

**Town of Garner  
Regular Session Agenda Minutes  
February 18, 2020**

The Council met in a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 900 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ken Marshburn

Present: Mayor Ken Marshburn, Mayor ProTem Kathy Behringer, Council Members Phil Matthews, Demian Dellinger, Gra Singleton, and Elmo Vance

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson-Town Manager, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Matt Royslance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, David Beck-Finance Director, Forrest Jones-Public Works Director, Gaby Lontos-Lawler, Jeff Triezenberg-Planning Director, Joe Binns-Interim Police Chief, Fred Baggett-Interim Town Attorney, and Stella Gibson-Town Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mayor ProTem Kathy Behringer

**INVOCATION:** Mayor ProTem Kathy Behringer

**PETITIONS AND COMMENTS**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: 5:0

**PRESENTATIONS**

Wake BRT: Southern Corridor Project Kick-off

Presenter: Gaby Lontos-Lawlor, Town Senior Planner and Het Patel, City of Raleigh Senior Transit Planner

Ms. Lontos-Lawlor presented a brief background of the Wake Transit Plan and the Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects identified in the plan and Mr. Patel presented an overview for the kick-off of Wake BRT: Southern Corridor project. Stakeholder meetings will be held open-house style.

**CONSENT**

**Timber Drive Sidewalk Connectors project (C-5604RA)**

Presenter: Chris Johnson, Town Engineer

Award CEI contract to SEPI Engineering to cover professional services for construction administration and materials testing in conjunction with the Timber Drive Sidewalk Connectors project (C-5604RA).

Action: Authorize Manager to execute contract with SEPI Engineering, Inc. upon contract concurrence from NCDOT

## **Minutes**

Presenter: Stella Gibson, Town Clerk

Council regular meeting and closed session minutes from December 17, 2019.

Action: Approve minutes

## **Budget Amendment - 2020 Debt Refunding**

Presenter: David Beck, Finance Director

An opportunity to refund the 2010 Build America Bonds became known after the adoption of the original budget for FY 19-20. The amendment presented covers revenue from the new lender, the redemption of the old bonds, and the associated issuance costs.

Action: Adopt Ordinance (2020) 4041

Motion: Vance  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: 5:0

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Contract Approval for Space Needs Study  
Presenter: Matt Roylance, Asst. Town Manager-Operations

In preparation for upcoming discussions about the Town's next bond referendum, staff recommended hiring a consultant to forecast space needs and do preliminary cost estimates for a new or expanded Public Works facility, Police large evidence storage, and general file storage.

Action: Approve contract with IBI Group to perform a space needs study

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Matthews  
Vote: 5:0

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Marshburn reported establishing two sub-committees. The first committee will evaluate the Town's attorney needs and present a full report to the Council in the next few weeks. The second committee will explore the best course of action to ensure a successful Christmas parade.

## **MANAGER REPORTS**

- Garner Info
- Building & Permit Report
- BRT Public Meeting February 20, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Garner Senior Center
- Employee Pancake Breakfast Dates
- Staff is continuing to work on Garner info items.

- Council Member Singleton asked about an item in the August Garner info edition relating to a play structure at Lake Benson Park. Mr. Dickerson responded staff is in the process of replacing some of the equipment which is expected to be completed by the Eggstravaganza event.
- A public meeting was held last week with the surrounding neighbors in the vicinity of the Lake Drive and Hwy 50 project. Citizens were concerned about how much of their property would be taken for the sidewalks. Staff will work with the designer for additional options.
- A schedule of proposed meeting dates and dates for a Council Retreat needs to be confirmed.
- Request for closed session regarding property acquisition.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORTS**

- Mr. Baggett continues to work with staff on items and had no reports for Council.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

##### Marshburn

- Distributed a letter regarding support of the 540 project and request for a grant.
- The Communications Department is working on a public service announcement for the 2020 Census.
- Successful Broadway Voices performance at the GPAC.

##### Behringer

- Asked about the lighting at North South Station. Staff is working with property management to improve lighting in the parking lot.
- Expressed thanks to the Public Works team for moving the gas station platform.
- Asked if DOT could clear away brush from the back of that property.
- AT&T did some upgrades along Garner Road and Penny Street and damaged the pavement. She asked if staff could contact AT&T and ask them to repair.

##### Vance

- Reported tall grass and debris in the yard of the unoccupied home on New Rand Road.
- Early voting has started and will end on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

##### Singleton

- Asked when the presentation was conducted by the consultant regarding the PRCR Master Plan.

Council Member Dellinger and Matthews had nothing to report.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

Council met in closed session to discuss a possible real estate matter and provided direction to staff.

Mr. Dickerson provided an update on the status of the Depot move and restoration.

**ADJOURN 8:41 p.m.**