

Minutes of
City of Creedmoor
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Organizational Meeting
December 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Willis Herman offered the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jennifer Wilkerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Jackson asked that a Public comment period be added as item 12.a.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Minor to adopt the meeting agenda with the addition of Public Comment as item 12.a.; seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson. Motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Robinson to adopt the revised minutes of November 3, 2014 Board of Commissioner's Work Session and draft November 17, 2014 Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Minor. Motion received a unanimous vote.

FIVE YEAR SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mayor Moss presented Finance Director Ren Wiles with his 5-year service certificate and pen. Mr. Wiles' wife Tammy and son Everett were in attendance.

AUDIT PRESENTATION: WINSTON, WILLIAMS, CREECH, EVANS & COMPANY

Mr. Jim Winston presented the 2014 audit of the City of Creedmoor. Mr. Winston remarked on what a fantastic financial improvement has been experienced during the tenure of City Manager Tom Mercer in addition to the improvements seen over 2013.

Mr. Winston stated that the good numbers in this year's audit speaks well of the board, management and department heads.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendment #3 FY15: Water/Sewer Operations Continuation (4 months)

Budget Amendment #3 FY15: *Water/Sewer Operations Continuation (4 months)* is being proposed as the FY15 budget was initially generated under the assumption of a closing date on the SGWASA APA of December 1st. The proposed is a revenue neutral amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Robinson to adopt Budget Amendment #3 FY15: *Water/Sewer Operations Continuation (4 months)*; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Minor. Motion received a unanimous vote.

Budget Amendment #4 FY15: *Mid-Year Adjustments*

City Manager Tom Mercer reviewed the contents of the budget amendment for the board. Chief King expanded on the additional funds requested for body cameras for police officers. 50/50 grant funds may become available retroactively. Mayor Moss stated that he had sent messages to Senator Burr, Senator-Elect Tillis, and Representative Holding requesting these funds be granted.

Moved by Commissioner Robinson to adopt Budget Amendment #4 FY15: *Mid-Year Adjustments*; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Minor. Motion received a unanimous vote.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Moss recounted the events of the December 9, 2013 Board of Commissioner's Organizational Meeting at which Commissioner Herman Wilkerson was voted in as Mayor Pro Tempore for the year 2015.

Granville County Commissioner and Vice-Chairman Timothy Karan swore Commissioner Herman Wilkerson in as Mayor Pro Tempore for the year 2015. Commissioner Wilkerson's wife Marian was in attendance.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Eddie Smith, 2213 Bayswater Drive, Creedmoor, NC

Mr. Smith spoke regarding public safety in Paddington:

1. 4 community watch signs were again requested.
2. Police activity has stepped up in Paddington. Mr. Smith thanked Chief King for this.
3. An update on the two cases occurring in Paddington was requested.
4. It was reported that discussions were held with Chief King regarding posting an officer on an 8-hour shift in Paddington. It was requested that this be accomplished. Paddington is unable to pay for this officer and is asking for the City's assistance.

Moved by Commissioner Mims that City Manager Tom Mercer establish assisting the Paddington community with the installation of the four requested community watch signs and that the City Manager investigate the requirements and estimate in subsidizing the cost of additional security surveillance in the Paddington Subdivision; seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Under discussion, City Attorney Tom Currin asked if there is an established community watch in the Paddington Subdivision, to which Commissioner Mims stated one is being established and if the Sheriff's Department is assisting and aware of the need. Mr. Smith stated that he had not been in contact with the Sheriff's Department. Politically and practically, the Sheriff's Department is the place to start for regulations and assistance in purchasing signs. The Sheriff's Department is the appropriate community liaison prior to soliciting the city for signs. Chief Keith King concurred.

Motion received the following vote:

Ayes: Mims, Jackson, Wilkerson
Noes: Robinson, Minor

Motion passed 3-2

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BY-LAWS REVISION // BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Michael S. Frangos, Planning Director was present to explain the Board of Adjustment By-Laws revisions being proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Minor to approve the proposed revisions; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson. Motion to approve the proposed by-law revisions received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Frangos directed the board's attention to the application submitted by Mr. Dennis Daniel for appointment to the Board of Adjustment.

Moved by Commissioner Minor to appoint Dennis Daniel to fill the Board of Adjustment vacancy left by Jay Rich; seconded by Commissioner Mims. Motion received a unanimous vote.

REVISIT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING DATES // ADOPTION OF 2015 CALENDAR

Moved by Commissioner Jackson that the meetings be changed to the Work Session being held on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting being held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson to substitute the motion that the meeting dates stay the same; seconded by Commissioner Minor.

Motion to adopt the substitute motion as the motion under consideration received the following vote:

Ayes: Robinson, Wilkerson, Minor

Noes: Jackson, Mims

Motion passed 3-2.

Motion to keep the meetings as they are received the following vote:

Ayes: Robinson, Wilkerson, Minor

Noes: Jackson, Mims

Motion passed 3-2.

Moved by Commissioner Minor to adopt the 2015 calendar as presented; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson. Motion received the following vote:

Ayes: Robinson, Wilkerson, Minor

Noes: Mims, Jackson.

Motion passed 3-2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Amor Agdeppa, 815 N. Main Street, Creedmoor, NC

1. Glad the city is pursuing body cameras for its police officers.
2. Would like to see something more family oriented in Creedmoor like a bowling alley, movie theater or something of that nature.

