

Garner Town Council
Council Work Session Minutes
February 28, 2017

The Garner Town Council met in a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in the Garner Police Department Training Room located at 912 7th Avenue.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ronnie 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

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson-Town Manager, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Matt Roylance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, Tony Chalk-Town Engineer, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, Jeff Triezenberg-Interim Planning Director, Forrest Jones-Public Works Director, Sonya Shaw-PRCR Director, Thad Anderson-Town Attorney, and Rebecca Schlichter-Deputy Town Clerk.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Update of Fee Schedule

Presenter: John Hodges, Assistant Town Manager – Development Services

In preparation for the development of the 2017-2018 budget, staff conducted a thorough review of the Town's fees and proposed several changes. Many of the proposed changes better align Garner with neighboring communities and improves cost recovery while still maintaining a competitive position.

Action: Council consensus to move forward with staff recommendations.

Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Expansion Update

Presenter: Jeff Triezenberg, Interim Planning Director

Mr. Triezenberg reviewed the progress to date, the next steps and the proposed zoning for the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Expansion. A public hearing to accept the County's approval of the modifications to the Town's ETJ must occur on March 6, 2017 to ensure adoption prior to a County effective date of March 16, 2017. Additionally, the Town will have 60 days from March 16, 2017 to implement zoning for the affected areas.

Action: Council consensus place on March 6, 2017 agenda.

Legislative Agenda

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Town Manager

Mr. Bridges reviewed a list of initiatives to put forth to Garner's Legislative Delegation for consideration during the legislative session. The list, although not a comprehensive list of all concerns and interests, provides a basis for discussion. Several of the agenda items seek to preserve or increase revenue options or to preserve local authority as it relates to various proposed bills.

Action: Council requested adding opposition to Senate Bill 94, which would make all municipal elections partisan, be added to the list.

Mr. Dickerson reviewed options for the Town Hall monumental sign. Council Consensus to move forward with option 1B, which includes "Garner" in 10" high letters and "Town Hall" in 8" high letters .

MANAGER REPORTS

- Reported that the Public Works Committee will be meeting soon.
- Reported Chipotle will be unveiling the artwork on the side of their new building on March 17.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Marshburn

- Thanked Rick Mercier and Adam Carroll with Peg Media for the work on video showing progress of the Town Hall construction.
- Asked if the Rohrbaugh Bridge issue is a done deal? Mr. Chalk responded unless the bridge gets worse nothing is anticipated to be done.

Mayor Pro Tem Member Behringer

- Reported the Welcome to Garner Signs look very cheerful with the new flowers planted and would like to see some plantings near the Welcome to Downtown Garner signs.
- Asked if the Town could pursue a higher level of code inspection. Mr. Dickerson responded that it would be an item of discussion for the Law and Finance Committee.
- Reminded Council that the performance review for the Town Manager will need to be done in April.

Council Member Johns

- Reported trash on Oak Circle.
- Reported a walking trail sign on Highway 50 and Main Street which points west to Bryan Wood Apartments instead of east towards downtown.

Council Member Singleton

- Reported that he was happy to report that the contractor has started pouring sidewalks on Buffalo Road. Requested staff check the condition of the grass in the fall.

Council Member Kennedy

- Reported that Flowers on Highway 70 and Timber Drive look really nice.
- Reported that he had a walk through at Town Hall today and is very pleased with the progress.
- Requested an update on the Thompson Road sidewalk project. Mr. Chalk reported that the easement document has been recorded and staff is in the process of completing bid documents.
- Requested that the landscaping requirements for new subdivisions be reviewed as he is seeing that the trees are starting to push up sidewalks in new neighborhoods.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Schlichter