

**Town of Garner  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2017**

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

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

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson -Town Manager, John Hodges, Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Matt Roylance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, Jeff Triezenberg-Planning Director, David Bamford-Senior Planner, Michael Gammon-Budget & Special Projects Manager, William E. Anderson-Town Attorney, and Stella Gibson-Town Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boy Scout Troop 10

**INVOCATION:** Council Member Jackie Johns

**PETITIONS AND COMMENTS**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Marshburn  
Second: Johns  
Vote: Unanimous

**PRESENTATIONS**

**CONSENT**

**Town of Garner Strategic Communications Plan**

Presenter: Rick Mercier, Communications Manager

The Strategic Communications Plan puts forth goals, objectives and initiatives meant to span the next several years. It partially supersedes the existing Strategic and Crisis Communications Plan, although the policies in that earlier plan will be retained and remain in effect.

Action: Approval of final draft text for publication

Motion: Johns  
Second: Singleton  
Vote: Unanimous

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## **Public Hearing on FY 2017-18 Recommended Budget**

Presenter: Michael Gammon, Budget & Special Projects Manager

Town Council and the general public were provided an opportunity for discussion and input related to the FY 2017-18 recommended budget. The recommended budget is currently available for review on the Town's website, at Town Hall, and at the Southeast Regional Library.

Mr. Dickerson thanked the Budget Team for their work on preparing the recommended budget.

Mr. Dickerson stated during the budget process, staff was mindful of key budget priorities:

- Manage new and existing operational costs.
- Utilize technology and tools to improve service and workplace efficiency.
- Provide comprehensive benefits to retain and attract high-performing personnel.
- Enhance capital planning process and funding strategy

An overview of the budget consists of:

- Total requested budget: \$34,369,744
- Increase of \$3,660,455 over FY 2016/17 adopted budget (\$30,709,289)
- Requests included \$1,750,850 of decision packages (requests for 18 full time equivalent positions)
- Non-vehicle related debt increase of \$331,623
- Cost of existing personnel increase of \$1M
- Line item increases of over \$500,000

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Gammon to provide the staff report.

Mr. Gammon provided details of the FY 2017-18 base revenue overview, details of the decision packages, financing sources, and proposed one-time purchases made possible by fuel savings.

Council asked for clarification of several items which will be further discussed during their Special Budget Work Session.

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

Action: Receive comments; provide further guidance

## **Annexation Petition ANX-17-01, Withers Road**

Presenter: David Bamford, Senior Planner

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Bamford to provide the staff report.

Mr. Bamford explained this request was for a voluntary annexation of a 3.94 tract located at 915 Withers Road. The existing business is seeking this annexation in order to obtain Town water and sewer service.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Action: Adopt Ordinance (2017) 3855

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Johns  
Vote: Unanimous

## **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Zoning Map Amendment Z-17-01, Expanded ETJ Areas  
Presenter: Jeff Triezenberg, Planning Director

It is the intended purpose of this case to establish zoning as opposed to significantly changing the zoning as in a typical re-zoning case. This means that the Town is attempting to keep the zoning status as similar as is possible to the status properties are presently enjoying under the County at the time of this zoning transfer. The existing zones for the expanded ETJ areas are administered by Wake County for a period of 60 days following the acceptance of ETJ or until the Town of Garner establishes new zoning, whichever occurs first.

Mr. Triezenberg reviewed the proposed zoning modifications to 16 properties that were identified after the last public hearing. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of these changes.

Action: Adopt Ordinance (2017) 3856

Motion: Kennedy  
Second: Marshburn  
Vote: Unanimous

## **Purchase of Property on Main Street**

Presenter: William E. Anderson, Town Attorney

The Town has negotiated a proposed contract to purchase the parking lot behind the buildings on Main Street between Purvis Street and Rand Mill Road. This will allow the opportunity for some needed drainage improvements.

Action: Authorize Purchase of Property for \$57,083

Motion: Marshburn  
Second: Johns  
Vote: Unanimous

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **MANAGER REPORTS**

- garner info
- No new Town Hall updates at this time.

- Mr. Hodges distributed cost estimates for projects located in Garner and identified in the CAMPO Southeast Area Study.
- Mr. Hodges also provided an update on the flooding issue reported at the construction site of Carillon Assisted Living.

## **ATTORNEY REPORTS**

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kennedy

- Thanked staff for the outstanding work on the ETJ project.
- Reported several Council Members and School Board Members met today to discuss Garner transitioning to two high schools, assignment policy, traffic issues in the White Oak area, and timing of Bryan Road Middle School.

Singleton

- Reported he had received calls from residents regarding the traffic at Bryan Road and White Oak Road.
- Thanked staff for their assistance in making the Employee Pancake Breakfast a success.

Marshburn

- Reported Mayor Pro Tem Behringer was absent due to an accident.

Council Member Johns had nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:11 p.m.

Motion: Johns  
Second: Kennedy  
Vote: Unanimous