

**Town of Garner
Town Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2017**

The Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Garner Police Department Training Room located at 912 7th Avenue.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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-Town Manager, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Matt Roylance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, Michael Gammon-Budget & Special Projects Manager, Pam Wortham-Finance Director, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, William E. Anderson-Town Attorney, Stella Gibson-Town Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Ken Marshburn

INVOCATION: Council Member Ken Marshburn invited Dr. David Forbes, retired Shaw University Professor to provide the invocation.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT

Council Member Kennedy asked to discuss each item on the Consent agenda.

Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

Presenter: Pam Wortham, Finance Director

This resolution allows the Public Works department to dispose of vehicles that are no longer in use. Mr. Dickerson stated the vehicles being declared surplus have already been replaced or will be replaced in this year's budget.

Action: Adopt Resolution (2017) 2314

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Singleton
Vote: Unanimous

Ordinance Amending FY 2016/17 Operating Budget

Presenter: Pam Wortham, Finance Director

This budget amendment covers the transfer of \$80,907 in Restricted Asset Forfeiture Fund Balance into the General Fund to be utilized by the Police Department for the purchase of qualifying department supplies and equipment that will be used to prevent and respond to crime. Chief Zuidema advised these funds will allow the purchase of equipment that will make it safer for Police Officers to perform their job. Funds will be spent for non-budgeted items.

Action: Adopt Ordinance (2017) 3846

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Singleton
Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY2017-18 Public Budget Hearing

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Town Manager

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing.

Mr. Dickerson presented the process for the FY 2017-18 budget, provided a preliminary outlook regarding revenues, made a presentation regarding recommended budget priorities and reviewed the budget calendar. Staff will work to identify alternate dates for the proposed Council budget work session.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

Action: Receive Public Input

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Supporting the City of Raleigh Falls Lake Reallocation Water Supply Plan

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Town Manager

The City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department (CORPUD) is a regional water and sewer utility that serves Raleigh, Garner, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon. Due to steady regional growth and estimated population figures over the next 30 years, CORPUD is seeking additional sources of water supply to meet the anticipated demand. The existing division of conservation storage in Falls Lake consists of water supply and water quality. One solution is to increase the water supply storage pool in Falls Lake from 42% to 59%. In doing so, this would decrease the water quality storage pool from 58% to 41%. A change in the conservation storage requires approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Action: Adopt Resolution (2017) 2315

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Behringer
Vote: Unanimous

Discussion of Town Hall Graphics

Presenter: John Hodges, Assistant Town Manager-Development Services and Ashley Love-ADW Architects

Mr. Hodges stated the Town is approaching deadlines for decisions regarding signage and graphics that need to be produced for the new Town Hall. Specifically the display panels, Council Chamber dais graphics and monument signs.

There are three display panel areas, in the hallway near the Council Chambers, near the Training Room, and near the lobby staircase. Each area consists of 3 panels which are 6 feet tall and 2 feet wide, placed 2 inches apart. The images will be printed on a 3M film and can be changed out as desired. The first printing is included in the Town Hall budget. It was suggested these panels be based on three categories: historical, vision, and community. Staff will work with an outside contractor to help make the final decisions. Council was asked to submit any images they felt were appropriate for consideration.

Consensus of Council to place a 4 foot colored Town seal behind the dais.

Council expressed concerns regarding the visibility of the lettering on the monument sign and lighting. Alternate designs were requested, possibly placing "Garner" in larger letters on the first line and "Town Hall" underneath in smaller letters. Ms. Love will provide samples based on those recommendations.

Action: Provide Direction

Bond Project Update

Presenter: Michael Gammon, Budget & Special Projects Manager

A brief overview will be provided regarding the status of the bond program, specifically changes and updates from the last report.

Action: No action; report only

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MANAGER REPORTS

- garner info
- Finance Report
- Registration for Town Hall Day

ATTORNEY REPORTS

Mr. Anderson requested a closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) “to discuss possible real estate acquisition and the Town’s negotiating position regarding such real estate” and N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) “to discuss economic development.”

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshburn

- Asked if the Town was a member of the NCDOT Watch for Me Program. Chief Zuidema replied the Town applied and was accepted into the program last year.
- Asked what days the AARP Tax Service would be held at the Avery Street Annex this year. Mr. Dickerson responded the typical schedule is Tuesday and Thursday.
- Asked if an action reported had been received by the Retreat facilitator. Mr. Dickerson responded the report has been received and staff is currently reviewing.

Behringer

- Stated at the last meeting, the Grow Garner Responsibly group asked for a meeting with Council. Mr. Dickerson responded the group would need to stay on topic of general interest for the area and not discuss any specific properties. Council consensus to send a letter from Council advising it is appropriate to wait until the draft Comp Plan is ready (approx. 30-45 days) to meet.
- Advised Council, the Manager’s annual performance evaluation was due and distributed the evaluation form. Council was asked to submit their comments by March 21.

Johns

- Asked if there was any information regarding the graffiti case in the area of Taco Bell and Kroger. Chief Zuidema responded this matter was reported anonymously through the garner info app and staff has been unable to locate the graffiti.

Kennedy

- Asked if there were any loose ends that Council needed to be working on. Mr. Dickerson responded the action report from the facilitator will indicate any additional steps needed.
- Asked about the lighting on 401 from Mechanical Blvd. to Old Stage Road on the west side. Mr. Hodges responded there were challenges working with NCDOT on lighting short segments of road as well as the expectation of the planned superstreet.

Council Member Singleton had nothing to report.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT: 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stella Gibson