



Minutes of
City of Creedmoor
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Organizational Meeting
December 14, 2015
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Commissioner Del Mims, Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Larry Robinson and Commissioner Thomas Jackson. Also present were City Manager Mike Bonfield, Assistant City Manager/HR Director Korena Weichel, Finance Director Ren Wiles, Planning Director Mike Frangos, Chief of Police Keith King, City Clerk Kathleen McCorkle, and Attorney Tom Currin.

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Herman Wilkerson.

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and introduced Rev. Willis Herman, who offered the invocation. Mayor Moss led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a traditional presentation of homemade chocolates to the Mayor and Board by Miss Jennifer Wilkerson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor requested approval of the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Mims to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Moss requested a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting November 16, 2015. Commissioner Minor moved to approve; seconded by Commissioner Mims. The motion received a unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS JIMMY MINOR AND LARRY ROBINSON

Mayor Moss read framed proclamations honoring outgoing Commissioners Minor and Robinson; and presented them with the proclamations as well as their city name plates.

OATHS OF OFFICE

City Attorney Tom Currin introduced District Court Judge Daniel Finch, who proceeded to swear-in Mayor Darryl D. Moss. Mayor Moss's wife Michelle held the Bible as he took the oath.

Mr. Currin then introduced N.C. Senator Floyd McKissick. Senator McKissick swore in Commissioner-Elect Archer Wilkins as his wife Miriam held the Bible. Also in attendance were his son-in-law and daughter Rev. Orlando and Akilah Hyatt, and grandchildren, Julian and Kaden. Commissioner Wilkins then took his seat on the Board.

Commissioner-Elect Ernie Anderson was also sworn in by Senator Floyd McKissick as his wife, Linda, held the Bible. Commissioner Anderson then took his seat on the Board.

ELECTION AND SWEARING-IN OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Commissioner Jackson moved to open the nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore and nominated Commissioner Mims; seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Wilkins moved to close the nominations; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Wilkins moved to elect

Commissioner Mims as Mayor Pro Tempore; seconded by Commissioner Jackson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Mims was then sworn in as Mayor Pro Tempore by Senator McKissick, as her husband County Commissioner Ed Mims held the Bible.

Prior to the adoption of the 2016 meeting schedule, Commissioner Jackson raised the point that the Mayor Pro Tempore should be selected for 2017 at this meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Mims moved that Commissioner Wilkins be elected Mayor Pro Tem for 2017; seconded by Commissioner Jackson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

ADOPTION OF 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Pro Tem Mims moved that the meeting schedule be changed from the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and the third Monday at 7 p.m. to the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. and the third Tuesday at 7 p.m., beginning Tuesday, January 5, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Mims then moved that both monthly meetings include a public comment period for citizens wishing to speak, and the first meeting of the month be designated as a work session meeting; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Jackson moved that the Board shall adopt a public comment policy; seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion received a unanimous vote. Commissioner Jackson will forward a draft to the clerk for consideration at the January 5, 2016, meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Barry Wilson, 2580 NC Hwy. 56, Creedmoor

Mr. Wilson stated he and his wife will not voluntarily give up their property, which is not within city jurisdiction.

Mr. Tracy Barker, 2552 NC Hwy. 56, Creedmoor

Mr. Barker voiced concerns that he would be liable if someone got hurt on the city trail crossing his property. Mayor Moss said he would not be liable, and urged him to speak with City Manager Bonfield.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Bonfield reported that the January 5 agenda will include an update on CMAQ project, for which public meetings are scheduled December 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Creedmoor Elementary School. All affected property owners have been notified regarding easements for the trail and temporary construction, and the city attorney, project consultant and staff will be on hand to explain the process.

Also on the January 5 agenda will be an update on the Chief Street project; a report on the streets assessment completed by engineers, including findings and cost estimates along with a plan for implementation of improvements. Mr. Bonfield will also define the committee roles process; discuss a budget calendar for FY 2017; and he will add Commissioner Jackson's public comments policy under items for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Director Mike Frangos presented Initial Scheduling Resolution 2015-R-14: ZTA-2015-05 Creedmoor Development Ordinance Text Amendment, requesting that a public hearing be scheduled during the January 19, 2016, regular meeting.

The amendment will address recent legislative changes and will also make changes applicable to a current pending application.

Mayor Pro Tem Mims moved that Resolution 2015-R-14 be adopted, setting the date for a public hearing during the regular meeting on January 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moss reported that committee assignments have been made as follows:

Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR): Chairperson, Commissioner Thomas Jackson; Vice-Chair, Commissioner Archer Wilkins.

Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee (PSCP): Chairperson, Commissioner Archer Wilkins, Vice-Chair, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson.

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee (EENR): Chairperson, Commissioner Ernie Anderson, Vice-Chair, Mayor Pro Tem Del Mims.

Community & Economic Development Committee (CED): Chairperson, Mayor Pro Tem Del Mims, Vice-Chair, Commissioner Ernie Anderson.

Transportation Infrastructure Committee (TI): Chairperson, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson; Vice-Chair, Commissioner Thomas Jackson.

Other board appointments are as follows:

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Executive Committee Member: Mayor Pro Tem Mims moved that Commissioner Jackson be appointed; seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (KTCOG) Board of Directors: Mayor Pro Tem Mims moved that Commissioner Wilkins be appointed; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

South Granville Water & Sewer Authority (SGWASA) Member: Commissioner Jackson moved that Mayor Pro Tem Mims be appointed; seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) Representative: Mayor Pro Tem Mims moved that Commissioner Anderson be appointed; seconded by Commissioner Jackson. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Tar-Pamlico Basin Association (TBPA) Representative: Mayor Pro Tem Mims moved that Commissioner Jackson be appointed; seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion received a unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Mims offered her best wishes to outgoing Commissioners Minor and Robinson; thanked Jennifer for the chocolates; added congratulations to Mayor Moss and Commissioner Wilkerson on their re-elections, and thanked Commissioners Anderson and Wilkins for stepping up as she welcomes the opportunity to work with both of them. She then directed Mr. Bonfield to organize an economic summit with neighboring cities within 60 days so that potential opportunities to partner will be known prior to next year's budget.

Commissioner Wilkins reported he is confident and hopeful the board can come together for enrichment and unity; said he is pleased to be named on the Public Safety committee, as he is concerned for the children; and he will work with Chief King. He is also pleased to co-chair with Commissioner Jackson on the FAIR committee and said they will be good stewards. He will make himself available to everyone. Finally he thanked the voters and pastors who helped on the journey, and his church family.

Commissioner Anderson said he will work hard to protect tax dollars, improve relationships with neighboring cities, put the voice of the people back into city hall meetings, and will help bring a family recreation facility to the Butner/Creedmoor area. He thanked his supporters and said it is time to go to work.

Commissioner Jackson congratulated all four candidates elected, especially the two new commissioners, and he asked them to serve the will of the people who sent them here. He noted that he was impressed by this year's parade coordinators, and he took part in the Grassy Creek parade.

Commissioner Jackson then moved to place all property acquisitions related to the CMAQ II project (East of Main St. on 56) on hold effective immediately until the board has a chance in January to receive an update on the project; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mims. The motion received a unanimous vote.

After lengthy discussion including Mr. Bonfield and City Attorney Currin regarding the following evening's (Dec. 15) meeting scheduled with property owners at which time property acquisition offers would be signed; the implications of stopping the project and how it would impact other CMAQ projects; and the competitive nature of obtaining the grants and then making changes, and how that would affect future grants, Commissioner Jackson moved to reconsider his original motion; seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

The motion to reconsider received the following 2-2 vote:

Ayes: Jackson and Anderson

Noes: Mims and Wilkins

Mayor Moss broke the tie with an aye vote.

Commissioner Anderson then moved that the city proceed with the process, not committing itself to acquiring any easements discussed at the December 15 meeting with property owners until after the Board receives an update at the January 5 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

The motion received the following 2-2 vote:

Ayes: Jackson and Anderson

Noes: Mims and Wilkins


Mayor Moss broke the tie with an aye vote.

Commissioner Jackson continued that as chairman of the FAIR committee, he will be considering the city's organizational structure and responsibilities. He then moved that the City Manager prepare a request for qualifications (RFQ) for the city attorney position and obtain at least three bids for the board to review at its regular meeting in January; seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bonfield commented that because of the holidays more time may be needed to get attorneys to respond, but staff will do its best to accommodate the request in a timely fashion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business before the Board, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mims to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion received a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Darryl D. Moss, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. McCorkle, City Clerk

