

**Town of Garner  
Council Work Session Minutes  
May 29, 2018**

The Council met in a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 900 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Het Patel-Senior Planner-Transportation and Land Use, Joseph Stallings-Economic Development Director, Jeff Triezenberg-Planning Director, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, Tony Chalk-Town Engineer, William E. Anderson-Town Attorney, Joe Binns-Captain, and Rebecca Schlichter-Deputy Town Clerk.

Also Present: Thad Anderson, McDaniel & Anderson, LLP, and Sam Bridges, Town Lobbyist

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Dickerson requested to add discussion of the Motor Vehicle Fee increase.

Motion: Marshburn  
Second: Singleton  
Vote: 5:0

**REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**Garner Station Boulevard Crosswalk**

Presenter: Het Patel, Senior Planner-Transportation and Land Use

Mr. Patel stated the City of Raleigh Transit Department (GoRaleigh) has requested Council approval for adding a crosswalk at Garner Station Boulevard near the Carlie C's. There are two existing bus stops near the vicinity of the proposed crosswalk and the installation of the crosswalk would enhance pedestrian safety and access to transit.

Town Responsibilities may include striping of crosswalk and installation of high-visibility pedestrian signage associated with striped crosswalk.

Action: Allow GoRaleigh to complete design and installation of crosswalk and pedestrian improvements at Garner Station Boulevard and provide support services to complete installation as necessary.

Motion: Marshburn  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: 5:0

## **Road Improvements Adjacent to Schools**

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Town Manager

Mr. Dickerson reported Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) staff met with Town staff recently to discuss legislation passed as a part of the State budget last year regarding road improvements adjacent to schools. In summary, the Department of Transportation and/or the Town can only require public or private schools to construct road improvements “related to schools that are required for safe ingress and egress to the municipal (or State for NCDOT roads) street system and that are physically connected to a driveway of the school site.” The cost for any improvements beyond this, and right of way required to construct them, must be reimbursed to the school system by the Town for municipal street or NC DOT for State roads.

The new legislation is in effect for any school opening after August 1, 2017. Staff had originally understood that the effective date would apply to site plan approval date, not school opening. Based on this effective date, the Town of Garner is impacted by two school projects – Vandora Springs Elementary (VSE) and Garner Magnet Senior High (GMSH). For these two projects, WCPSS will request reimbursement of improvements outside the parameters of the new legislation following the one-year warranty period.

For the Vandora Springs Elementary School project, only the improvements to Frederick Road will result in a reimbursement request from WCPSS to the Town of Garner as Vandora Springs Road is a NCDOT street. These improvements are estimated at \$142,000. The Town Engineer is evaluating the improvements to determine whether any of the proposed work would not be required by the Town. For the contractor to continue working on the project, the Town needs to authorize the proposed improvements or a revised scope of work.

The Town is awaiting detailed information from WCPSS regarding the improvement at GMSH. This will mean reimbursement for improvements to part of Spring Drive. For both projects, the reimbursement request will be after the one-year warranty period, so there will not be an impact to the FY2018-2019 budget that is currently being developed. There are additional details regarding how road improvements will be evaluated for future projects. Staff will work with WCPSS and NCDOT to understand these procedures prior to another public-school site plan submittal.

Council consensus for the contractor to complete the work on Frederick Road.

## **Wake Transit Plan Update**

Presenter: Het Patel, Senior Planner

Mr. Patel provided an update to Council on the Wake Transit Plan including: Bus Plan phasing strategy and approach; Bus Rapid Transit corridor alternatives and segments; and Commuter Rail System corridor. Mr. Patel highlighted the information that is being shared as part of the Spring 2018 Public Outreach efforts to receive feedback on Bus Plan phasing approach and Bus Rapid Transit corridors. The Spring 2018 Public Outreach Goals are Continued education for Wake transit Plan, Feedback on proposed phasing and input on potential BRT alignments and station locations.

## **On-Call Transportation Planning and Design Services**

Presenter: Het Patel, Senior Planner

Mr. Patel provided information regarding a need to advertise for an On-Call Transportation Planning and Design Services RFQ. With the growing number of transportation projects and design needs it would be more efficient to go through the process of selecting an on-call firm to provide transportation planning and design services.

## General Information

- Growing number of transportation planning and design projects within Town Limits
- On-Call Transportation Planning and Design Services RFQ advertisement
  - Provide efficiency in completing planning and design services
  - Task Work Order based contracts based on need and timeframe for project improvements

All work would be completed to meet Federal funding standards to position the Town to apply for LAPP funding (when applicable)

## Potential Projects

- The need for the On-Call Transportation Planning and Design Services RFQ advertisement is highlighted by the need to complete the following projects:
  - Design of Jones Sausage Road Improvements
  - Design of Ackerman Road Extension
  - Design of Lake Drive Improvements
- Future potential projects would not require a separate RFQ to complete work

Council consensus to move forward to develop and advertise RFQ for On-Call Transportation Planning Design Services.

## **NC 50 Bridge General Aesthetics**

Presenter: Het Patel, Senior Planner-Transportation and Land Use

Mr. Patel reviewed a draft concept for general aesthetics associated with NCDOT NC 50 Bridge Replacement Project. Discussion regarding general aesthetic enhancements for NC 50 bridge that would not have additional costs to the Town.

Council consensus for the Classic Rail with Sidewalk and Ashlar Stone for the Retaining Wall Treatment.

## **Motor Vehicle Fee Increase**

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Town Manager

Mr. Dickerson reported after receiving feedback on the proposed FY2018-2019 Budget and understanding the desire to dedicate more funds to resurfacing, he recommended the Town Council consider raising the Motor Vehicle Fee from \$15 to \$30. This will generate \$370,000 in additional revenue. Putting this revenue with the proposed current allocation will increase the amount the Town dedicates to annual resurfacing to over \$750,000.

Council Consensus to increase vehicle fee to \$30, find money in upcoming budget to add 3 streets

## **MANAGER REPORTS**

- Recreation Center tour is postponed due to weather.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Marshburn

- Requested an update of the White Oak Development future plans.
- Thanked the Town staff for work on Memorial Day presentation.

Behringer

- Requested an update on sidewalks and greenway to Lake Benson Park. Staff reported consultant is still working on plans.

Johns

- Are we hearing anything concerning hotel in White Oak? Mr. Dickerson reported not hearing anything in about a year.

Singleton

- Thanked staff for Memorial Day event.
- Requested an update for crosswalk signs for Timber Drive and Aversboro Road.

Kennedy

- Requested an update on power lines. Mr. Chalk reported Duke Energy has completed the design and are currently working on final costs.
- Requested Mr. Chalk speak with Billy and Ann Banks of 413 Lakeside Drive concerning bypass for Peacock Pond.
- Reported on the west side of recreation center the lower roof overhang has rust on it and would like it fixed prior to the contractor covering it up.

Sam Bridges

- Reported he was not able to attend the Town & State dinner.
- Budget provision appears to want to stall out the light rail progress that has been made. The provision states that no state funds may be committed to that project until all other funds have been collected.
- Reported there is a provision that would allow towns to put forth our revenue for elementary and secondary education.
- Reported State workers minimum salary will be increased to \$31,200.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss economic development.

Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss possible real estate acquisition and the Town's negotiating position regarding such real estate".

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: Kennedy  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: 5:0

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT: 9:06 P.M.**