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The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by BJ Barnes. Linda Southard provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

BJ Barnes, Mayor
 Tim Sessoms, Mayor Pro-tem
 Lynne Williams Devaney
 John O'Day
 Teresa Pegram
 Reece Walker

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
 Dee Hall, Finance Officer
 Lance Heater, Town Clerk
 Bob Hornik, Town Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Sessoms, seconded by Devaney and carried by a vote of 4-1 (Pegram opposed), the consent agenda was approved. It consisted of the meeting agenda and 12/10 open session minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – *None.*

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

- A. Summerfield Fire District:** During December, the department responded to 29 fire calls, 74 EMS calls, and 26 "other" calls for a total of 129 incidents.
- B. Guil. Co. Sheriff's Dept.:** During December, the department responded to 135 calls in District 1.

COMMITTEE / BOARD / EVENT REPORTS

- A. Finance:** The Finance Committee met 12/16 to discuss the audit and will meet again 2/17.
- B. Historical:** Andy Schlosser reported about the 12/19 meeting.
- C. Trails & Open Space:** Jane Doggett reported about the 12/18 meeting. Whitaker stated the RFP for the trails and open space master plan would be ready for issuance soon.
- D. Founders' Day:** Whitaker stated that planning for the 5/15-16 event was ongoing.

ATTACHMENTS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

Council received the following information with no action taken: committee minutes, event after-action reports, and the financial report for December.

PROFILE OF SUMMERFIELD BUSINESS

Council heard a presentation from Terry Helms of Helms Marketing Group regarding its business operations in Summerfield.



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lee Haywood, 7203 Mackintosh Place, spoke regarding his candidacy for the seat representing the 6th Congressional District.

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC-150 West, distributed copies of the contract between the Summerfield Fire District and the Town dated 1/5/99 and also distributed several examples of fire incident reports.

Bob Jones, 5704 Snow Hill Drive, spoke regarding the new Revolution Academy charter school planned for Oak Ridge Road, expressing concern about water supply, possible erosion impacts on Henson Lake, traffic issues, and buffering.

COUNCIL, MANAGER, AND/OR ATTORNEY RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Whitaker stated that the Zoning Board would be considering the site review of the proposed Revolution Academy during its 1/27 meeting and noted that, although there would be no formal public hearing, the Zoning Board would have public comments as a part of the agenda.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

A. FY2020–21 budget calendar: Whitaker requested formal adoption of the calendar, which included special called Council meetings on 3/17 and 5/28. Upon motion by Devaney, seconded by Sessoms and unanimous vote, the calendar was approved.

B. Summerfield Community Center property: Whitaker stated that the Summerfield Community Center, Inc. (SCCI) was requesting to deed the 16.78-acre community center property, consisting of the community building, parking lots, lake, and core of the Town's park to the Town, turn over account funds, and ideally maintain similar community rental agreements. However, Guilford County has a right of first refusal to the property that is part of the deed. The Town has inquired with the County to determine its interest. Whitaker stated that the agenda item was being presented in order to gauge Council's interest in the offer. Eric Long, President of SCCI, was present to respond to questions from Council. After discussion, Whitaker stated that the next steps would be to obtain a definitive answer from the County, potentially discuss at Council's upcoming retreat, and then reassess.

C. Remnant NCDOT property at southern end of Summerfield Rd.: Whitaker stated that NCDOT owns a 1.37-acre corner lot at the intersection of Summerfield Road and US-220 that is no longer needed for the US-220 widening project. The public is currently parking on the lot for easy access to the new sidewalk, pedestrian tunnel, and A&Y Greenway. Whitaker inquired if there was Council interest in acquiring this property so that improvements, including safety upgrades, could be made. Pegram expressed concern about the safety of pedestrians crossing Summerfield Road to reach the sidewalk. Upon motion by Sessoms, seconded by Devaney and carried 4-1 (Pegram opposed), Council authorized Whitaker to proceed with NCDOT discussions to determine if they would be willing to convey the property to the Town.

D. Reports, updates, or comments: Whitaker stated that he planned to forward a draft agenda for Council's 2/1 retreat later in the week.



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BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A. Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) delegate appointment: Upon motion by Sessoms, second by O'Day and carried unanimously, Devaney was appointed as the Town's voting delegate to the PTRC board.

B. Vetting assistance re: committee applicants: Whitaker stated that Council's traditional approach for committee appointments has been for two Council members to interview the applicant(s) and make a recommendation to Council. O'Day and former Mayor Pro-tem Dena Barnes had been delegated this task. With the retirement of Barnes, there is a need for a Council member to assist O'Day. Pegram requested that personal feelings be placed aside when considering potential committee applicants. Upon motion by O'Day, seconded by Walker and carried unanimously, Devaney was selected for this role.

C. Reports, updates, or comments: Pegram reported on her attendance at the White House Conference with Women Municipal Leaders on 12/12/19.

OTHER BUSINESS – *None.*

Upon motion by Sessoms, seconded by Walker and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

 BJ Barnes, Mayor

 Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk