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A duly-noticed special called meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:00pm by Tim Sessoms. Cecil Donahue, pastor of Center United Methodist Church, provided the invocation.

The following were present:

**Council**

Tim Sessoms, Mayor  
 Lynne Williams DeVaney, Mayor Pro-tem  
 John Doggett  
 John O'Day  
 Janelle Robinson  
 Reece Walker

**Staff**

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager  
 Brad Rentz, Planner/Code Enf. Officer  
 Lance Heater, Town Clerk  
 Bob Hornik, Town Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by DeVaney, seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously, the meeting agenda was approved.

**VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION**

Sessoms explained the meeting purpose was to provide information to residents of the area who were not within the Town's borders about the process for voluntary annexation into the Town. Walker noted that the area was in the City of Greensboro's designated growth area in its 2040 Comprehensive Plan and that Council had decided to provide information to assist in protecting the rural character of the area that residents of Summerfield enjoy.

Whitaker stated that there existed an agreement between Greensboro and Summerfield to refrain from annexation in the area until May of 2027. Whitaker stated that there existed a scenario whereby Greensboro could extend water and sewer service and demand that property owners voluntarily agree to annexation as a condition of the extension of service.

Whitaker stated that municipalities are not allowed to annex properties within another jurisdiction and cited some advantages of voluntary annexation into Summerfield as follows: 1) residents might avoid future annexation into Greensboro with a much higher tax rate; 2) regarding future development, residents would likely have much lower density per acre given Greensboro's differing growth strategies; 3) residents would have representation in Summerfield elections and opportunities to serve on Town committees; and 4) service contracts, such as the one for trash and recycling service, might be more favorable as compared to Greensboro.

Whitaker outlined the procedure for voluntary annexation as follows: 1) citizens submit a petition to the Town; 2) the Clerk determines the sufficiency of the petition; 3) the Clerk certifies the sufficiency of the petition; 4) Council schedules a public hearing; and 5) following the public hearing, Council considers adoption of an annexation ordinance for some or all of the land.



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Council then conducted a question-and-answer session for persons present. A number of persons took the opportunity to ask questions and/or make statements regarding the advantages, disadvantages, and process regarding voluntary annexation.

Sessoms thanked all for attendance and noted that the meeting had been audio-recorded and would be available to anyone who may have been unable to attend.

Upon motion by DeVaney, seconded by Walker and carried by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

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*Tim Sessoms, Mayor*

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*Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk*