



MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2017 7 P.M.
AND
CONTINUATION
MAY 23, 2017 5:30 PM

PRESENT

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro Tem Archer Wilkins, Commissioner Del Mims, Commissioner Thomas Jackson, Commissioner Ernie Anderson, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson. Also present were City Manager Michael P. Bonfield, Assistant City Manager/HR Director Korena Weichel, Finance Director Jamison Crampton, Planning Director Mike Frangos, Public Works Director Daniel Snipes, Lt. Tommy Wallace, City Clerk Kathleen McCorkle, and Attorney Al Benschhoff.

ABSENT

None.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Darryl Moss called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and offered the invocation. Commissioner Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call by the clerk determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Anderson to approve the agenda; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins. The motion received a 5-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017, regular meeting; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion received a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

FY18 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

City Manager Mike Bonfield presented the FY18 Budget strategy, projects and initiatives, and all fund revenues and expenditures. Following the presentation, he outlined in more detail highlights, increases and reductions.

Each of the board members was given the opportunity for questions or comments.

Commissioner Anderson stated his desire to cut the City's tax rate by five cents and noted he thought reductions could be made in every department, including business development, marketing, volunteer fire department and police department.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins stated he was hand-in-hand with Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Jackson commended staff's efforts and work on the budget and stated the Board should trust that staff is not splurging. The reduction request should have been made in January or February. Staff has already made budget cuts while continuing to provide services. Chief Minor also should be trusted as he needs to make adjustments where appropriate, even if we're not happy with it. Commissioner Jackson does not think we should give the CVFD less than they ask for.

Commissioner Mims voiced her opinion against cutting public safety and fire department expenditures. She would rather we be proactive than reactive, and the recommendation to hire another officer to provide community policing is an aggressive step forward. She would also like the recreation budget to come out of the general fund. She thanked the city manager and staff and recommended giving them ample opportunity to adjust accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins stated he looks forward to the city manager and Commissioner Anderson getting together to give all citizens a five-cent decrease in their taxes.

Commissioner Wilkerson would like to see the maintenance workers get two pairs of boots a year as has been done in the past.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins questioned the increase in cleaning services, and asked staff to report back.

Commissioner Mims remarked in opposition to the five-cent property tax decrease. Standing to benefit from a tax decrease would be property owners and not tenants, as property owners are not going to decrease rents. People want recreation and wish to see money spent on the gym, senior center, and Lake Rogers. Renters should not be excluded from the benefits.

Mayor Moss remarked that a conversation with the city manager would reveal that we can reduce the tax rate, continue doing impactful projects already started, and take care of employees by making investment in things that make the community attractive and draw investment.

Mr. Bonfield remarked that the 2018 budget is \$500,000 less than the 2013 budget, with 4.5 more employees, and belt-tightening has happened. He also said another special meeting should be held with all involved prior to the budget hearing because it is impossible to cut \$150,000 and continue doing what we're doing.

Mayor Moss urged the board not to stop the positive momentum we're experiencing, and we must overcome the perception that nothing is happening in Creedmoor.

Commissioner Anderson asked for a special board meeting to go through his recommendations. Following discussion on notice requirements, it was decided that the budget public hearing would be scheduled June 20, and this meeting would be continued until May 23 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Bonfield requested that Commissioner Anderson provide all his information so staff could analyze prior to May 23.

Commissioner Mims left the room at 8:37 p.m.

Commissioner Jackson left the room at 8:38 p.m.

Commissioner Jackson returned to the room at 8:39 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BYLAWS

Mr. Bonfield reviewed the proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Board of Adjustment. Moved by Commissioner Wilkins to approve the amendments; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion received a 4-0 vote. As Commissioner Mims was not present to voice her vote, it was counted in the affirmative and the motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2017-R-18: INITIAL SCHEDULING ZTA-2017-02 ARTICLE 7

Mr. Bonfield reviewed the need to schedule a public hearing for text amendment changes to Creedmoor Development Ordinance Article 7 to add water allocation.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins to approve Resolution 2017-R-18; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion received a 4-0 vote. As Commissioner Mims was not present to voice her vote, it was counted in the affirmative and the motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Mims returned to the room at 8:45 p.m.

