

MINUTES OF CITY OF CREEDMOOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING JULY 10, 2018 5 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Bobby Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Archer Wilkins, Commissioner Del Mims, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson, Commissioner Neena Nowell, Commissioner Ernie Anderson. Also present were City Manager Michael P. Bonfield, Assistant City Manager/HR Director Korena Weichel, Public Works Director Daniel Snipes, and City Clerk Kathleen McCorkle.

ABSENT

None.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bobby Wheeler called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Upon Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins' request, Commissioner Anderson moved to excuse him early for a previous meeting at 6 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Nowell. The motion received a 5-0 vote. (Mayor Pro Tem Wilkins exited the meeting at 5:45 p.m.)

LAKE ROGERS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CHANGE OF SCOPE

City Manager Mike Bonfield briefed the Board on the need to rebid the project as only one bid was received. With the strong construction economy, contractors have stated they are having a difficult time getting subcontractors to bid on projects, and generally felt the bid packet as presented was difficult to bid. By general statute, three bids are required in the first round and if not received, the project must be re-advertised. However three bids are not required after the first round. He noted a reduced scope of work requiring fewer subcontractors will still provide a quality product, attract more bidders, and bring the project closer to the intended budget.

Garrett Baker with Tony Tate Landscape Architecture presented the updated plan and answered the Board's questions.

The revised plan includes the boardwalk and the open water pavilion, new main shelter, relocation of the concession building, improvements to existing shelters, landscaping, stone, etc., kayak/canoe launch, west side primitive trail and fishing platforms. A monument sign is included as an alternate bid item. The improvements would include ADA compliance. The remaining improvements included on the master plan could be considered in the future.

Mr. David Richardson, speaking as chairman of the Creedmoor Parks and Recreation Committee, noted he thinks it is a good plan to start with, with the intention of adding other amenities in the future. He added that the new plan includes things that will make the community happy, and he supports moving forward on the project, while thanking Mr. Baker for an excellent presentation.

Mr. Bonfield summarized the history of Board actions on the project, along with the new budget, taking into consideration the loss of the \$25,000 grant for the dog park, offset in part by \$10,000 extra received in a grant from the county. The revised budget estimate for the project is \$661,000, which is \$55,000 over what was originally budgeted prior to the scope of work being broadened by the Board to include the entire master plan.

He also noted that separate from this project, the floating dock would be disconnected from the fixed pier at a cost of \$13,000; and that bidding for construction of most of the remaining items on the master plan could be managed by the City.

If the Board were to approve the revised plan at this meeting, the advertising would run July 19, the pre-bid meeting August 2, and bid opening August 21.

Commissioner Anderson moved to postpone making the decision tonight, take the proposal and discuss with the board at a special meeting. Following discussion on when that meeting would take place, he withdrew his motion. Mayor Wheeler explained the reason for his calling this special meeting was for the Board to make the decision and keep the project on track.

Commissioner Anderson moved that we take the project at hand right now in front of us and table it and this way it won't interfere with the community center in any way, shape or form, and we'll bring this back up at a future date to be determined; seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson after confirming timing of the meeting date about the gym. The motion received a 2-2 vote, with Commissioners Nowell and Mims dissenting. Mayor Wheeler voted no to break the tie and the motion failed 2-3.

Commissioner Nowell moved to accept the project as presented tonight and put it out for bids; seconded by Commissioner Mims. The motion received a 2-2 vote, with Commissioners Wilkerson and Anderson dissenting. Mayor Wheeler voted yes to break the tie and the motion passed 3-2.

Mr. Bonfield explained the project and grant process and asked the board to consider holding an August meeting to discuss the community center project either the week of July 30 or August 6. The date will be determined at the July 17 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Mims moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Nowell. The motion received a 4-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Robert V. Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. McCorkle, City Clerk