

Minutes of
City of Creedmoor
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Work Session
February 10, 2014
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Del Mims, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson, Commissioner Thomas Jackson and Commissioner Larry Robinson. Also present were Korena Weichel, Assistant City Manager; Robin Reif, City Clerk; and Tom Currin, City Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Minor to adopt the meeting agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor Moss opened the meeting to discussion of Commissioner's Mims public objections to recent requests made of her for public records and questions regarding policy of same. Attorney Tom Currin clarified the process whereby a request is made of a Commissioner adding that once a Commissioner makes the determination that no such records exists, that response is given to the Clerk to provide to the requestor. Attorney Currin stressed that it is not the location of the document (public/private, email, texts, etc.) rather the **content** that makes a record public and that *anyone* can make a records request be they in state or not.

When asked by Commissioner Mims how many board members had received requests for personal information, Attorney Tom Currin answered that they all had. Commissioner Mims insisted that in her research, nowhere had she seen anything documenting requests for personal electronic correspondence.

Commissioner Wilkerson commented that any electronic communication made during a public meeting is a waste of citizens' time.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #6_FY14: *Haynes-Suitt Tract Contributions*

Budget Amendment #6_FY14 is the companion to the board's approval of the City's contribution to the Tar River Land Conservancy for the purchase of the Haynes and Suitt Tracts near Robertson Creek. The board approved the contribution during its January 28th Regular Meeting at which it neglected to adopt the corresponding budget amendment.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Minor to adopt Budget Amendment 6_FY14: *Haynes-Suitt Tract Contributions*; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Motion received a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Administration, & Intergovernmental Relations

None.

Energy, Environment, & Natural Resource

Creedmoor had asked to be removed from the February 13th SGWASA meeting agenda due to City Manager Tom Mercer's inability to attend. As the City's negotiator on the Asset Purchase Agreement, it was decided that his attendance is key to ongoing negotiations.

Tony Santangelo provided the following report on the activities of the Granville County Environmental Affairs Committee.

1. Mr. Huisman, NCDENR Senior Environmental Specialist spoke to the Committee on the Falls Lake Rules.
2. Roadside litter: Requests have been made of the Granville County Board of Commissioners to raise the fines for littering as it is an ongoing problem.
3. The next recycling function at the Expo Center is scheduled for March 22nd. The Committee may not be able to recycle paint at this function as this activity incurs a fee. Medications, shredding, fuels, among other items are to be collected and a flyer is forthcoming.

Commissioner Mims asked if there has been any marketing to which Mr. Santangelo stated that public service announcements are to be made on a radio station and more information is to come. Commissioner Mims then asked if there are any shredding events coming. Mr. Santangelo reiterated that there would be shredding at the event on March 22nd.

Commissioner Robinson asked if there are plans for a future "Litter Sweep". Mayor Moss responded that the City has most recently enlisted the help of Boy Scout troops and had, in the past, used pictures taken throughout sites in the City to showcase areas needing attention. No "Litter Sweep" is scheduled at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Minor expressed his agreement that the fine for littering should be increased.

Public Safety

Commissioner Jackson thanked the Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department for their services during the recent weather event. The Commissioner also thanked the City's Public Works Department for their contribution to the public's safety in spreading salt, sand and operating snow removal equipment. Commissioner Jackson had Steve Colenda, Acting Public Works Director stand to be recognized for his efforts as well.

Transportation Infrastructure

Commissioner Mims had Steve Colenda stand in order to thank him for rectifying the discrepancy that existed between the street signs on Hillsboro Street.

Commissioner Mims also recognized the Planning Department for their organization of the recent drop-in meeting held on the subject of Main Street parking as well as expressing thanks to Grammy's Kitchen for providing refreshments.

Commissioner Mims thanked Mayor Moss for putting together this evening's transportation briefing. The Commissioner stated her expectation that funding for sidewalks from Paddington to Mt. Energy Elementary comes up as it has been brought up to her on numerous occasions.

Commissioner Mims gave praise regarding the recently held Master Plan information session and commended Programs Director Scottie Wilkins for her hard work.

Commissioner Mims introduced the subject of the National League of Cities (NLC) conference to be held in Washington, DC March 8-12. Mayor Pro Tem Minor stated that, in years past, the Mayor and one Commissioner was sent and that the City, as a matter of course, takes care of the conference registration and the Mayor and Commissioner take care of their own travel and submit requests and receipts for reimbursement upon their return.

Commissioner Mims moved that, as she and Commissioner Jackson are both new members of the board, they both be able to attend the NLC Conference;

For specificity, Commissioner Mims amended her motion to state Mayor Moss, Commissioner Jackson, and Commissioner Mims be able to attend the conference and stay at the Marriott Wardman Park; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Minor. Motion received a unanimous vote.

City staff requested they be able to look at the line item in the current fiscal budget to determine that there is enough funding available to send all three officials.

Community & Economic Development

Commissioner Wilkerson reported that Walgreens is coming along nicely. The Commissioner spoke regarding a complaint that the Creedmoor Police Department held a traffic stop in front of Eakes Funeral Home during a funeral service. It was in fact the department assisting with traffic flow at the request of the funeral home.

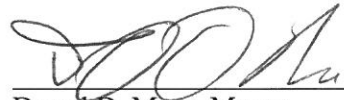
MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Moss provided a reminder of the board's off-site meeting to be held Saturday, February 15, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

Mayor Moss inquired on the progress of the fireworks display to be held July 5th with a rain date of July 6th. An update was provided.

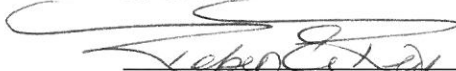
ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business before the board, moved by Commissioner Wilkerson to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Minor. Motion received a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Darryl D. Moss, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robin E. Reif, City Clerk



Exhibit to the February 10, 2014 Board of Commissioner's Work Session Minutes

Correction to the Feb 10th meeting minutes:

Let the minutes reflect that during the Feb 10th meeting .42 minutes of the public's valuable time was squandered on a discussion about Del Mims' request to be referred to as Commissioner Mims while in the Boardroom. And, even more time was wasted on commentary, best suited elsewhere, about her objection to 3 mean spirited public records requests soliciting personal information while both a private citizen and a City Commissioner.

Additionally, it should be emphasized that Commissioner Mims was not in need of clarification from the City Attorney as she was already familiar with the process, policy and case law pertaining to public records requests. Her objection was not to the validity of the law but rather the mean spirited nature of the requests themselves. The Requestor implicated a person or persons associated with the City. The queries began immediately after the Feb 14th SGWASA meeting as retribution for Public Comments made by Commissioner Ed Mims.

The minutes should accurately show the sequence of the meeting as it occurred; namely, it was opened with these discussions immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance and prior to the adoption of the agenda.