

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL STRATEGIC
PLANNING WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 23, 2019
9 A.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Bobby Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Ernie Anderson, Commissioner Del Mims, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson, Commissioner Neena Nowell, Commissioner Archer Wilkins. Also present were City Manager Korena Weichel, Community Development Director Mike Frangos, Finance Director Jamison Crampton, Chief Keith King, Public Works Director Steve Edwards, and City Clerk Kathleen McCorkle.

ABSENT

None.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bobby Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Korena Weichel reviewed the workshop agenda and status of the fund positions. Staff members presented updates on their individual departments, and Ms. Weichel reviewed the Duke street lighting proposal, followed by a question and answer period and a brief recess.

CURRENT CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ms. Weichel provided a detailed estimated cost update for the Cross City Trail, Lake Rogers Park, and Creedmoor Community Center projects, and outlined several alternates the Board would have the opportunity to approve for the community center. In light of a new lower bid for the traditional pier option for the boardwalk, the Board would also choose which option they prefer for Lake Rogers Park.

SGWASA DISCUSSION

Granville County manager and SGWASA's interim director Mike Felts provided an overview of the engineering work being done and funding needed to make improvements to the water/sewer system. He stated that at present there are many unknown factors, however \$40 million is likely to be required to perform all needed improvements. Mr. Felts advised member agencies to remain vigilant and expect to be asked for financial assistance in a year or so.

BREAK

Prior to the 15-minute break, Commissioner Wilkins noted his preferences on the project prioritization, dock preference, and CCC alternates, and exited the meeting.

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND ALTERNATES

On the charts provided, the commissioners indicated their desire to move forward on all three projects. Although she approved moving forward on all, Commissioner Mims placed a lower priority on the community center project.

All commissioners indicated their preference for a traditional pier, rather than the floating dock.

Regarding their choice of alternates for the community center, the majority agreed with the addition of a metal roof, keeping the original porte-cochere; and eliminating ceramic tile floor in favor of a less expensive product.

RESOLUTION 2019-R-01

Resolution 2019-R-01 identifies Fred Smith Company as lowest bidder for construction of the Cross City Trail and requests concurrence of their selection by NCDOT.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson moved to accept the resolution as presented; seconded by Commissioner Nowell. Because Commissioner Wilkins was not present to vote nor was he excused from the meeting, his vote was counted in the affirmative and the motion passed 5-0.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Mims would like to collaborate with the county to offer free wi-fi hotspots to the downtown area, to expand services by placing county satellite offices into existing buildings and provide business incubators; encourage new small businesses to stimulate economic development; provide recognition to existing businesses to make them feel valued; support the 2020 census with marketing outreach; and work with TRLC to enhance greenway projects.

Commissioner Anderson reported a new evaluation form for the manager and board is forthcoming; he wants to move forward on the capital projects; and FAIR committee meetings will begin soon for budget planning.

Commissioner Wilkerson thanked the city manager for work done to prepare for the workshop; and he would like to move some county functions to Creedmoor, i.e. the health department.

Commissioner Nowell feels confident the city will receive some funding from CAMPO for the trail project; she is learning more about UNRBA goals; she would like to develop a strategic plan to measure performance; and she would like to see additional sidewalks.

Mayor Wheeler would like a long range plan to look at internal expenses; voiced support of the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department; concurs that bringing a county health department to Creedmoor would be a good thing; and he noted opioid crisis help is available in Creedmoor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Nowell. The motion received a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Robert V. Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. McCorkle, City Clerk