

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSESSION
JANUARY 14, 2009
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Tim Karan, Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson. Also present was Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager and Sandra Harper, City Clerk. Absent was Commissioner Larry Robinson.

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Karan

SPECIFIC ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Scottie Wilkins, Transportation Planner – Granville County CTP Creedmoor Connector Loop and Granville Greenways:

Ms. Scottie Wilkins, Granville County Transportation Planner addressed the Board and introduced Mr. Bob Shope, Chairman of the Granville Greenways Advisory Council and Mr. Michael McFadden, Chairman of the Greenway Technical Coordinating Committee.

Mr. McFadden addressed the Board and expressed that they were requesting approval to add a 9th member from the Economic Development arena and asked that they endorse Mr. Jay Tilley to the newly approved Granville Greenways Advisory Council (GGAC). He said that they were also asking approval to plan a Greenway Education Outreach session for the City of Creedmoor.

Moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to appoint Mr. Jay Tilley to the Granville Greenways Advisory Council. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor Moss designated the upcoming Town Hall Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2009 as the date for the Greenway Education Outreach session at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that the first Greenway meeting was productive. He said that he felt the power point shown at that meeting should be presented to each Granville County municipality.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins advised that the second item she would be presenting was the Creedmoor Connector Loop. She introduced Ms. Diane Wilson of CAMPO, Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning and Ms. Rupal Desai, NCDOT Transportation Planning that was present to answer any questions.

Commissioner Wilkerson advised that the map does not show the original alignment from Hwy. 56 to Brassfield Road as previously discussed for several months and this was a concern. He asked for clarification of the red line.

Commissioner Karan said that he recalled the meeting that was held to adopt the County's plan; however the maps presented at that time were not as clear. He said that they spent a lot of time establishing a plan and going through NCDOT. Commissioner Karan said that they also had conference meetings with the Parkway Project and Fontaine Development representatives as to the alignment.

Ms. Scotty Wilkins said that it is important to make sure that everyone is on the same page. She said given the history of this process, the number of years in planning and multiple planning groups it is understandable that there are changes. Ms. Wilkins expressed that she felt that we are currently at a good point and we all want to make sure that the needs of Creedmoor are met.

Ms. Diane Wilson presented the Board with a copy of the Long Range Transportation Plan map for the Creedmoor area. Shown on this map were the 2004 Thoroughfare Plan (green line) and the 2008 Thoroughfare Plan (red line). Ms. Wilson said that the realignment was developed through the CTP process and there were several reasons for doing so. She explained that being too close to the watershed was an issue and also the long bridge by Joe Peed would have to be widened and this would not be cost effective. She added that there would have to be a study, an environmental review and litigation action. Ms. Wilson noted that it would be much easier and more cost effective to do the small bridge. She explained that as a result of the commercial development there was a change and as requested Millridge gave a 120 foot right-of-way. Ms. Wilson said that the original alignment cost was approximately \$85 million and the new alignment will cost approximately \$36 million, which will promote a better chance of it being built.

Mr. Scott Walston explained that the 2004 study was for Creedmoor only and the Granville County study was for the entire traffic pattern of Granville County. He expressed that it was

more cost efficient to build a median divided boulevard with bicycle facilities on each side than to build a freeway.

Commissioner Minor inquired about having a right-of-way preservation in place.

Ms. Diane Wilson said that right-of-way preservation could take place and added that Durham recently did this.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins expressed that preservation would be very good planning for multiple reasons. She said this would be preserving space to encourage growth and development and would also be cost effective. Ms. Wilkins gave a history of R2542. She said regardless of the history the goal is to have a really good plan, determine where it is, start preserving it and start pushing the project. She said she wants to get the plan funded and moving forward. She said that the red line is the current approved route. Ms. Wilkins said that she would be glad to spend time with the Board to review the plan.

Mr. Scott Walston said that more development will define the red line shown on the map. He gave the Board a handout of the history of R2552 from 1989 to the year 2000.

Commissioner Minor reiterated that the map shown this evening was not what he remembered being presented.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins said that there have been multiple alternatives.

Commissioner Karan reiterated what Commissioner Minor said about the change in realignment. He said that he was the Transportation Committee Chairman in 2004 and there have been changes in the City since that year. He explained that there was an approved sketch plan for the Hardison property and that is why they pushed it to the southern edge. He questioned the left to right turns on Highway 15.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins pointed out an error on the map and said that it actually curves. She advised that when it is funded and goes into design the Core of Engineers will look at other alternatives and how to slope this area. Ms. Wilkins said that on the old plan it stops at Highway 50 and they are presently reviewing bringing it out Brassfield Road.