WHITEHALL SPEED HUMPS

Mr. Bonfield discussed the data collected by the police department following the removal of the speed humps and addition of the three-way stop signs on Mayview and Whitehall streets in the Whitehall subdivision.

Following discussion, Commissioner Mims moved that we take the contents of this report and return it to Whitehall, have them act upon the information and then have them bring it back to us as to their preference; seconded by Commissioner Jackson. The motion received a 2-3 vote, with Commissioners Wilkerson and Anderson and Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins dissenting.

Commissioner Wilkerson moved to leave the stop signs up and don't put in any speed bumps at this time; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins. Following discussion the motion received a 3-2 vote, with Commissioners Jackson and Mims dissenting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bonfield reported that Hunters Ridge has been patched and paved, Crescent Drive stormwater repair work is progressing, and road repair work has begun in Pine Valley.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Jackson reported on the condition of former commissioner Otha Piper, and reported on his attendance at the NCDOT open house. Regarding the JCPC, he was elected vice-chair for 2017-18.

Commissioner Wilkerson questioned when a maintenance department worker would be scheduled to take the building inspector exam, and questioned the use of temporary employees in the budget.

Commissioner Anderson provided no report.

Commissioner Mims remarked on the two applications for façade improvement projects, and said another is expected. She reported on her attendance at the Leadercast event with the Economic Advisory Committee. Granville County was presented the outstanding local league award by the League of Women Voters in Greensboro. She also attended the NCDOT presentation, and she requested the status of a penalty incurred by SGWASA for violations.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins posed a question to the city attorney regarding whether it is a unilateral or board decision to withdraw the City from a COG board.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moss reported that the League of Women Voters is holding a water quality event at Pine Grove Baptist on June 8.

Congressman Butterfield is planning a dinner on May 30 or June 1 jointly with Butner and Granville County commissioners. More details are forthcoming and will be forwarded.

The mayor reported he will be out of town June 10 and asked that commissioners attend the SGHS graduation. Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins agreed to attend.

Mayor Moss asked Commissioner Jackson to clarify actions at the Tar Pamlico Association meeting in December at which bylaws were amended to remove Creedmoor from the association. Following discussion, the mayor noted he'll be attending the June 16 Tar Pam meeting to let them know Creedmoor has not taken action to withdraw from the association.

Commissioner Wilkerson addressed Commissioner Mims' question regarding the SGWASA fine.

RECESS

It was moved by Commissioner Anderson to continue the meeting until May 23 at 5:30 p.m.; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins. The motion received a 5-0 vote and the meeting was recessed at 9:14 p.m.

CONTINUATION

Mayor Moss called the May 16, 2017, regular meeting back to order on May 23, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. All those in attendance on May 16 were present, with the exception of the city attorney.

Mayor Moss opened discussion up to the Board.

Upon her request, Commissioner Wilkerson moved to excuse Commissioner Mims for an early departure; seconded by Commissioner Jackson. The motion received a 5-0 vote.

Commission Mims then moved to reduce taxes by 1.5 cents and derive the total cost of doing so exclusively from the governing board's compensation; seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

The proposal would reduce the commissioners' pay from \$5,250 to \$600 annually, reduce the mayor's pay from \$7478 to \$900, and eliminate the \$600 for additional compensation, which would leave the core budget intact.

Following discussion, the motion received a 2-3 vote, with Commissioners Wilkerson and Anderson and Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins dissenting.

Commissioner Mims left the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept Mr. Bonfield's proposal of three cents reduction; seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson.


At this time, the board took a brief recess to allow Commissioner Wilkerson to read the city manager's comments.

Upon return from the break, Mr. Bonfield reiterated that his recommendation is to keep the tax rate and budget proposed. A tax cut of three cents would require that \$65,000 come from reserves.

Mr. Bonfield then reviewed approximately \$16,900 in proposed reductions, while still providing services, and reminded the board that the budget already included \$150,000 in cuts.

Following discussion and clarification, the motion received a 3-1 vote; with Commissioner Jackson dissenting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Darryl D. Moss, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. McCorkle, City Clerk

