

**Town of Garner  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2020**

The Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Garner Town Hall located at 900 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

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

Council Member Phil Matthews absent.

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson- Town Manager, Matt Roylance- Asst. Town Manager-Operations, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager Development Services, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, Gaby Lontos-Lawlor-Senior Planner-Transportation, Jeff Triezenberg-Planning Director, Mike Franks-Budget & Special Projects Manager, Tony Beasley- Inspections Director, Fred Baggett-Interim Town Attorney, Stella Gibson-Town Clerk, and Ashley Knotts-Deputy Town Clerk.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Behringer  
Second: Vance  
Vote: 4:0

**PRESENTATIONS**

**DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

**Jones Sausage Road Feasibility Study**

Presenter: Gaby Lontos-Lawlor, Senior Planner-Transportation, and Jeff Dayton-HDR

The Planning Department provided an overview of the study, which was completed by HDR to advance planned improvements along Jones Sausage Road, from the Amazon Fulfillment Center. The project is expected to include widening of the existing two-lane facility to a four-lane divided facility. Additionally, it includes the realignment of Jones Sausage Road, from just south of Partlo Street to US 70.

Morris & Associates submitted a request for a 'no school access road' design alternative because of its reduced impacts and that the design incorporate right-in/right-out access, with southbound left-over access into the Morris site from Jones Sausage Extension. They also suggested the speed limit be reduced for the section between East Garner Road to US70 when the road is extended to Timber Drive. Morris & Associates engaged an engineering firm who evaluated the alignment and finds that these minor adjustments can significantly reduce the impacts to their site, while not impacting others, nor affecting roadway function. Morris & Associates requested their engineer be able to coordinate directly and collaborate with the Town's consultant at a technical level. Mr. Triezenberg stated there is enough

room to accommodate their goals and the Town can use any work they do throughout the project. Next steps include a public hearing to start the process needed to have the plan recognized by CAMPO.

### **UDO Re-Write Steering Committee**

Presenter: Jeff Triezenberg, Planning Director

Request from the Planning Department to have two (2) Council Members nominated for appointment to the Steering Committee for the UDO Re-Write Project. Request formal appointment of all Steering Committee members at Council's regular meeting of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The first initial Steering Committee meeting is on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Action: Appoint Mayor ProTem Kathy Behringer and Council Member Demian Dellinger to serve on the UDO Steering Committee.

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Vance  
Vote: 4:0

### **New Planning Technician Position Request**

Jeff Triezenberg, Planning Director

Planning Department requested additional staff to help restore adequate level of staffing within the Department's Development Review Section that can promote a culture of excellent customer service for both the Section and the entire department.

Action: Council consensus to place on March 2 Consent agenda

### **Inspections Staffing needs**

Presenters: Tony Beasley, Inspections Director

Mr. Beasley requested approval to convert one of the supplemental Building Inspector positions to a full-time position as a mid-year budget adjustment and staffing change. He also requested to promote a supplemental Fire Inspector to an already approved fire inspection position in Inspections department.

Action: Council consensus to place on March 2 Consent agenda

### **Third Quarter Budget Update**

Presenter: Mike Franks, Budget & Special Projects Manager

Mr. Franks provided overview of the Third Quarter Review process including revenue and expenditure estimates.

### **MANAGER REPORTS**

- BRT public meeting has been rescheduled March 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Staff presented modified dates for Council's Retreat as well as proposed dates to review lines of

business, budget and CIP, and the strategic plan.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor

- Distributed a draft of the Garner Rec Center Plaque.

Behringer

- Reported DOT had not cleared the brush from Timber Drive and Hwy 70 and asked staff to follow-up.
- Reported the sidewalk on Creech Road and Penny Street was repaired.
- Requested flowers be planted at the Town of Garner sign on Garner Road.
- Stated lights at North South Station are still out and the parking lot needs repair.

Singleton

- The Town hopes to obtain funding assistance for the widening of Jones Sausage Road from the Amazon project to Garner Road.

Council Members Dellinger and Vance had nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:39 p.m.