

**Town of Garner  
Work Session Minutes  
March 29, 2016**

The Council met in a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 in the Garner Police Department Training Room located at 912 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Johns  
Second: Marshburn  
Vote: Unanimous

**Appointment of Rodney Dickerson as Town Manager**

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: Unanimous

Following the appointment, Mr. Dickerson was sworn into office by Mayor Williams.

**REPORTS**

Davenport and Company  
Presenter: Pam Wortham, Interim Finance Director

Ms. Wortham introduced Ted Cole from Davenport & Company who presented a detailed analysis of the Town's existing tax supported debt profile, a review of the Town's future planned General Obligation Bond Issuances, an analysis of the potential impacts of the planned borrowings of the Town's tax supported debt profile and alternative debt issuance timing scenarios. Also presented were growth rate alternatives for the Revenue Savings Plan.

Budget Process Update  
Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Town Manager

Mr. Dickerson provided a brief update on the FY 16/17 budget calendar. The VERT team is in the process of evaluating vehicles and equipment and also the possibility of re-purposing some of these as we continue to work on the budget. The quote received for health insurance coverage was an increase of 49% over what is currently paid. The Town's insurance broker negotiated this increase down to 44% and Human Resources is continuing to look at options for health insurance. The Town has also received an increase of 27% in Worker's Compensation insurance.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Proposed Public Utility Fee Changes**

Presenter: John Hodges, Assistant Town Manger-Development Services

The Public Works Committee is considering changes to the Public Utility Fees recommended by staff in follow-up to discussion at the Council Retreat in February.

Action: Place on April 4 Agenda as Old/New Business

## **MANAGER REPORTS**

- Notified Council of a Law and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for April 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. to review the Garner Volunteer Fire Rescue Department's budget in enable staff to bring forth a recommendation.
- Revenue estimates for state distributed revenues should be received from the League of Municipalities soon.
- The Town's Deputy Town Clerk, Rebecca Schlichter, is scheduled to start work on April 18.
- The Human Resources Department will begin the process of issuing identification badges to all employees, beginning with the Police Department. The badges will be programmed for use in the new Town Hall.
- Mr. Hodges advised Council of new legislature requiring a separate budget public hearing for all economic development activities.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Council Member Marshburn**

- Noticed improvements to the signalization at Timber Drive and Aversboro Drive.
- Expressed his confidence in Mr. Dickerson and is looking forward to working with him in his new role as Town Manager.
- Asked if the Town had an Ordinance relating to flying radio controlled crafts or drones in public parks.

### **Council Member Behringer**

- Echoed Council Member Marshburn's comments regarding Mr. Dickerson.
- Reported trash on East Garner Road across from Yeargan property.
- Asked for remembrance for the Wake County family who were killed last Friday.

### **Council Member Singleton**

- Expressed concern regarding the Wake County School estimates for signalization indicated on the request for funding Bryan Road Resolution. Mr. Dickerson advised the Resolution will be placed on the agenda for next week and staff will confirm estimates.
- Congratulated Mr. Dickerson on his appointment as Town Manger stating he felt Mr. Dickerson will serve the citizens, staff, and Council well and provide a consistent level of service.

### **Council Member Kennedy**

- Echoed Council's support of Mr. Dickerson stating he appreciated Mr. Dickerson's loyalty to the town and looked forward to positive and exciting times for Garner.

Mayor Williams

- Reported the Litter Sweep/Big Sweep event was rescheduled for May 7 due to anticipated inclement weather.

ADJOURN – 8:00 p.m.