

**Town of Garner
Town Council Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2019**

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, Council Member Kathy Behringer, Council Member Buck Kennedy, and Council Member Gra Singleton.

Mayor ProTem Ken Marshburn was absent.

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson-Town Manager, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Matt Roylance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, BD Sechler-Human Resources Director, Mike Franks-Budget & Special Projects Manager, Thad Anderson-Associate Attorney, William E. Anderson-Town Attorney, and Stella Gibson-Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Williams

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Kennedy asked to add the acquisition of Lot 20 in the Lakewood Subdivision to the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Singleton
Vote: 3:0

PRESENTATIONS

The MLK Committee presented the Council with the MLK Dream in Action Award

CONSENT

Council Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Stella Gibson, Town Clerk

Minutes from the January 7, 2019 Council Meeting.

Action: Adopt Minutes

Prudential 457 Retirement Savings Plan

Presentation: BD Sechler, Human Resources Director

Resolution recognizing the implementation of a 457 retirement plan through Prudential Retirement. This plan will complement our existing 401K retirement savings plan, also managed by Prudential Retirement. The resolution is required by Prudential.

Action: Adopt Resolution (2019) 2368

Approval of Administrative Services Intern

Mike Franks, Budget and Special Project Manager

The Town Manager's Office has identified a need for an Administrative Services Intern position to assist with various administrative tasks related to a future referendum.

Action: Approve Position

Buffaloe Road Greenway Trailhead/Access

Presenter: William E. Anderson, Town Attorney

Acquisition of all of Lot 20, Lakewood Subdivision, as shown on the plat recorded in Book of Maps Page 1957, Page 116, Wake County Registry.

Action: Approve Purchase

Motion: Singleton
Second: Behringer
Vote: 3:0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MANAGER REPORTS

ATTORNEY REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Vacancy Application

Council consensus to place the application to fill the Council vacancy on the website and social media with a deadline of two weeks. at 5:00 p.m.

Behringer

- Stated the need to become aware of Human Trafficking and to make a strong stance against.

Singleton

- Added North Carolina is one of the largest states for human trafficking because of the I-95 corridor.

Kennedy

- Stated activity seems to be occurring on the Highway 50 property. Mr. Anderson stated the activity is due to cleaning up the stack of wood on the property.

CLOSED SESSION

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.”

Motion: Singleton
Second: Behringer
Vote: 3:0

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Anderson stated Council met in closed session to discuss purchasing real property located at 607, 609, and 0 Garner Road for future use as a park. Purchase price including various closing costs and so forth is approximately 2.4M and will be financed from a combination of park fees and fund balance in a percentage to be determined at a later time.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Singleton
Vote: 3:0

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Behringer
Vote: 3:0