



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S O C T O B E R 8, 2019, 6:30PM, SFD COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Gail Dunham. Pastor Denise Martin, of Summerfield Peace UMC, provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

Gail Dunham, Mayor
 Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro-tem
 Dianne Laughlin
 John O'Day
 Teresa Pegram
 Reece Walker

Staff

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Barnes, seconded by Laughlin and carried by a vote of 4-1 (Pegram opposed) the consent agenda was approved. It consisted of the meeting agenda; open and closed session minutes of 9/9, open session minutes of 9/10, open and closed session minutes of 9/21; and Resolution 2019-003 asking for the addition of Deerview Court to the State's Secondary Road System.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker reminded those present of the 10/11 movie-in-the-park event, the 10/12 Touch-a-Truck event, and the 10/19 US-220 sidewalk/tunnel opening ceremony. Dunham announced a walk-through of the Martin House prior to the 10/24 Historical Committee's regular meeting. O'Day announced a 10/12 Horse Friends event.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

- A. Summerfield Fire District:** During September, the department responded to 38 fire calls, 68 EMS calls, and 26 "other" calls for a total of 132 incidents.
- B. Guil. Co. Sheriff's Dept.:** During September, the department responded to 133 calls in District 1, 30% of which were burglar alarms.

COMMITTEE / BOARD / EVENT REPORTS

- A. Finance:** The Finance Committee did not meet.
- B. Historical:** Gary Brown reported on the 9/26 meeting and announced that the 10/24 meeting would begin at 5:30pm with a brief tour of the Martin House.
- C. Trails & Open Space:** Jane Doggett reported on the 9/25 meeting and reminded those present of the 10/19 US-220 sidewalk/tunnel opening ceremony.



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 September.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Lopez, 3104 Annry Drive, reported on the activities of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority's (PTAA's) "PTI Noise Compatibility Planning Study."

Danny Nelson, 2500 Pleasant Ridge Road, noted that he was a candidate for Mayor in the November election and reviewed his platform.

Sean Dwyer, 5902 Mary Hall Court, noted that he was a candidate for Town Council in the November election and reviewed his platform.

Dana Luther, 5406 Deer Trail Road, noted that she was a candidate for Town Council in the November election and spoke regarding election-related issues.

Rich Schlobohm, 6162 Lake Brandt Road, noted that he was a candidate for Town Council in the November election and reviewed his platform.

Priscilla Olinick, 3100 Pleasant Ridge Road, noted that she was a candidate for Town Council in the November election and reviewed her platform.

Gary Brown, 5249 Larue Court, spoke on behalf of candidates for Mayor and Town Council.

Beth Kaplan, 7979 Highfill Road, spoke on behalf of candidates for Mayor and Town Council.

Lynn Williams DeVaney, 7503 Strawberry Road, noted that she was a candidate for Town Council in the November election and reviewed her platform.

B.J. Barnes, 2709 Pleasant Ridge Road, noted that he was a candidate for Mayor in the November election and reviewed his platform.

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC-150 West, spoke regarding a proposed Sheriff's substation/municipal building proposal from 2004-2005.

Don Wendelken, 3406 Windswept Drive, spoke in response to Barnes' comments.

Paul Poole, 7346 Henson Forest Drive, spoke regarding housing density and development.

John O'Day, 7013 Mustang Court, noted that he was a candidate for Town Council in the November election and reviewed his platform.

Todd Rotruck, 7437 Strawberry Road, spoke regarding legal matters and in support of candidates for Town Council and Mayor.

Elizabeth McClellan, 7301 Lentz Court, spoke in support of candidates for Town Council and Mayor.

Kelly O'Day, 7013 Mustang Court, spoke regarding the municipal election.



Jan Cooke, 5902 Henson Farm Road, spoke in support of candidates for Town Council and Mayor.
 Janelle Robinson, 4945 US-220 North, spoke regarding her role in a voter residency challenge.

Danny Nelson, 2500 Pleasant Ridge Road, spoke in response to Robinson's comments.

The Mayor declared a recess at 8:14pm. The meeting was reconvened at 8:24pm.

COUNCIL AND MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

O'Day read comments from social media that he described as offensive. In response to a question from Pegram, Whitaker stated that he had received no formal complaint regarding a committee member which, under the Consolidated Committee Ordinance, he would be required to investigate. Laughlin and Barnes stated that the issue of Planned Development had been tabled by the Council. Dunham stated that the UDO draft contains language for higher density development compared to what is currently allowed. There was a general discussion regarding the UDO rewrite process. In response to a statement by Dunham, Whitaker described the specific UDO rewrite process that had been set forth by Council and stated that he was not directing the process in any way. Dunham began a discussion of legal fees and issues related to the Rotruck case. Other Council members responded, and further discussion occurred. O'Day made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion and second were withdrawn.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. NCDOT request to repeal municipal speed zones:** Upon motion by Barnes, seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously, Council concurred with the State recommendation to repeal State ordinances that established speed zones on US-220. Whitaker noted that this was a NCDOT request as part of an effort to have I-73 designated as eligible for federal interstate maintenance funding.
- B. Investment recommendation:** Upon motion by O'Day, seconded by Walker and carried by a vote of 4-1 (Pegram opposed), Council approved the investment of \$1.04 million at an annual rate of 1.56% in a 3-year CDAR with the Bank of Oak Ridge, as recommended by Hall and Whitaker after consultation with the Finance Committee.
- C. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker provided an update on staff training activities and on activities of the Planning and Parks & Recreation departments. Whitaker reported that: 1) the Town generator had been sold as surplus property in accordance with Resolution 2010-010; 2) land agreements were being negotiated with regard to the Town welcome signs project; 3) a total of \$83,334 in grant funding was utilized on the US-220 sidewalk project; 4) the Town had received permission from NCDOT to enforce Town signage regulations within the state right-of-way; and, 5) he, the planner, a NCDOT engineer, and Guilford County Schools staff had met about traffic flow issues at Summerfield Elementary School and the problem was being further assessed internally by the school and externally by NCDOT, but there were no easy solutions.



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REPORTS, UPDATES OR COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

O'Day expressed concern regarding safety at the A&Y Greenway crossing on Strawberry Road and asked if the issue could be addressed as soon as possible. Whitaker updated Council about the design solution in progress by the City of Greensboro.

CLOSED SESSION

O'Day made a motion at 9:11pm to go into closed session for the purpose of considering the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual employee as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). This motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Barnes, seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously, Council returned to open session at 9:42pm.

OTHER BUSINESS – none.

Upon motion by O'Day, seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm.

 Gail Dunham, Mayor

 Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk