

**Town of Garner
Council Work Session Minutes
September 27, 2018**

The Council met in a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 900 7th Avenue.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson-Town Manager, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager- Development Services, Matt Roylance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, Tony Chalk-Town Engineer, Pam Wortham-Finance Director, Jonathan Ham-Asst. Town Engineer, Rick Mercier-Communication Manager, Thad Anderson-Interim Town Attorney, Mari Howe-Downtown Development Manager and Rebecca Schlichter-Deputy Town Clerk.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Behringer
Vote: 4:0

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Main Street/Rand Mill Road Streetscape Improvements

Presenter: Tony Chalk, Town Engineer, Melissa Brand, Kimley Horn and Caleb Lowman, Kimley Horn

Mr. Dickerson reported the 2013 bond approvals included monies for improvements in the Downtown area to enhance the redevelopment of the area. The original project scope was taken from the 2010 Downtown Streetscape Master Plan and the original budget was \$325,000. The Town contracted with Kimley-Horn in May of 2017 to begin design of improvements along Main Street and Rand Mill Road. The work included streetscape enhancements along Main Street, curb and gutter on Rand Mill Road and improvements to the gravel parking area at the rear of the Main Street businesses near Rand Mill Road that was purchased by the Town in 2017.

When an additional property located at 112 Rand Mill Road became available in early 2018, the Council authorized amendments to the design services to include design of additional parking on the property.

Mr. Chalk provided an overview of the contract which will improve aesthetics and drainage.

Preliminary (80%) cost estimate for the entire project is \$1,137,228.75. The portions of the estimate that align with the original scope of the bond project, budgeted at \$325,000, are estimated at approximately \$400,000. The additional costs are attributed to improvements to the existing gravel parking lot, including drainage improvements along and across Rand Mill Road, and the new parking lot and

required stormwater device. While bond funding has been utilized to design these improvements and will help pay for a portion of the construction costs, additional funding will have to be identified to fully fund this project.

Council consensus for Public Works Committee to conduct a site visit and to limit to the original scope of the project and include dumpster enclosure.

2019 Storm Water Improvements

Presenter: Jonathan W. Ham, Assistant Town Engineer

Mr. Ham presented the RFQ for Consulting Services for the 2019 Storm Water Projects. The Town of Garner recently completed a stormwater infrastructure analysis and based on the results of the SWIA there were three areas identified as priority:

- Junction Boulevard
- Woodridge Subdivision (Forest Ridge, Beichler, Foxwood, and Buck Branch)
- Staunton Meadows (Tarpley, Chapwith, Eagle Tavern, Nicholson)

In addition to these three areas, staff would also like to include the storm drain system at the intersection of Meadowbrook and Cason in this design. It was not included in the original assessment due to its size, however it is in an area of concern that needs to be addressed.

Action: Move forward with RFQ.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Singleton
Vote: 4:0

2019 Council Meeting Schedule

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Town Manager

Mr. Dickerson led the discussion on the 2019 Council Meeting Schedule.

Council consensus to have two one-day retreats to include one day in November and one day in February.

MANAGER REPORTS

- Greenway Public Meeting – October 11th 5:30-8:00 p.m. at White Deer Nature Center

COUNCIL REPORTS

Johns

- Reported oil leaked onto Montague, Haywood and Rand Mill to public works facility.

Behringer

- Requested an update on the trucks parked in the Walmart parking lot.
- Requested an update on the Creech Road restriping.

Singleton

- Thanked Rick Mercier for getting the updated municipal services information out.

Kennedy

- Requested that Mr. Roylance schedule a MOU meeting on November 20th.
- Requested a solution for the erosion at White Deer Park play area.
- Requested an update at a future meeting from Engineering on the elevations on Timber drive extension Rohrbaugh bridge due to continuous complaints about dip in roadway.

Marshburn

- Requested to be excused from the October 1st Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Singleton
Vote: 5:0