isn't compiled. He stated the town would only recoup \$159.90 from what has been produced this year.

**B. Reports, updates or comments:** Laughlin thanked the members of all committees for their service. She reminded the members that Summerfield annexed itself when construction of the rock quarry began. O'Day stated he is available to meet with the public with any questions or concerns. He stated he receives very few emails or calls from citizens and Walker agreed that was the case with him also.

### OTHER BUSINESS (AS NEEDED)

Attorney Hill relayed information about the firearms draft. He stated if you have a valid concealed carry permit, you can carry; however, if you want to open carry, you are currently being asked to leave your weapon behind if a sign asks you to do so. Barnes inquired into current postings. Whitaker stated there are two signs in the park and none elsewhere. The town has an ordinance related to both parks (SCP and SAP), but the greenway would be an exception.

Barnes asked if the proposed ordinance needed to include town buildings and took issue with limiting the ability to carry unless specifically posted. She stated a desire for clarity as to what Council would consider following the future hearing. Hill reiterated that if there is no posting stating otherwise, you can carry. Hill said you can allow open or closed at the discretion of the town. There was discussion to limit at SAP due to children being in the vicinity. Barnes said a hearing should be scheduled and a consensus was agreed that it should occur in November.

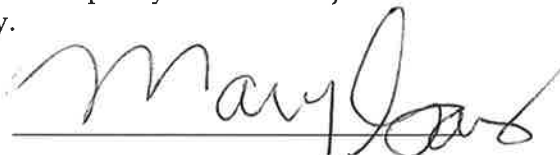
Walker referenced a recent bus wreck and was thankful it wasn't worse. He asked if we could contact NCDOT about US-220 traffic flow concerns and Whitaker stated it had been done and referenced some resulting changes. Whitaker also referenced an earlier claim that the town website no longer contained all the information it once did and he stated it is all there except meeting summaries (minutes are more complete and are added when approved). Walker responded to Dwayne Crawford's earlier statement that Founders' Day was not a waste of time and resources.

### ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:30pm by Adams to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Walker and carried unanimously.



Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem



Mary Gant, Deputy Clerk