



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S S E P T E M B E R 1 4 , 2 0 2 1 , 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 Tim Sessoms. DeVaney provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present:

Council

BJ Barnes, Mayor (absent)
 Tim Sessoms, Mayor Pro-tem
 Lynne Williams DeVaney
 John O'Day
 Teresa Perryman
 Reece Walker (absent)

Staff

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

Sessoms noted that Barnes was away from Town and that Walker was absent due to a self-quarantine due to exposure to COVID.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by O'Day, seconded by DeVaney and carried by unanimous vote, the consent agenda was approved. It consisted of the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes of 8/10 and RES-2021-008 Honoring Gladys Scarlette. Perryman read the full text of the resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sessoms noted the birth of Hornik's first grandchild that day, Lilly Harper Hornik. Whitaker reminded those present of the 9/17 movie night, 9/18 Summer-Cycle recycling event, and several upcoming rezoning-related meetings.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

A. Summerfield Fire District: During August, the department responded to 26 fire calls, 61 EMS calls, and 39 "other" calls for a total of 126 incidents.

B. Guil. Co. Sheriff's Dept.: During August, the department responded to 95 calls in District 1.

ATTACHMENTS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

Council received the following information with no action taken: committee/board minutes and the August financial report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Dunham, 5805 Snow Hill Drive, expressed concern that June changes to the UDO were not fully drafted until after the vote, announced that she was a candidate for Mayor, and noted that she had a number of outstanding public records requests which had not yet been filled.



Teresa Perryman, 7401 Greenlawn Drive, stated that she was a candidate for Council who supports low-density development and limited-services government.

Beth Kaplan, 7979 Highfill Road, suggested that the Planning Board was not doing enough to promote housing diversity in the UDO and cited examples.

COUNCIL, MANAGER, AND/OR ATTORNEY RESPONSE TO COMMENTS – *None.*

PRESENTATION RE: BEAUTIFICATION OF US-220 PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL

Council heard a presentation from high school students Amir Kezzaz and Autumn Jackson regarding a proposal for students to complete Phase 2 of painting the south side of the US-220 pedestrian tunnel. After the presentation and discussion, and upon motion by O'Day, seconded by DeVaney and carried unanimously, the plan was approved. The members of Council expressed appreciation to the students and the Trails & Open Space Committee for taking on the project.

TOWN HALL PROJECT UPDATE

Sessoms noted that Council had established a total budget of \$3.5 million for the new town hall project, which includes construction, fees, site development, and all "soft costs." However, after working with the architect and CMAR, it was determined that the project was estimated to be more than \$100,000 over that budget and that work would be paused in order to allow pricing for materials to come down and normalize so that the project can be delivered at or below budget.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. Committee appointments (*Historical*):** Upon motion by O'Day, seconded by DeVaney and carried unanimously, Loren Sterling was appointed as a member of the Historical Committee to a term ending 7/23. Upon motion by O'Day, seconded by DeVaney and carried unanimously, Kenneth Robinson was appointed as an ex-officio member of the Historical Committee to a term ending 7/23.
- B. TOS Committee request: re dog park:** Whitaker noted that a dog park was identified as part of the Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan as a short term (1-3 year) project. The TOS Committee, in reviewing the Plan, expressed interest in advising about the project and made a formal request to Council to allow the Committee to investigate a suitable location for a dog park in conjunction with Parks and Recreation staff. It was the consensus of Council that the Committee be authorized to proceed.
- C. Special called meeting (*water for fire protection*):** It was the consensus of Council that a special called meeting be held 10/26, to be confirmed during the regular October Council meeting.
- D. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker noted: 1) the Town had not received a response from Guilford County regarding its request to establish an ETJ; 2) Chris York had resigned and the Town would be recruiting aggressively to fill a Planning Director position; 3) the project to laser level the baseball fields had been completed; and, 4) the planned Bandera Farms Park had been awarded a grant of \$50,000 from the North Carolina Horse Council.



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REPORTS, UPDATES, OR COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

DeVaney expressed appreciation to Sam Schlosser and Jeff Goard for work in cleaning up the Veterans Memorial. DeVaney also asked for assistance in representing the Council on the PTRC Board due to changes in her work schedule.

CLOSED SESSION

O'Day made a motion at 7:30pm to go into closed session for the purpose of consulting with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). This motion was seconded by DeVaney and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by DeVaney, seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously, Council returned to open session at 7:46pm.

OTHER BUSINESS – *None.*

Upon motion by DeVaney, seconded by Sessoms and carried by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

BJ Barnes, Mayor

Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk