

**Garner Town Council
Council Work Session Minutes
March 27, 2018**

The Council met in a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 900 7th Avenue.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson-Town Manager, Matt Roylance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager- Development Services, Pam Wortham-Finance Director, Sonya Shaw-PRCR Director, Brandon Zuidema-Police Chief, David Bamford-Planning Services Manager, Jeff Triezenberg-Planning Director, William E. Anderson- Town Attorney, and Rebecca Schlichter-Deputy Town Clerk.

Also Present: Sam Bridges, Town Lobbyist

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Marshburn requested to add a closed session for personnel issue.

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

FY 18/19 Benefits Renewal

Presenter: BD Sechler, Human Resources Director

Mr. Sechler and Mr. Sydor from Independent Benefit Advisors reviewed the FY18/19 Health Plan renewal and as of July 1, 2018, a renewal increase of 15% for Health Plan with no benefit changes for the employees. The Dental, Life & Disability Insurance, Cobra & FSA will have no premium increase and a 9.5% increase with no change in benefits for the Medicare Supplement.

New deductions will be effective in paychecks on June 1, 2018 and go into effect on July 1, 2018.

Proposed Eagle Scout Project

Presenter: T. Dean Price, Eagle Scout

Item was removed as presenter could not be present.

Garner Forward – Comprehensive and Transportation Plans

Presenter: David Bamford, Planning Services Manager

Mr. Bamford summarized the major updates to the Comprehensive and Transportation plans since the September 26, 2017 Council work session. The Steering Committee held their last meeting for the project on March 6, 2018. The Committee met for a total of 7 times; their role was to work with staff and the consultant to provide feedback, input, and direction on the major components of the plans. While they provided some additional comments at their last meeting, the Committee did as a group endorse the draft plans to move forward to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Behringer requested that staff review the reference to “create a healthy brand” in the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Singleton voiced concern over making Aversboro Road a Great Street. Council Member Kennedy suggested to remove the bike mileage on page 44 as he is concerned citizens will then demand it.

PRCR Comprehensive Plan and Meadowbrook Planning

Presenter: Sonya Shaw, PRCR Director

Ms. Shaw reviewed the PRCR Comprehensive Plan and Meadowbrook Planning process.

PRCR Comprehensive Plan

- Purpose
 - To provide a clear vision, action plan and financial strategy plan to define a clear path for providing parks, recreation and cultural resources, open space and greenway services for the community through 2029
 - 10-year life cycle to plan
 - Current plan began 2006, adopted June 2007
 - New plan will be year-long process pending adoption Summer 2019
 - Required for National Accreditation and PARTF Grant
- New Plan components
 - Review current comp plan and related community plans
 - Citizen Survey
 - Citizen Input
 - Inventory, assessment and analysis of existing parks, facilities, programs and staff
 - Review operations and maintenance of recreational facilities, parks and staffing levels
 - Review and update open space and greenways plan
 - Create prioritized Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - Recommendations for future recreational services

Comp Plan and Meadowbrook

- Recommended Process
 - Advertise RFP for Comp Plan and Meadowbrook: Early April 2018
 - Responses Due: Early May
 - Interview and Selection Process: May
 - Council Approval: June
 - Comp Plan Process: July/August 2018- Summer 2019

- Meadowbrook Planning: Can begin once survey data and analysis completed by hired firm
- *Alternative*: Conduct Meadowbrook Plan completely separate of Comp plan

COUNCIL REPORTS

Kennedy

- Confirmed Budget work session is scheduled for May 23rd.

Singleton

- Reported the NCDOT meeting on HWY 70 improvements was very informative.
- Thanked Ms. Gibson, Mr. Sechler and Ms. Schlichter for work at employee breakfast.

Johns

- Thanked staff for help with pancake breakfast.

Behringer

- Enjoyed serving breakfast to town staff.
- Reported tractor trailer parked near railroad on W. Garner Road.

Marshburn

- Requested staff investigate correct usage of Mitchell property on Highway 50.

Ms. Behringer asked what direction we want the Depot relocation committee to go forward? Consensus was to review lot on E. Garner Road just beyond concrete plant.

MANAGER REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 P.M.