Commissioner Minor spoke of the transfer trailer trucks that drive down Lake Road and through town from Food Lion Distribution Center traveling to Franklinton and Louisburg. He said it would make more sense for them to go Hester Road and come out farther down Hwy. 56.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins said that Hester Road also has similar recommendations for improvement and this would be something to consider.

Mayor Moss referred this to the Transportation Infrastructure Committee to review and make a recommendation to the Board at the January 27, 2009 meeting.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins said that with a new President going into office NCDOT has been working on a list of potential projects hoping to receive funds from the stimulus package. She said that a list has been submitted for Southern Granville County: 1) study of NC 50, 2) Rehab all of US 15, 3) Oxford Loop, 4) Creedmoor Loop, 5) Propose new interchange on I-85 between Exit 191 and Exit 202, 6) Intersection study on Hwy. 56, Lyon Station Road and I-85, 7) Study US 158 Hub Site from Tabs Creek Road to I-85, and 8) Gate II Road access to the new Commerce Center. Ms. Wilkins said the proposed bicycle pedestrian projects are 1) Hwy. 15 to Darden Drive, and 2) NC 96 to Franklin County to US Bicycle Route #1. She said that the realignment of Hwy. 15 and Hwy. 56 was on the CAMPO list.

Mayor Moss announced that on Monday the NCDOT crews were surveying at South Granville and Hwy. 56 for the new stop light.

Mayor Moss thanked Ms. Wilkins and associates for their presentation.

COMMITTEES:

Finance & Administration:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer addressed the Board and advised that both Kelly Howard and Bill Tatum were working at City Hall this week. Mr. Tatum's main goal was to look at a template to analyze the reconciliation. He will begin working on the reconciliation next week. Mr. Mercer said that the bank was notified and the authorization of signature cards and \$100,000 bond has been completed as required by statute.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/ Finance Officer gave the Board a hand out of Section 26; Inclement Weather Plan and a copy of the inclement weather equipment and standby equipment.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer gave an update of the Lake Rogers Dredging. He advised that the volume of sediment removed in October was 6,050 cubic yards, November was 7,200 cubic yards and December was 6,386, which totaled 36%. He said they are not going to meet the original agreement deadline; therefore they are to submit a plan next week. Mr. Mercer said that the stumps have been a problem and made suggestions to hurry the process. It is anticipated that the dredging will last until the end of April and afterwards the sediment has to dry. Mr. Mercer expressed that he wants the lake open by May 1st.

Transportation Infrastructure:

Mayor Moss advised that Mr. Deuard Bowden has inquired about the sidewalks on Main Street. He referred this to the Transportation Infrastructure Committee.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer presented the Board with a copy of the proposed upgrades to the sidewalks on Main Street.

Commissioner Wilkerson identified an area of sidewalk that needs to be replaced by the Post Office and another area where a meter box is out of the ground that needs to be flush to the ground.

Economic Development:

Commissioner Piper said that the CVS and Cardinal Bank construction is moving forward. He said that these two commercial buildings are an asset to the downtown area.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director advised that there has been no recent communication about the BP station on Main Street.

Commissioner Piper said that he will contact Mayor Moss to schedule a February date to begin the planning of the September, 2009 Music Festival.

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources:

Commissioner Karan expressed that at the SGWASA meeting they made the decision to request that the City of Creedmoor change the billing structure in reference to the Wilton School. He said that the issue is the cost for the flushing of water. Commissioner Karan said that he would forward the e-mail from Mr. Lindsay Mize, Executive Director of SGWASA to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Karan advised that SGWASA voted to have a sewer system evaluation study. This study consists of studying 22,000 linear feet of sewer and the cost will be \$70,000. They will clean the pipes, video the pipes and GIS the pipes. He encouraged the Board to consider doing the same.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked about a plan for chlorine during the hot summer months.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that SGWASA is trying to find out what they can give on a regular basis. He said that it is uncertain if they will provide someone that can treat water at the pump location. Mr. Mercer expressed that the working relationship between both groups has improved.

Commissioner Karan advised that the playground equipment has arrived and a decision needs to be made as to the location. He suggested that the new equipment be placed in Old Creedmoor close to downtown for accessibility by pedestrians.

Public Safety:

Commissioner Minor said that he and Chief Benware continue to work on the Traffic Schedule and plan to meet with the Transportation Infrastructure Committee.

Commissioner Wilkerson gave an update on the Fourth of July Fireworks. He advised that the contractor wants a signed contract along with a \$5,000 down payment. Commissioner Wilkerson suggested that they sign the contract and send the down payment and collect the money from the other entities at a later date. He said that Butner has approved up to \$5,000. Commissioner Wilkerson said that he plans to develop a joint committee and schedule a meeting with Butner Public Safety and the other participants to discuss the activities.

By consensus of the Board the Finance Director was directed to do a pre-audit for the funding of the fireworks.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Piper to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk