

Minutes of City of Creedmoor BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

April 23, 2013 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-Tem Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner John Stallings, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson, and Commissioner Larry Robinson. Also present were Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager; Korena Weichel, City Clerk; Robin Reif, Deputy City Clerk; and Tom Currin, City Attorney.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order and offered the invocation. Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Minor to approve the Board Minutes of the March 26, 2013 Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting and April 8, 2013 Work Session; seconded by Commissioner Stallings. Motion received a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

ZTA-2013-01: Text Amendment to Creedmoor Development Ordinance Section §10.3, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Mayor Moss opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m. City Manager Tom Mercer reported that the League of Municipalities has contacted the city regarding pending legislation which may affect the proposed text amendment. Staff is requesting a postponement of 60 days.

There being no one wishing to speak and pending outcome of potential legislation, moved by Mayor Pro Tem Piper to continue the Public Hearing on ZTA-2013-01: *Text Amendment to Creedmoor Development Ordinance Section §10.3, Wireless Telecommunication Facilities* to the June 25, 2013 Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Minor. Motion received a unanimous vote. Meeting continued to June 25, 2013

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Administrative Services Director, Korena Weichel – Five Year Service Recognition

Mayor Moss reported what a pleasure it was to be able to recognize Ms. Weichel and called her the hub of the City's wheel. The Mayor described the 1.7M Federal Tax Cloud Ms. Weichel came in under and, with help from Bill Tabor and Tom Mercer, was successful in removing. Prior to presenting her with a certificate and pin for her five years of service to the City, Mayor Moss read a note from Commissioner Minor that said Ms. Weichel was "still on her first day. She showed up for work her first day and has never left." Mayor Moss added that Ms. Weichel is, among other things, in the middle of driving the focus behind the new website, employee appreciation, and personnel changes.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

a. <u>John Lewis Bryant, 2590 Tar River Road, Creedmoor</u>: Concerns Regarding SGWASA's Capacity Report and the Impact of the Proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant. Referencing the report from SGWASA dated January 17, 2013, Mr. Bryant directed attention to the conclusion stating that SGWASA, based on system-wide projected growth patterns, can serve all residents of Southern Granville County for at least the next 20 years with the approved 29.1 million dollar expansion and improvement project. The SGWASA report stated that burdening Creedmoor citizens with a 34.3 Million dollar Waste Water Treatment Plant project seems unnecessary at a time when a viable alternative is available.

Mr. Bryant spoke on behalf of the Hester and Tar River Road residents, stating that they all stand strong in stopping the proposed Tar River Wastewater Treatment Plant from being built and disrupting their way of life. Mr. Bryant asked if the City wanted to be a good neighbor and work with the area's residents.

Addressing the recent vote of No-Confidence cast by three Commissioners on Mayor Moss, Mr. Bryant stated that the Tar River citizens cast a No-Confidence vote on those Commissioners. Mr. Bryant said that Mayor Moss is striving to work with everyone and be a good neighbor.

b. <u>Thomas Jackson, 302-A Park Avenue, Creedmoor</u>: Water and Sewer Fees, Waste Water Treatment Plant and a SGWASA Roll-in Potential.

Mr. Jackson began by asking why there is a \$6,119 upcharge for zoning and building permits and water and sewer taps between building a 2500 square foot single-family dwelling in Creedmoor as opposed to Butner. Noting that the City of Creedmoor receives extra income from outside-the-city-limits customers and that the City would be responsible for maintaining the recently upgraded infrastructure, Mr. Jackson questioned the "business decision" making the City reluctant to roll into SGWASA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<u>Cuz Spirio, 2641 Bennet Road, Creedmoor, NC.</u> Mr. Spirio presented his opinion that citizens of Creedmoor have a vote of confidence in the Mayor and requested that a public joint meeting between the City of Creedmoor and SGWASA be held. Mr. Spirio ended by requesting that a cost comparison of continuing the proposed Tar River Waste Water Treatment Plant versus a possible merger with SGWASA be made public.

Ed Gleason, 1973 Bowles Avenue, Creedmoor, NC. Mr. Gleason apologized for his outburst during last Monday's meeting and thanked the board and City Manager for doing the job they do. Mr. Gleason especially thanked the Mayor and expressed much confidence in the City Manager and the board members. Mr. Gleason asked that, in future, actions similar to the vote of no confidence passed during the previous meeting be discussed privately and not in public meetings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mercer reported on the following:

- USDA Water/Sewer Projects
 - Cash Street line replacement has been completed.
 - Creedmoor Business Park construction is to begin
 - Josie Court and Recovery Road construction will follow Creedmoor Business Park
 - The lagoon is to begin being drained in the near future.
- CMAQ
 - CMAQ I punch list items (railing, mowing etc.) are being done to complete the project.

