

**Town of Garner
Town Council Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2018**

The Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Garner Town Hall located at 900 7th Avenue.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Ronnie Williams

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

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson-Town Manager, Matt Roylance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager, Economic Development, Jeff Triezenberg-Planning Director, David Bamford-Planning Services Manager, Pam Wortham-Finance Director, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, Forrest Jones-Public Works Director, Mike Franks-Budget & Special Projects Manager, William E. Anderson-Attorney, Stella Gibson-Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Buck Kennedy

INVOCATION: Council Member Buck Kennedy

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Singleton requested to add a discussion regarding street resurfacing under Old/New Business and a 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".

Motion: Singleton
Second: Kennedy
Vote: 5:0

PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Johns presented a Proclamation to Forrest Jones, Public Works Director, recognizing National Public Works Week on May 20-26, 2018.

CONSENT

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Presenter: Stella Gibson, Town Clerk

Minutes from the May 7, 2018 Council Meeting, April 24, 2018 Council Work Session and Closed Session.

Action: Adopt Minutes

Real Estate Purchase – 210 Purvis Street

Presenters: William E. Anderson, Town Attorney & John Hodges, Asst. Town Manager-Development Services

The property at 210 Purvis Street has been offered for sale. The owner has accepted an offer to purchase in the amount of \$85,000.

Action: Authorize Purchase

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Behringer
Vote: 5:0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY2018/2019 Recommended Budget Hearing

Presenter: Mike Franks, Budget & Special Projects Manager

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Franks to present an overview of the recommended FY2018/2019 budget and reviewed the schedule for adoption.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

Action: No Action Required

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Refresher of Garner Forward

Presenter: David Bamford, Planning Services Manager

Mr. Bamford summarized the progress of the Garner Forward Comprehensive and Transportation Plans to-date and asked for any comments before sending to the consultant.

Council Member Kennedy stated it seemed there were several items being recommended such as bike lanes and trimming a portion of Aversboro Road from 4 lanes to 2 lanes and asked if these projects would be adopted as part of Garner Forward. Mr. Triezenberg responded these projects would not be approved as capital items and would need to be vetted individually.

Mr. Bamford explained the concept of a great street could be applied to another road or new development; Aversboro Road was used as an example of what that concept would look like.

Regarding bike lanes, Mr. Triezenberg stated adding bike lanes would accommodate a small portion of the community. Bike lanes would increase the amount of pavement and add considerable expense. Mr.

Triezenberg suggested it was important to establish the curve line to allow for flexibility for future projects.

Mr. Bamford added the new strategy of how land use areas are designated will improve things moving forward. The new maps will be color-coded to identify zoning areas at a glance. The Garner Forward Plan will include a detailed description of each zoning district.

Council Member Singleton was not supportive of the great street concept, especially for Aversboro Road. Council Member Singleton also stated adding bike lanes for a fraction of 1% of bike riders is a concern. If riders turn onto a street that does not have bike lanes it would create a dangerous situation. He felt it was more important to pave and resurface the streets Garner already has instead of adding bike lanes.

Mayor ProTem Marshburn asked about shared work space concept and Mr. Bamford responded this has been identified as a possibility for Garner. Other possibilities include adding other recreational activities and adding a splash pad.

The public hearing for the Garner Forward Comprehensive and Transportation Plans is scheduled June 19 followed by adoption.

Action: Update only; no action required

Position Title Changes

Presenter: BD Sechler, Human Resources Manager

Mr. Sechler reminded Council that as part of the current adopted budget, the Town Council approved a decision package to fund the addition of a Planner I position within the Planning Department at the mid-way point of the fiscal year. This Planner I position was also accompanied by a re-organization plan. The last step of the re-organization plan is to change the title and job duties of the current Senior Administrative Support Specialist to that of a Planning Technician.

Action: Council Consensus to Authorize Position Title Changes

Street Resurfacing

Presenter: Gra Singleton, Council Member

Town staff identified approximately two miles of Town streets scheduled for the 2018 Street Resurfacing Project. Due to the costs being above the engineer's estimate, the budgeted amount will only resurface 1.8 miles. Those streets scheduled to be resurfaced this year, but are not funded, will be added to the top of next year's list.

Council Member Singleton expressed the importance of repaving streets and the need to have a dedicated source of funding and increases for resurfacing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Human Resource Committee met to discuss appointing members to fill vacancies in various Boards and Committees.

MANAGER REPORTS

- garner info
- Finance Report
- Building & Permit Report
- Lights at Avery Street have been redone and should make it brighter
- Phone tree will be implemented to help facilitate calls
- Council Budget Work Session will be held in the Training Room

ATTORNEY REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORTS

Behringer

- Thanked Public Works for their quick response mowing the grass in the median at North South Station.

Singleton

- Thanked Public Works for their quick response replacing a damaged trash can.

Kennedy

- Reported a utility repair on Vandora Springs Road and asked Public Works to follow-up on.

Marshburn and Johns had nothing to report.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT: 9:11 p.m.