

# MINUTES OF CITY OF CREEDMOOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING CLOSED SESSION JANUARY 17, 2017 5:30 P.M.

## **PRESENT**

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Commissioner Ernie Anderson, Commissioner Thomas Jackson, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson, and Mayor Pro Tem Archer Wilkins. Also present were City Manager Michael P. Bonfield, City Clerk Kathleen McCorkle, and Attorney T.C. Morphis, Jr.

### ABSENT

Let the record reflect Commissioner Mims joined the closed session at 5:35 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board moved into closed session as per GS 143-318-11(a)(3) to preserve attorney client privilege.

The Board of Commissioners had previously requested that the city attorney and city manager review the status of the City's membership in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin Association and the discharge credits currently being held for the City of Creedmoor.

City Manager Mike Bonfield reported the credits are not a property right nor are they a tangible item the City could sell or give away. They would not be of use unless the City had a permit from the state to discharge treated wastewater into the Tar River. The credits are reserved by the state for Creedmoor, and would go away permanently if the City did not use them. The city manager and attorney have talked with SGWASA about working together to establish the credits under their jurisdiction. SGWASA staff is interested but would not take the matter to their board unless the City of Creedmoor initiated that discussion through formal board action.

Following discussion regarding future capacity needs relating to area growth, Tar-Pamlico membership, and what may potentially happen to the credits, Commissioner Anderson moved to hold the credits and keep it the way it is; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins.

After further discussion Commissioner Anderson withdrew his motion and Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins withdrew his second.

Commissioner Jackson moved to allow the City Manager to open the conversation with SGWASA on the subject of the credits; seconded by Commissioner Mims. The motion received a 2-3 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins and Commissioners Anderson and Wilkerson dissenting.

Mr. Bonfield then reviewed the receipt of an unsolicited bid for \$165,000 from Mr. Jim Blaine to purchase approximately eight acres of City-owned property on Cannadys Mill Road. Mr. Blaine already owns property adjacent to the land, which was originally purchased by the City with the intention of placing a wastewater discharge site there prior to the sale of the water/sewer system to SGWASA.

Commissioner Wilkerson moved to keep it as property of the City of Creedmoor and not sell it; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Mims offered an amendment to the motion, to secure an appraisal on the subject property. The amendment was rejected by Commissioner Wilkerson. The motion received a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Mims and Jackson dissenting.

# **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins; seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to return to open session. The motion received a 5-0 vote.

Robert V. Wheeler, Mayor

**ATTEST** 

Kathleen J. McCorkle, City Clerk