

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
JANUARY 23, 2007
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Tim Karan, Commissioner Angela Mangum, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Kent Ray and Commissioner Larry Robinson. Also present was Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager, Sandra Harper, City Clerk and Attorney Tom Currin.

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 Ray

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE TIME CAPSULE BY THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Mayor Moss announced that two years ago the City celebrated the 100th Birthday of Creedmoor and one of the events was a time capsule that has recently been mounted on the wall of the Commissioner's Room. Mayor Moss reintroduced the Centennial Committee and other participates of the celebration. Mayor Moss presented the following with a framed Certificate of Appreciation:

1. Mr. Chris Johnson for his participation of making the time capsule out of lumber that was grown in Creedmoor.
2. Ms. Mildred Goss, Chairman
3. Ms. Elaine S. Moss
4. Mr. Mark Henderson (100 mile walk)
5. Ms. Toni Anne Wheeler
6. Ms. Eleanor M. Fowler
7. Ms. Sandra P. Harper

Ms. Mildred Goss, Chairman of the Centennial Committee presented Mayor Moss with the key to the time capsule.

Mayor Moss was very appreciative and forwarded the key to Commissioner Mangum, Chairman of the Community and Economic Development Committee.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:

Mayor Moss read the City State Of The City Address as follows:

Good evening. It is my privilege to continue the practice that I began upon becoming Mayor in 1999 and that is to deliver the State of the City Address. As your Mayor, it is always interesting to look back at what the City has accomplished or not accomplished against projected goals. The State of the City Address allows us to do that. It obviously is impossible to capture all of a year's activities in a few minutes, so I will attempt to highlight the most important.

I want to first thank all of you for taking time to be with us this evening, and I'd especially like to recognize my colleagues on the Board of Commissioners for their support and leadership of this City.

For just a few moments I want to talk about four areas that allow us to look back and look forward at the same time.

- The issue of change;
- Successes and challenges;
- Priorities for 2007;
- Making 2007 the Year of the Citizen

The Issue of Change

Creedmoor is a city in the process of a profound transformation. We are at the heart of a region reinventing itself. We have had to come to terms with change, and our Commissioners have had to take a strong lead in supporting our community to adapt to new economic and social circumstances.

Creedmoor's economy is heavily dependent on residential development. The problem is that our residential growth has severely strained water and sewer resources, roads and schools. The challenge is to overcome these hurdles and make Creedmoor an even more modern, prosperous and cohesive city.

Successes and Challenges

- We are a safe community. Our 2006 crime statistics support this statement. Creedmoor had no homicides in 2006 and major crimes areas are down in every category. The only exception is with incidents of family violence.
- We continue to receive outstanding fire protection services from the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department.
- Commercial development on Main Street and our secondary business areas are strong and continue to develop. The Southern States relocation, the activity at the Food Lion Plaza, the Church Street commercial development are good examples.
- Our most pressing challenge is to build a recreation complex.
- Ongoing conversations with Creedmoor citizens to ensure the Commissioners are aware of their opinions and changing needs, and adapting services as a result;
- Infrastructure improvements but with a commitment to further investment for the future. We are going to dredge Lake Rogers this year to improve water quality; and
- The Mayor's Youth Council to engage our youth.

Priorities for 2007

- Providing clean drinking water;
- Maintaining our economic momentum;
- Building a recreation complex;
- Improving the physical appearance of our community;
- Making our community safer and stronger; and
- Improving our transportation infrastructure – roads, sidewalks, bike paths.

Making 2007 the Year of the Citizen

My personal vision as Mayor is to make 2007 the Year of the Citizen in Creedmoor. In a nutshell, we are going to engage our citizens to become even more involved in leading, supporting and inspiring our city. I have said it before, but the work that needs to be done for Creedmoor is too big for the Mayor, Commissioners and staff.

Rising to the challenges of tomorrow will require citizens to help as never before.

To that end, I am inviting citizens to join us for a brainstorming session to kickoff our Board Retreat, Friday, January 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Thompson Building on Grey Street.

In closing, I want to ask you to keep our President George Bush in your prayers. He needs our help. Our country needs our help. The War in Iraq, educating our children, caring for elderly, healthcare are just a few of the issues that we face as a nation. More important, these issues and others affect us right here in Creedmoor, NC.

In times of trouble, Americans, despite our differences, have been able to rally and overcome every obstacle. Let's rally behind our leaders in Washington, in Raleigh and here locally to move our country forward.

