



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024, AT 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Phillips called the meeting to order @ 6:30 pm.

Mayor: David Phillips

Mayor Pro Tem: Ed Samaha

Council Members: Amelia Stinson-Wesley, Chris McDonough, Danielle Moore

Town Manager: Ryan Spitzer

Town Clerk: Lisa Snyder

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Stinson-Wesley led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor David Phillips asked for a moment of silence and asked everyone to keep Council Member Amelia Stinson-Wesley and her family in your prayers, as her mother passed last week.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Moore made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, and a second was made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes. (**Approved 4-0**).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Retreat of April 29, 2024, and the May 14, 2024, Town Council meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member McDonough moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Samaha. All Ayes. (**Approved 4-0**)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Phillips welcomed and congratulated our four new police officers to the Town: Shy'Kim Tyrone Powell, Jerrel Baldwin, Che Wilson, and TreJess Williams. He gave the oath to all and welcomed their families, as well.

BOARD REPORT

MTC, Ryan Spitzer. Town Manager Spitzer gave an update on the MTC (Metropolitan Transit Commission). This year, MTC has been working on two major agreements. One is the change in the interlocal agreement that determines how the CATS bus systems ran. The mayors and managers are on the Board. The agreement is trying to let the towns have a little more power over the running of it around the City of Charlotte. The City of Charlotte normally has the final say in all matters that pertains to CATS. This amendment will give more power to the towns. The other thing is the penny sales tax legislation.

You will be seeing, in the future. something coming back from the referendum to approve on to a ballot for Mecklenburg County. All of the towns are represented on the MTC.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of two items for approval: Proclamations for Parks and Rec Month for the month of July, and the monthly Finance Report from our Finance Director, Chris Tucker. Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Samaha. **(Approved 4-0)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janelly Rosales, Meck County Economic Development. Ms. Rosales said that she is partnering with the Pineville Chamber and Town for a Lunch and Learn, on June 27th at 11:30 am, in the Library Community Room. The community is invited. They will be sharing information on business planning, credit coaching services, government certifications, and how to do business with the county. Local Town representatives will be available to share additional business resources. This is a FREE event.

Al Baskins, Pineville resident. Mr. Baskins said that there is a traffic problem in that cars are going too fast along Main Street and across the railroad tracks. He feels that the Town needs to place posts along the sidewalks to protect the people who are dining or sitting in front of the downtown merchants' businesses. He also asked if council would give their blessing for the downtown to hold a bike night. Mayor Phillips said that it wouldn't be different than any other event, such as the Downtown Merchants having an event and food trucks here.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Sara Longstreet, Owner of Carolina Scoops. Ms. Longstreet was here to seek approval from Council to celebrate Pride Month in the Town of Pineville in the month of June and use Downtown Merchant funds. She provided a history of the Pride movement. She is proposing to display the traditional Pride flag. She added that Charlotte's celebration is being held in August. She has received 80 emails supporting this and read a few of those emails to Council. The Downtown Merchants ordered window clings and some of the businesses are displaying them to show their support of Pride Month. She shared statistics and her resources, for those who would like to review.

Approval of FY 24-25 Budget. Town Manager Spitzer said that there will be no tax change this year, but there will be some slight increase in some of the electric fees. He has not received any comments regarding the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve Budget Amendment 2024-08 followed by a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**

Resolution 2024-08 for Surplus Items. The purpose of this resolution is to transfer a vehicle from the Police Department to the Fire Department. Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to approve followed by a second made by Council Member McDonough. All ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**

Interlocal Agreement for the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) Town Manager Spitzer said that the MTC governs CATS. It is made up of the mayors from the six towns and one representative from the County and the City. The Town Managers have been negotiating a new ILA for the past year and have come to an agreement. Charlotte has already

approved the changes and the other towns are scheduled to vote over the next two weeks. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with MTC, with a second provided by Council Member Moore. All ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**

August Council Meeting date. The August Town Council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th, will need to be rescheduled due to the annual Electricities Conference being held the same week of that meeting. All Council members will be attending. The new date is Tuesday, August 6th, at 6:30 pm. Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to approve the rescheduled date of August 6th with a second made by Council Member McDonough. **(Approved 4-0)**

Budget Amendment 2024-11. Finance Director Chris Tucker presented BA 2024-11 for a Capital Project Fund for the road improvements on Lynnwood and Lakeview Roads project. The Town initially funded \$2.3 M for the project from the General Fund. Construction is now complete and all easements have been obtained. The project fund has \$451,000 in surplus. Council Member Moore moved to approve BA 2024-11 with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Samaha. **(Approved 4-0)**

Capital Project Ordinance 2024-04. Finance Director Tucker advised that the Town desires to construct a new electric substation on the western portion of town. The estimated project cost is \$10,000,000. To best segregate the project and allow it to cross multiple fiscal years, the creation of the capital project fund is the recommended accounting tool. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve Capital Project Ordinance 2024-04 followed by a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. **(Approved 4-0)**

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Spitzer updated Council on the fountain. The work is progressing and the anticipated completion date is August. The Town has placed seventeen concrete planters that will be filled with dirt and flowers, along downtown Main Street as a barrier between the sidewalks and the street. They are beginning on the side of Two Buck Saloon and will finish on the remaining side.

The Johnston Road project is progressing. They are working on a sewer tie-in. They got approval from NCDOT for Sealand to start Phase II.

We got the South Polk Street contractor last month and we're working on getting an inspector, which is required. After we get that, we'll go forward with that project with CDBG funds.

The Fitness Court at the Belle Johnston Community Center will be completed within a week and open to the public.

We will be putting in crosswalks with the remaining money from another project and will be marking some crosswalks on more heavily traveled areas, including Johnston Drive.

Rock'n & Reel'n starts this Friday. The symphony and fireworks will be on June 27th.

We anticipate the Fire Department bid to go out in August from area contractors will begin soon. Once we receive those we will bring them back to council for approval. The plan for the utility facility is expected to be done by the end of July and he will report at the July work session. Edifice has already done prebids, so they have a lock on how many people are going to bid.

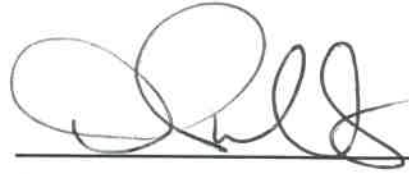
Substation work is 30 days out. We are currently working with the DRB to see if we can put our lines through the property. We're working with Charlotte Water on a couple of their easements. The Millers had a couple of easements that they didn't tell us about during negotiations so we're working through that. Our 60-day due diligence period is up. We anticipate the estimated cost for the substation on the Nations Ford site to be about \$6.8 million dollars.

Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11 (6) regarding a personnel matter, followed by a second made by Council Member Moore. All ayes.

Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to leave Closed Session with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Samaha. All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Stinson-Wesley made a motion to adjourn followed by a second made by Council Member Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.



David Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Snyder, Town Clerk