

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSESSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

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 Robinson

SPECIFIC ACTION ITEMS:

Tax Audit:

Mayor Moss advised that Mr. Ritter of the Tax Advocacy Service called and spoke with Ms. Lenessa Hawkins, Finance Director and the City is in a holding pattern. He expressed that the City's package was no longer with the examination division and has been forwarded to the Appeals Division. He said that the date for a decision has been scheduled for October 1, 2008. Mayor Moss said that September 15, 2008 is the anticipated date for completion of the City audit from Winston, Williams and Creech and he plans to convene a Special Meeting early October for the purpose of Winston, Williams and Creech giving a presentation on the results. He said that he also plans to invite Mr. Vance Holloman of the LGC to attend to answer any questions the Board may have.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Moss advised that Ms. Ola McBroom, President of the Whitehall Subdivision Home Owners Association was in attendance. He expressed that he and Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager met with her earlier this week about a drainage issue on Whitehall Drive. Mayor

Moss referred this issue to Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager and Commissioner Wilkerson, Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Ms. Stacey Sopko, 910 Woodland Drive and Ms. Kim Holmes, 902 Woodland Drive of Pine Valley Subdivision Phase II addressed the Board to request that the streets be temporarily closed for the undeveloped portion of Pine Valley Subdivision Phase II. Ms. Sopoko stressed that the undeveloped portion is a hangout, there are people hunting back there, people are dumping trash and it is a big raceway. Ms. Sopoko advised that she has spoken with the Police Department several times. She noted that there were SGHS students parking on the cul-de-sac and walking to school.

Ms. Kim Holmes said that the biggest concern was the drug deals that are being made back there. Ms. Holmes expressed that she also had problems with mouthy teenagers walking to SGHS that are littering the streets.

Mayor Moss expressed that there are multiple issues involved; 1) Public Safety, 2) Traffic, 3) dumping, 4) hunting, and 5) School parking. Mayor Moss referred these issues to Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager, Commissioner Minor, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and Commissioner Wilkerson, Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager advised that the automatic pump for the secondary pump for Kayser Roth had been completed. He reported that the final connection was ready to be made into the line at Legion Street. Mr. Mercer advised that the City had changed to wireless at Park Avenue and Joe Peed to prevent personnel having to go to the pump stations everyday. He noted that there were ten stations and eventually they would all be wireless. Mr. Mercer advised that the Wooten Company was working on the encroachment drawings to finalize the crosswalks on Main Street and Lyon Street. Mr. Mercer expressed that he received a time frame report for the Lake Rogers Project and he would keep the Board updated. Mr. Mercer advised that he planned to have a surplus auction in October.

Mayor Moss praised Mr. Steve Colenda and the Maintenance Department for the fine work that they did on the Legion Street water line.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Administration & Intergovernmental:

There was nothing further to report.

Public Safety:

Commissioner Minor said that the City Manager was out of town last week and he was asked to help prepare the City for the approaching hurricane. Commissioner Minor thanked Steve Colenda and the Police Department for their hard work during that preparation.

Mayor Moss announced that the Antioch Fire Department was dedicating a memorial on September 21, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Transportation Infrastructure:

Commissioner Wilkerson requested that the two additional asphalt speed bumps be installed at Whitehall Subdivision before the weather gets cold. He added that the Transportation Infrastructure Committee would designate the places for the installation of the speed bumps.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he attended the Retirement Party for Danny Eudy Saturday evening and it was impressive. He felt pleased to have attended the event.

Mayor Moss announced that Ms. Diane Wilson of CAMPO would be making a presentation at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. to give an update on transportation plans.

Community & Economic Development:

Commissioner Piper thanked Commissioner Minor of the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department for the placement of the banner above Main Street for the 2008 Music Fest and Car Show. He said that there are already many vendors signed up for the festival. The Pig Cook Off would begin Friday night around 6:00 p.m. and judging of the barbeque would be Saturday morning. Commissioner Piper expressed that there would be activities for children. Commissioner Piper said that there were several nice door prizes that had been donated. He advised that the drawings of the raffle tickets would begin at 10:00 a.m. and the proceeds would go to needy families. Commissioner Piper said that he appreciated everyone's help that participated in the preparation for the festival.

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources:

Commissioner Karan encouraged everyone to visit the City of Creedmoor website to see a press release on the home page about Creedmoor being a Playful City USA. He said to go to the e-greeting card with the balloons and make a comment. He said that currently the City of Creedmoor has the most comments posted out of the 62 cities that have been designated as Playful Cities. Commissioner Karan said the City with the most comments would win an imaginary playground in a box. This is something that the children can enjoy playing with and at the end of the day it can be put away and brought back out the next day. Commissioner Karan expressed that he was really proud that Creedmoor had the most votes of any city in the nation. He added that Creedmoor was leading larger cities such as New York, New York, Los Angeles, California and Atlanta, Georgia.

Mayor Moss referred to the Creedmoor Collaborative Committee and noted that he had received great responses from across the City. He expressed that there are currently twelve citizens wanting to help in the creation of a five-year plan.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the status of the Paddington playground. He said that he rode by the site and there was a for sale sign on the twenty-lots for the last phase of the development. Commissioner Minor said that he felt that the City should hold the developer's feet to the fire to proceed with the recreation area.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that he had not heard from them. He said that at this point it was a legal matter between attorneys.

Commissioner Karan advised the citizens in attendance from Pine Valley that prior to the approval of Pine Valley Development Phase II the Board made it a requirement that Mr. Gary Felton, the developer, must put in an active playground before construction begins.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked if the issue had been taken care of at Davenport Subdivision where the utility contractor had been trenching to place cable on Elm Street.

Mr. Steve Colenda, Building Inspector said that he had not been able to contact the contractor; therefore, he planned to contact Verizon. He said that he was also going to notify NCDOT of this matter.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that this issue was brought to the Board's attention two months ago and he would like to see this matter taken care of as soon as possible.

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

Mayor

City Clerk