Thank you.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

No one was scheduled to speak this evening.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Piper to approve the December 19, 2006 minutes. The motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Karan to delete under Old Business item 11-a C.W. Currin Bill and replace it with the Fats, Oils and Grease Ordinance. The motion received a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Ruby Horton, 306 S. Main Street addressed the Board to speak of her concern of the proposed sidewalk on S. Main Street that will be going across her land. She asked the exact location of the sidewalk because she fears that it will take up a good portion of her yard.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager advised that the City received an 80/20% match for a total of \$100,000.00 grant for a bikeway/pedestrian walkway. He explained that the City hired a surveyor and assured Ms. Horton that the sidewalks are to be placed on the public right-of-way. Mr. Schaumleffel said that although the City is not responsible for replacing any bushes or flowers that are in the right-of-way, we choose to do so.

Ms. Horton said that she has no objection to the sidewalks and reiterated that she does not want to loose a good portion of her yard. She expressed that the neighbors were not notified and asked if this was standard procedure.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr. said that he plans to have a meeting with the residents before the project begins. He said that he feels that there is a need to explain to the citizens about the public right-of-way.

Commissioner Karan advised that the City began the CMAQ grant process back in 2004 and the sidewalk issue has been addressed at several Board meetings. He noted that initially there was a Public Hearing with the County because they also applied for this

grant. One of the criteria for receiving this grant was population density. He noted that this side of the road was selected because of Dogwood Drive, Rogers Avenue and Whitehall Drive. The other side of the road only has individual residents. The City wants to make sure that we have a pedestrian friendly area for the citizens to walk to downtown.

Commissioner Ray added that there is a 60' public right-of-way and not all citizens are aware of this. He expressed that he understands how the homeowners feel because he lives on Lake Road and he bought his home knowing that with a 60' right-of-way the City could decide to place a sidewalk or curb and gutter on his property, which would come half way up his front yard. Commissioner Ray also addressed concern of the lay of the land for drainage and asked that the City make sure that the engineering design is of quality for stormwater runoff.

Ms. Ruby Horton asked the Board how they would feel if they were in her position.

Mayor Moss said that the Board will have a meeting with all the neighbors involved and work towards a mutual resolution.

Mr. Homer Ashby, 2569 Primrose Lane addressed the Board and asked about the status of the replacement of the street sign that is down due to an accident at the corner of Hwy. 56 and Southerby's Subdivision. He also expressed concern of the notice he received two weeks ago about the impurity of the City's drinking water. Mr. Ashby said that he was pleased to hear the Mayor say this evening that the water system will be part of the City's agendas for upcoming months.

Mayor Moss said that the Public Service Department will check into the replacement of the street sign.

Mr. John Wilkerson, of 308 S. Main Street addressed the Board to say that he is looking forward to the sidewalk project because he has been anxiously waiting to walk safely to the downtown area. Mr. Wilkerson also advised that he had the opportunity this past Thursday to attend the Granville County Planning Board meeting with Commissioner Karan and he feels there are windows of opportunities opening because of the various issues that Board is facing. He recommended that this Board be more diligent in having representatives attend these meetings.

No one else wished to speak.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager presented the Board with a handout of his monthly report. He also gave the Board a handout of pictures of the major water break that happened on Sunday which shows the condition of the City lines.

Commissioner Karan referred to #5 on the Manager's report and inquired about the timeframe for an access point to the Brame property that adjoins Paddington Subdivision.

Mr. Rick Grote, 9319 Debris Point Drive, Raleigh a representative for Paddington Subdivision was present and advised that they do not own the gravel drive. He noted that the Brame family and the Gordon family are the owners of the gravel drive. Mr. Grote advised that they have an agreement with the families to connect to their property with water/sewer stubbs for The Highlands of Paddington, which can be seen on the drawings. He noted that he has had extensive conversations with Sprint, Time Warner and Duke Power to connect to those homes to replace anything going back to that road to make it 100% possible for this to happen. Mr. Grote said that the problem is that his company has no leverage over the individual home owners since an easement is granted to them. He said that after development of The Highlands that road will be abandoned.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fats, Oils And Grease Ordinance:

Attorney Tom Currin gave a brief overview of the Board's decision last month to adopt the SGWASA Grease Ordinance with its less restricted and fewer mandatory requirements. He advised that his office took the ordinance and left in the provisions as they appeared exactly in the SGWASA Ordinance and changed the areas that refer to the Authority itself to the City of Creedmoor.

Attorney Currin referred to page 7, paragraph 3 and read the following:

For cases in which "outdoor" type grease interceptors are infeasible to install, existing Food Service Establishments will be required to install adequate and approved "under-the-counter" grease traps for use on individual fixtures including dishwashers, sinks, and other potentially grease-containing drains.

Attorney Currin added that the Controlling Authority (Public Service Director) will make this determination and can do so on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Karan referred to the Enforcement section of the ordinance and said that there should be an inspection schedule determined by the City Manager and Bob Jones, Public Service Director.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Piper to adopt the Fats, Oils and Grease Discharge Into The City's Wastewater System Ordinance as presented by the City Attorney and the adoptive date to become effective January 23, 2007. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Department Head Reports:

Provided in the Board packets were monthly reports from the Public Service Department, Police Department and Planning Director.