City Manager Tom Mercer gave credit to Administrative Services Director Korena Weichel when reporting the impressive January through March 2013 statistics for visits to the City's new website.

John Ganus, Code Enforcement Officer for the City reported on a recent permit revocation hearing with the owners of Union Auto. Planning, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator Rick Flower issued an order to revoke the permit if full compliance is not achieved by the scheduled site visit of 9:00 a.m.

May 16th, 2013. Should the owners not comply by the deadline; the business will be required to immediately cease operations.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2013 Updates to the City of Creedmoor Official Map. Discussion on this item has been tabled.
- b. Drug Disposal Program Policy Discussion

Creedmoor Police Chief Dennis Williams described the proposed Drug Disposal Program Policy as mirroring that of the Cary Police Department but revised to fit Creedmoor. A donation from Granville Health Systems has been approved and the process of purchasing the pharmaceutical collection box has begun. The unit should be onsite within the next couple weeks. The box will be secured to the floor and possibly the wall and will be in sight of a camera.

Moved by Commissioner Minor to adopt the Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal Program Policy; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Piper. Motion received a unanimous vote.

- c. ZTA-2013-01: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
 - i. Planning Staff Report
 - ii. Consideration of Consistency Statement
 - iii. Ordinance 2013-O-05: Ordinance Repealing Chapter 114 of the Code of Ordinances and modifying Article 10 of the Creedmoor Development Ordinance and Amending Table 8.1

On the advice of City Attorney Tom Currin pending the outcome of current legislation, staff has asked for another 60-days to review the proposed Telecommunications Text Amendment. Action on ZTA-2013-01: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities was postponed until the June 25th Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Stormwater Utility Program "Credits Application Instruction Manual", Stormwater Administrator Randy Cahoon reported when the Stormwater Utility Program Ordinance was adopted it referenced a Credits Application Instruction Manual. Henrietta Locklear, Storm Water Utility Services Manager for the Region provided an overview of the credit's program and was present to answer any questions. City Attorney Tom Currin asked the status of best management practice bill(s) introduced by Representative Wilkins and was told they were on hold. Attorney Currin had Ms. Locklear explain the difference between a new BMP built in compliance with the Falls Lake standards and a BMP for an existing development "built new." Ms. Locklear gave credit to Stormwater Administrator Cahoon's expertise on BMP's. Administrator Cahoon recommended approval of the Credits Application Instruction Manual

Moved by Commissioner Minor to approve the Credits Application Instruction Manual; seconded by Commissioner Stallings. Motion received a unanimous vote.

- b. Economic and Transportation Projects Manger Scottie Wilkins spoke about Governor McCrory's new transportation funding plan and how it correlates to being a member of MPO which the city is now, versus RPO. The Governor's plan provides more emphasis on urban areas as road repair issues are more urban. The MPO membership provides more funding options as Federal funding is provided in addition to NC DOT. RPO is NC DOT funding only. It was noted that the city has been a member of CAMPO for eight years.
- c. Commissioner Stallings requested an update on Economic Development "leakage" where residents go outside Creedmoor to conduct business. City Manager Tom Mercer is to meet with Bill Edwards, Director of Granville County Economic Development to talk about areas and items to analyze to bring in more economic development. Business attraction through marketing, PR, branding, website and how best to utilize the 50K in USDA funds for small business development and the City's 26K for incentives will also be discussed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moss reported that he presented his first ever 100th Birthday Proclamation to Creedmoor resident Ruby Bailey.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Wilkerson

Commissioner Wilkerson asked that the photos of Ms. Bebe Coleman's sewer line on Dogwood Drive be reviewed to determine if there is a problem caused by slip lining. Steve Colenda is to communicate with the contractor.

Commissioner Wilkerson inquired as to the status of repairing the brick column on Elm Street that was allegedly damaged during the USDA Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project construction. City Manager Tom Mercer reported the repair had been completed.

Commissioner Minor

None

Commissioner Robinson

None

Commissioner Stallings

None

Mayor Pro-Tem Piper

None

City Attorney Tom Currin reported that the Wellons, Inc. property had been purchased for the Lagoon project.

CONTINUATION

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson to continue the meeting to May 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in order to further discuss the budget; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Robin E. Reif, Deputy City Cler

Darryl D. Moss, Mayor