

Garner Town Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2016

The Garner Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in the Police Department Training Room.

Present: Mayor Ronnie Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Behringer, Council Member Jackie Johns, Council Member Buck Kennedy, Council Member Ken Marshburn, Council Member Gra Singleton

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson-Interim Town Manager, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Pam Wortham-Interim Finance Director, Michael Gammon-Budget & Special Projects Manager, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Scout Troops 391 and 392

**INVOCATION:** Council Member Marshburn

**PETITIONS AND COMMENTS:** None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - Council Member Marshburn requested to add a closed session to the agenda per N.C.G.S. 143-318-11(a)(6) "to discuss the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, or conditions of appointment of an individual public officer or employee."

Action: Agenda revised to include this item.

Motion: Johns  
Second: Singleton  
Vote: Unanimous

Action: Agenda approved.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

## **CONSENT**

### **Resolution Declaring Unpaid Nuisance Abatements as Liens**

This Resolution contains an unpaid nuisance abatement fee that needs to be declared as a lien by the Town Council so that Wake County can attach it to the property tax bills.

Action: Adopt Resolution (2016) 2280

### **Revised Resolution of Intent to Acquire Interests in Real Estate**

The Town Attorney revisited the valuations of the Covington and Carroll properties. Although the additional right-of-way easements from both are on Purvis Street, these properties have Main Street addresses and unlike their Purvis Street neighbors, are valued as commercial properties. The valuations proposed to be used for compensation for additional right-of-way reflect Wake County valuation. The proposed figures are set forth in the revised Resolution.

Action: Adopt Resolution (2016) 2281

**Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Annexations, ANX-15-03 Bryan Road Elementary School and ANX-15-06 Oak Park Subdivision**

This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on March 7, 2016 for annexations relating to Bryan Road Elementary School (ANX 15-03) and Oak Park Subdivision (ANX 15-06).

Action: Adopt Resolution (2016) 2282

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Marshburn  
Vote: Unanimous

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Preliminary Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget**

Presenter: Michael Gammon, Budget & Special Projects Manager

Staff made a presentation that introduced the FY 2016-17 budget process, provided a preliminary outlook regarding revenues, made a presentation regarding FY 2016-17 recommended budget priorities and reviewed the budget calendar.

Action: Receive Public Input

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**Bond Tracking Report**

Presenter: Michael Gammon, Budget & Special Projects Manager

A brief overview was provided regarding the status of the bond program, specifically changes and updates from the last report. The Bond Project Tracking Report was included in the agenda package.

Action: No action; report only.

**Buffaloe Road Sidewalk Project**

Presenter: Tony Chalk, Town Engineer

Bids were opened on Tuesday, February 9th for this project. Only two bids were submitted with the original bid. Project was advertised again and bids were opened.

Action: Award Bid to Narron Contracting in the amount of \$1,074,322.20

Motion: Kennedy  
Second: Singleton  
Vote: Unanimous

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**MANAGER REPORTS**

1. garner info
2. Building & Permit Report
3. Finance Report

**ATTORNEY REPORTS:** None

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Kennedy

- Stated he felt the Council Retreat was productive and asked for a list of budget items discussed for this year's budget.

Council Member Singleton

- Expressed appreciation for the information prepared by staff for the Council Retreat.
- Provided a list of locations where sidewalks were being constructed or planned to be constructed in Garner. He added that in addition to the sidewalk projects, a Greenway project was being discussed.

Council Member Johns

- Stated the Retreat went well and hopes to accomplish many of the items discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Behringer

- Stated the Retreat went well, appreciated the information prepared and looks forward to carrying out the Retreat plan throughout the year.

Council Member Marshburn

- Stated the Retreat went well.
- Asked about the project being constructed at the corner of Timber Drive and Highway 50. Mr. Hamm advised this is a City of Raleigh project to replace old or undersized water lines.
- Invited everyone to attend one of the many performances at the GPAC.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion: Kennedy  
Second: Marshburn  
Vote: Unanimous

Per N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss "possible real estate acquisition and the Town's negotiating position regarding such real estate."

Per N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss "the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, or conditions of appointment of an individual public officer or employee."

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURN – 9:20 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stella Gibson