ETJ Resolution:

Attorney Currin advised that the County's Adhoc Committee met last week and a consensus was determined in regards to the County adopting the criteria for the process of approval/disapproval of a request for an extension of the ETJ. He noted that in December the City of Creedmoor adopted a Resolution along with an attached exhibit requesting that the County consider entering into an agreement allowing the extension of the City's ETJ. Attorney Currin gave a brief overview of the formal notification agreement that he forwarded to the County Attorney. A copy of the notification was given to the Board for their record.

Report on the ETJ Policy:

Mayor Moss reported that as Attorney Currin explained the County has defined a rather simple requirement process in accordance to GS §160-A(3)(60). He noted that the County still has the right for approval/disapproval of requests for extension of an ETJ.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Retreat Agenda:

Mayor Moss reiterated that the Board Retreat is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 27, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The location of the Retreat will be the Thompson Building on Grey Street. Mayor Moss encouraged the public to attend and participate.

Mayor Moss presented to the Board a copy of the Agenda for the upcoming Retreat and there were no changes made.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Moss said that he received a telephone call from Mr. Ken Kernodle of Duke Power Company and was advised that the City's sixty-year franchise agreement will expire this year. Mayor Moss referred this issue to the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee. He advised Commissioner Ray, Chairman that there will be a meeting held January 31, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss a new agreement.

Mayor Moss presented a Resolution Designating Bank Signature Cards.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Karan to adopt the Resolution Designating Bank Signature Cards. The motion received a unanimous vote.

CITY OF CREEDMOOR

GRANVILLE COUNTY

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANK

SIGNATURE CARDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that SunTrust Bank, the designated depositories for the City of Creedmoor be notified by certified copy of this Resolution that all checks, drafts, notes, orders or other instruments for the payment of money are to be signed by one of the following:

Lenessa E. Hawkins, Finance Officer

Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager

and countersigned by one of the following elected officials:

Darryl D. Moss, Mayor

Timothy J. Karan, Mayor Pro Tempore

All checks for the disbursement of City of Creedmoor funds are to be written by the Finance Officer, or in her absence, the City Manager.

Mayor Moss announced that he has been appointed by Governor Mike Easley to serve on the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission. Mayor Moss said he is honored and will do his best to represent this community.

Commissioner Karan said that the Transportation Infrastructure Committee forwarded to the Planning Board last February recommendations for a one-way on Masonic Street and asked about the status.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that the comments were forwarded to the Planning Board and nothing has been done at this time.

Commissioner Ray said that he recalls that this issue went to the Planning Board and came back before this Board. He noted that the Board did not take any action at that time. Commissioner Ray said that in order to make Masonic a one-way street the consensus was that there needed to be a review of all of the downtown area.

Commissioner Karan said that one of the recommendations from the Transportation Infrastructure Committee was to have a cross walk on Main Street at the First National Bank Building.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager instructed the City Clerk to make another copy of the Planning Board's recommendations and distribute to the Board of Commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Karan asked Ms. Eleanor Fowler, Finance Director the timeframe for the distribution of the W2 forms.

Ms. Fowler replied that they would go out next week.

Commissioner Karan asked if Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director had spoken with Mr. Joe Lyle about the Parkway Project.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that Mr. Joe Lyle called and spoke with him about the water line. He advised that they are scheduled to meet with Mr. Dan Boone of the Wooten Company.

Commissioner Karan said that this property is a huge amount of SIBDA money and is commercial development that is much needed.

Commissioner Karan announced that he will be attending a conference in New Orleans from February 8, 2007 until February 10, 2007. He expressed that he received a \$600.00 grant that was provided by the Home Depot which will pay for his transportation and hotel. Commissioner Karan said that the conference was sponsored by a company called KABOOM which is a recreational corporation. He said that this will give him the opportunity to apply for a one-million dollar recreational grant for the City.

Mayor Moss asked Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director about the Appearance Ordinance violation letters that he recently sent out.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that he recently sent out approximately 15 letters and plans to send out 15 more. He noted that he has spoken to few property owners and gave them until January 31st to comply. Mr. Roesler said that he would appreciate any help searching for Church or other organizations available to help the elderly.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel said that the City is going to be very aggressive after next week to the major non-compliant property owners.

Mayor Moss announced that the Women's Club will be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt. He said that he heard that the Easter Bunny might attend this year.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Karan to go into Closed Session on the Matter of Personnel in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upon return to Regular Session, moved by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adjourn.

Mayor

City Clerk