

MINUTES OF CITY OF CREEDMOOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 6 P.M.

Present in Person at City Hall Boardroom

Mayor Bobby Wheeler, Commissioner Kechia Brustmeyer-Brown, Commissioner Georgana Kicinski, Commissioner Ed Mims, and Commissioner Neena Nowell. Also present were Interim City Manager Michael Turner, City Clerk Terry Hobgood, and Community Development Director Michael Frangos.

Present via Zoom Video-Conference

Mayor Pro Tem Del Mims

Absent

None

Call to Order

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Nowell offered the invocation and Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll call by the City Clerk determined a quorum was present.

SGWASA Strategic Planning Discussion

Commissioner Ed Mims and Commissioner Kicinski led a discussion on SGWASA strategic planning priorities, and spoke about the challenges that face SGWASA in terms of its financial position and the major capital projects that are scheduled for completion in the next five-ten years. The top SGWASA priorities, which will be discussed in greater depth at the upcoming strategic planning meeting, include a Northern Interceptor sewer project, a Southern Interceptor sewer project, a new Joe Peed Road pump station and force main improvements, and a new East Middleton Road pump station and force main improvements. Most of the top SGWASA priorities relate to expansion of sewer infrastructure, with a focus on future economic development opportunities. The construction of all of these capital projects will likely necessitate significant rate increases for SGWASA customers in the absence of aid from the state and federal governments, or a significant increase in SGWASA's customer base.

The Board also discussed the maintenance needs that will be needed at the SGWASA plant beyond any expansions just to maintain the current capacity for water and sewer treatment. There was lengthy discussion of the reports of poor drinking water quality by Creedmoor residents. The Board discussed the possibility that the water quality issues were being caused by dead-end water lines servicing several subdivisions. The Board also discussed the future possibilities for annexation into Creedmoor as more homes and commercial properties are built in the area. Community Development Director Michael Frangos spoke about the possibility of negotiating Annexation Lines of Agreement, which could set boundaries for annexation by municipalities as Creedmoor, Butner, and Stem attempt to grow their tax base as development continues. Frangos stated that there are several housing developments in the Creedmoor area that pay the same rates to SGWASA as Creedmoor residents while receiving the same benefits of SGWASA membership, but do not pay taxes to any municipality.

The Board reached unanimous consensus that improving the quality of drinking water in Creedmoor was the top priority for the Creedmoor Board of Commissioners.

Adjourn

Commissioner Kicinski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Del Mims: Yes

Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes Commissioner Nowell: Yes

Robert V. Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terry A. Hobgood, Jr., City Clerk