



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S      N O V E M B E R 1 2 , 2 0 1 9 , 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 Gail Dunham. Pastor Denise Kilgo-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 (via telephone)  
 Teresa Pegram  
 Reece Walker

Staff

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

It was noted that O'Day was participating remotely via telephone.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Walker, 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 10/8, Council budget amendment #3 (FY19-20) and Resolution 2019-004 consenting to the abandonment of 0.05 mile of Centerfield Road (SCP's lakeside parking lot) from the State's Secondary Road System. Dunham and Pegram requested that future budget amendments be posted online with other agenda materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker reminded those present of the scheduled 11/23 Christmas Tree Lighting event. Dunham announced that the 11/18 Finance Committee meeting was cancelled. Hill reported that in the lawsuit *Crawford and Wendelken v. Town, Laughlin, Barnes, O'Day and Walker*, Judge McGee had remanded the suit to Judge Hall, who had earlier heard a related case. No hearing date had been set.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICES OF ATTORNEY WILLIAM HILL

Council recognized outgoing Town Attorney William Hill for service to the Town from 3/06 to 11/09. Hill expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Town. Whitaker and O'Day also expressed appreciation to Hill for his dedication and legal service.

*At this point (6:52pm), Hill was excused from the meeting.*

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

- A. Summerfield Fire District:** During October, the department responded to 27 fire calls, 69 EMS calls, and 34 "other" calls for a total of 130 incidents. Pegram requested data on calls within the Town limits and was informed that it is tracked by fire district and not corporate limits.
- B. Guil. Co. Sheriff's Dept.:** During October, the department responded to 134 calls in District 1, 39 of which were burglar alarms.



### COMMITTEE / BOARD / EVENT REPORTS

- A. Finance:** The Finance Committee did not meet but plans to in December.
- B. Historical:** Gary Brown reported about the 10/24 meeting and presented a preview of the 11/21 meeting. Dunham stated there was a need for a policy regarding the provision of stipends to persons who speak at committee meetings.
- C. Trails & Open Space:** Jane Doggett reported about the 10/23 meeting.

### 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 October. Dunham objected to an item in the 10/21 draft Zoning Board minutes regarding the removal of the term "multi-family" as an allowed use in the draft UDO, stating that the draft allowed up to four separate residences in a single building to be classified as a "single family" dwelling. She questioned Whitaker and he responded that Zoning Board minutes should be addressed directly with that board when it considers adoption.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC-150 West, offered to take the monthly fire department information and sort it to provide information on calls within the Town limits. He also revisited a request submitted in 3/17 to amend the Comprehensive Plan related to maximum density and claimed that Council had never acted on it. Dunham expressed appreciation to Crawford for his offer and comments.

### COUNCIL AND MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMENTS – none.

### BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. Remnant NCDOT properties for future Piedmont Greenway:** Whitaker requested that Council request that NCDOT convey 5 parcels to the Town that are remnants from the construction of I-73 to be used as part of the future construction of the Piedmont Greenway, a trail which would connect Greensboro to Kernersville and Winston-Salem. An area trails stakeholder group had asked that towns and cities that had such remnant properties within their jurisdictions make this request to NCDOT. Upon motion by Barnes, seconded by O'Day and carried by a vote of 4-1 (Pegram opposed), Council approved the request with the understanding that the parcels would be returned to NCDOT if the Piedmont Greenway isn't constructed. Dunham requested that newly-elected Council members be provided information about all Town-owned properties.
- B. Scheduling of Council strategic planning retreat:** Upon motion by Walker, seconded by Laughlin and carried by a vote of 4-1 (Pegram opposed), Council set its strategic planning retreat for 2/1/20 at PTRC in Kernersville. Pegram stated she opposed the motion because she felt it should be held locally.
- C. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker reported that: 1) Heater had completed Clerk Certification Institute training at the UNC School of Government; 2) most political signs had been removed following the election; 3) a December discussion was planned for Council to decide remaining steps toward UDO adoption; and, 4) the SAP field rental season had ended and P&R's focus would shift to park maintenance items. Dunham asked that the record reflect her desire for public participation in the UDO approval process.



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**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**A. Agreement re: Contract Attorney for Legal Services:** Upon motion by Walker, seconded by Laughlin and carried by a vote of 4-1 (Pegram opposed), Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding for legal services between the Town and the Brough Law Firm, PLLC of Chapel Hill. Pegram stated she opposed to the agreement because she felt it should be awarded to a firm located within a 30-minute commute of Town Hall.

**B. Reports, updates, or comments from Mayor and Council – None.**

**OTHER BUSINESS** – none.

Upon motion by Walker, seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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*Gail Dunham, Mayor*

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*Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk*