

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2021
6 P.M.

Present in Person at City Hall Boardroom

Mayor Bobby Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Neena Nowell, Commissioner Kechia Brustmeyer-Brown and Commissioner Georgana Kicinski. Also present were City Manager Gerald Smith, City Clerk/PIO James Hicks, City Attorney TC Morphis, Community Development Director Michael Frangos, City Planner Kevin Murphy, Finance Director Sonal Mehta, Lt. Adam Carlson and Public Works Director Steve Edwards

Present via Zoom Video-Conference

Commissioner Del Mims, Commissioner Ed Mims, Administrative Services Director Genesis Wallace, Recreation Director Christopher Horrigan and Police Chief Keith King.

Absent

None

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kicinski asked that the unsealing of closed minutes be removed from the agenda as well as discussion of 109 Park Avenue building under Old Business as well as a discussion of Paychex contract and budget amendments from Discussion Items.

Commissioner Ed Mims asked for CMAQ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality to New Business and Veterans Service Organization vacancies to Discussion Items and a Closed Session for a property acquisition.

Commissioner Del Mims asked for the September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes to be moved from Consent Agenda to Discussion Items.

Commissioner Kicinski moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Del Mims: Yes

Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes

Consent Agenda

With all of the items of the consent agenda removed, the board moved on to the next item.

Request to Address the Board | *Jonelle Berky Marable, 2215 Regent Court*

Mayor Wheeler recognized Jonelle Marable to speak on Creedmoor's growth and challenges as a resident.

Request to Address the Board | Proclamation – Dysautonomia Awareness Month

Mayor Wheeler presented a proclamation declaring October 2021 as Dysautonomia Awareness Month and presented it to Katie Haynes.

Request to Address the Board | Steve Sievert – Caboose at Lake Rogers Park

Mayor Wheeler recognized Steve Sievert to speak about placing the caboose at Lake Rogers Park.

Discussion took place about where to place the caboose.

Public Comment

LaHoma Romocki of 2625 Brassfield Road spoke about the lack of civility in the community and urged the board not to rescind Commissioner Kicinski's censure.

Prior to the meeting, City Clerk Hicks received a written letter for public comment which is provided in Attachment A. The letter was provided to the Creedmoor Board of Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Public Hearing

Planner Kevin Murphy explained about the rezoning.

Kenneth Lyons of 2109 Bowman Road asked about who owns the property.

Ricky Barrett asked about trails.

Will Russell of 6601 Blue Sky Lane, Charlotte, NC asked about future utilities on the property.

Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown moved to approve the ZMA-2021-01 including the Statement of Consistency and ordinance amending the official zoning map, as written. The motion was approved by a 4-1 roll call vote.

Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Del Mims: Yes

Commissioner Ed Mims: No

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes

Old Business

Commissioner Kicinski asked Community Development Director Mike Frangos about the R5707 project to which he gave an update. Community Development Director Frangos provided an update.

New Business

Administrative Reorganization

City Manager Gerald Smith presented on his organization restructuring recommendations.

The board discussed elements of the plan.

Commissioner Del Mims moved to approve the recommendations. The motion was approved by a 4-1 roll call vote.

Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: No

Commissioner Del Mims: Yes

Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointments

Community Development Director Mike Frangos presented the steering committee appointment process.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell moved to appoint David Forsythe, Ernest Breedlove, Darryl Moss, Kevin Brown, Jon Zbonack, Nicole Martin, Tara Owens Shuler, John Gaul, Kristie Williams and Courtney Fairley to the Creedmoor 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

Proposed Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure Amendment

City Attorney T.C. Morphis explained the change.

Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown moved to approve an ordinance amending the Creedmoor Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure with regard to the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

2021 Creedmoor Christmas Parade

Commissioner Kicinski said the Christmas parade is scheduled for December 4.

Mission Status

Commissioner Ed Mims moved that within 60 days of a new administration or board being seated, the city manager provide a list of unfinished projects that were prioritized by the Board of Commissioners. The motion was approved on a 4-1 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: No
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

C-MAQ

Commission Ed Mims moved that the board authorize the City Manager and the CDO to seek CMAQ congestion mitigation and air quality or similar funding to increase sidewalks in Creedmoor, to begin immediately to identify funding to create sidewalks or greenways along Church Street, Peachtree Street, Lions Street, Hillsborough Street. The motion was approved by a 4-1 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: No

Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

Mayor Wheeler recessed the meeting for a short break at 8:41 p.m. Mayor Wheeler gaveled the meeting back in at 8:49 p.m.

Discussion Items

DEI Commission ETJ Membership

City Manager Gerald Smith explained that the board never decided whether members could be appointed from the ETJ.

Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown moved to extend the scope of membership of the DEI Commission to the ETJ. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

Applications for DEI Commission

City Manager Gerald Smith announced that two applications for the DEI Commission were received. Applicant Kim Albright was present for the meeting and introduced herself to the board.

Commissioner Del Mims moved to appoint Kim Albright and Manuel Aguilar Aroche to the DEI Commission. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

Creedmoor Community Center Sign

Commissioner Kicinski requested that the City Manager, interim City Manager and City Attorney meet to figure out what to do to fix the sign. The board discussed the status of the sign.

Ferbow Street Utility Relocation Project

Commissioner Kicinski requested an update on the Ferbow Street project. Community Development Director Mike Frangos provided an update.

Cross City Trail Lights on Walkway and Bridge

Commissioner Kicinski asked for an update on the project. Community Development Director Mike Frangos gave an update.

Status of Proposed Parking Lot at Elm/Sanderford/Masonic Streets

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell explained the need for public parking and inquired about the progress of the study.

Veterans Services Organization

Commissioner Ed Mims spoke about Creedmoor showing support for veterans.

September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Del Mims inquired about why an attachment was referenced under public comment but was not included. City Clerk Hicks responded that he had erroneously forgot to attach to the board packet.

Commissioner Del Mims inquired about a reference to Commissioner Kicinski entering City Hall on August 11, 2021 and asked the City Clerk to play a video showing Commissioner Kicinski entering City Hall on August 11, 2021 and further asked the City Clerk to display draft Resolution 2021-R-19.

Commissioner Del Mims moved to adopt draft Resolution 2021-R-19. The motion was approved by a 3-2 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: No
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: No
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gerald Smith provided the manager's report. Recreation Director Christopher Horrigan provided an overview of CycleNC.

SGWASA Report

Commissioner Ed Mims provided a report from SGWASA. SGWASA approved funding for the hydraulic model.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Kicinski asked City Manager Smith how she is supposed to attend steering committee meetings etc. and not be in violation. City Manager Smith responded.

Commissioner Ed Mims said September 15 to October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month.

Commissioner Del Mims said the NLC City Summit has moved to a total virtual meeting. She also thanked those who coordinated and attended her retirement celebration.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wheeler said October 26 is the Granville County Crime Stoppers and the city will sponsor a table with eight seats. Alive After 5 was in Butner on Wednesday night and reminded about the upcoming elections.

Closed Session | Personnel and Attorney-Client Privilege NCGS 143-318.11(A)(5) and (6)

Commissioner Ed Mims moved to go into closed session at 10:31 p.m. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski moved to go back into open session at 12:12 a.m. on October 6, 2021. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes

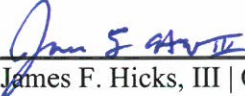
Adjourn

Commissioner Ed Mims moved to adjourn at 12:13 a.m. on October 6, 2021. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell: Yes
Commissioner Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Del Mims: Yes
Commissioner Ed Mims: Yes


Robert V. Wheeler | Mayor

ATTEST:


James F. Hicks, III | City Clerk



Attachment A

10 SEPTEMBER 2021

Political Strategy Masked as Victimhood

The Granville County GOP and their associated, newly found candidates not only remain silent in the face of a national insurrection and abuse of police but now publicly support continued disrespect of local Creedmoor City government employees who are African American.

One must seriously question the integrity of a Creedmoor City Commissioner who pleads guilt in the face of abuse, calls the Chief of Police on herself, officially votes for her own censure then suddenly “plays the victim” when held to account for what she herself admitted was wrong. Is THIS the low level form of local government citizens deserve?

Victim? I think not! This writer believes the Granville County Republican Party and their associates will employ all manner of disingenuous strategies to fundraise and campaign on the very problems they themselves create (an acquired tactic). Citizens get turned into mini-cash machines and are motivated by misrepresentation to act outside their own best interest. We get further divided and used for political gain at a time when ALL our energies are required, as Americans, to solve serious problems.

Creedmoor City Commissioner Georgana Kicinski is expected to adhere to the very conditions of censure set forth by the city government she swore an oath to uphold — no exceptions. She represents the City of Creedmoor. Her natural “negative tendencies” must be abandoned and the honoring of human dignity will be required when dealing with ALL Creedmoor citizens and employees. For the good of Creedmoor, the City Council voted to censure Ms. Kicinski months ago. The honorable thing would be for her to accept the decision and grow from it. Sadly, she has not yet decided to take that path.

I guess this is the “mask” the Republicans ARE willing to wear.

Sallyann Hobson
Stem, NC