County Commissioner Ed Mims, Regents Court, Creedmoor, NC

1. Thanked Randy Cahoon regarding conversation held at a UNRBA meeting regarding the blowing of leaves and grass clippings into the street being prohibited under City Codes. Asked the City to market this information more.
2. Addressed Mayor Moss regarding his decision not to seek re-election as Mayor.
3. Hopes that participation will be broadened in 2015.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Tom Mercer updated Council on the following:

- CMAQ update provided by Programs Director Scottie Cornett
 - Phase I - NCDOT conducted a materials and supplies audit which went well.
 - Cross-City trail is in the final design phase.
 - LAPP Joint project is in design looking at alignment.
 - Guardrail project is almost complete.
 - NC56 Corridor Study has been funded and core technical committee has met. Stakeholders' oversight team to meet January 9th. Commissioner Mims and Mayor Moss to attend.
 - First public meeting to be held around January 26th.
 - 2015/2025 draft has been approved at the NCDOT level at SPOT 3.0. Plans are that it be adopted in June. 50/56/15 and Lake Road project has been funded. ROW in 2018 and construction in 2019.
 - Mayor Moss along with Commissioner Karan helped the Butner project expansion of 26th Street.
 - Highway 50 North on 98 has been funded. Progress is being made. Creedmoor is influencing the future 4-way project.
- SGWASA APA Update by City Manager Tom Mercer
 - Timing of closing is projected for March 1st or April 1st.
- Waste Industries
 - Due to the pushback of the APA closing date, the Waste Industries contract will be done in conjunction with the APA.
 - Billing is being worked out. Appears that there will be no additional cost to the City.

Mayor Moss asked Creedmoor Police Chief Keith King to address comments made previously by Eddie Smith under Public Comment as well as provide information if citizens' concerns have impacted thoughts of confidence held in the police department.

Making an exception to the general rule of not providing updates during a continued investigation as it may impact its progress, Chief King provided the following report:

- Warrants have been issued in the first Paddington Subdivision incident which was an isolated incident.
- Subpoenas have been served and evidence recovered in the second incident involving the same victim have been submitted to the lab. The department is waiting for results of the evidence submission.
- Numerous interviews were conducted during the first week following the incident.
- Neither case was a random act, rather targeted incidents of strife between persons who know each other and were seeking retribution according to the evidence.
- The police department may only do what the law allows them to do when conducting an investigation.
- Creedmoor Police Department is fully capable of conducting these investigations.
- Creedmoor is growing and is experiencing growing pains, i.e. crime.
- Paddington's HOA President was provided with community watch information and guidelines. Chief King has not been approached as a resource following this provision.
- November 5th meeting was held with Paddington HOA President Eddie Smith at which time the HOA President stated he had researched some private consultants for the purposes of patrolling the subdivision for safety. At no time did a discussion of the city supporting this endeavor occur between the Chief and HOA President Smith.
- Investigators requested the video from the pool which may have aided in the investigation(s). No video was provided.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Jackson reported on the following:

None

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Commissioner Mims reported on the following:

- Congratulated Bobby Wheeler for receiving the North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Asked City Manager Tom Mercer to prepare congratulatory correspondence from the City to Mr. Wheeler.
- Read aloud the recently published Butner Creedmoor News editorial regarding Mr. Wheeler's award.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:

- Thanked Finance Director Ren Wiles for the work he has done during his 5-years with the City.
- Expressed pride in what has been accomplished regarding the budget.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported on the following:

- Addressing the Mayor, Commissioners and citizens of Creedmoor, expressed that it takes time for the police department to do its work just as it does in transportation.
- Asked that the Chief be left alone to do his job.
- There is now a new owner of the Chevrolet dealership in Creedmoor.
- There are currently about 40 building permits in process (in construction, released, to-be-released).

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Commissioner Minor reported on the following:

- Thanked Programs Director Scottie Cornett for her hard work on the guardrail project. Recalled past injuries and fatalities in that area and is grateful for the project as it has been a long time coming.
- SGWASA, city staff is doing everything to get the SGWASA merger accomplished. It is a process that must be gone through with multiple agencies. Thanked City Manager Tom Mercer and city staff for the work that has been done.
- Addressing Chief King, he stated that he has complete confidence in the professional police department that Creedmoor has.

MAYOR'S REPORT


Mayor Moss reported on the following:

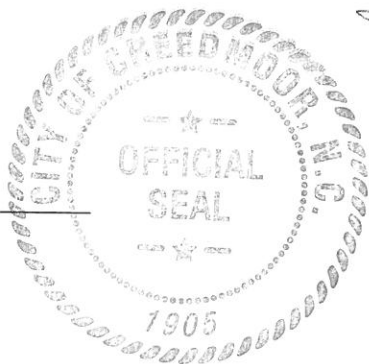
- Congratulated Bobby Wheeler on the tremendous honor of receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.
- Represented CAMPO on the Wake County Transit Advisory Committee. Long-term transit needs plan is being drafted.
- Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade were well attended events.
- Following County Commissioner Ed Mims' comment regarding leaf and grass clippings, the Mayor reported that this date is the 40th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Minor for his service in 2014.


ADJOURNMENT

As there was no more business before the board, moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Mims. Motion to adjourn received a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

ATTEST:


Robin E. Reif, City Clerk




Darryl D. Moss, Mayor