



**Town of Fort Mill Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2016
7:00 am**

Present: Mayor Savage, Councilman Huntley, Councilman Shirey, Councilman Moody, Councilwoman Heemsoth and Councilwoman McCarley, Dennis Pieper, Manager and Virginia Burgess, Town Clerk, were present. Councilman Helms was absent.

The following press was notified of the meeting by email or fax in accordance of the Freedom of Information Act: The Herald; CN2; WRHI; Fort Mill Times and WBTV. The agenda was also posted on the board outside of the entrance to Town Hall the required length of time and on the Town website.

Mayor Guynn Savage opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Shirey gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

MINUTES

Councilman Huntley made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting. SECONDED by Councilman Shirey. Passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business Item #1

Second Reading: An ordinance annexing York County Tax Map Number 707-00-00-050, containing approximately 15.258 +/- acres on Whites Road (Ward 4: Moody)

Councilwoman McCarley made a MOTION to approve Second Reading of this Ordinance. SECONDED by Councilman Shirey. Passed 6-0.

Old Business Item #2

Second Reading: An ordinance annexing York County Tax Map Numbers 661-00-00-006 and 661-00-00-007, containing approximately 3.4 +/- acres at 601 Sutton Road (Ward 1: Shirey)

Mr. Cronin was asked if he had any further feedback from neighbors since the last meeting and he stated that he has not. Mayor Savage asked about the traffic count and Mr. Cronin said that it is too early to tell now since the property is for sale and it is unknown what they will be developing there. He stated that when the property is sold they will evaluate if it warrants a traffic impact analysis.

Councilman Huntley made a MOTION to approve Second Reading of this Ordinance. SECONDED by Councilwoman McCarley. Passed 6-0.

Old Business Item #3

A Resolution in support of Tega Cay's Catawba Park.

Councilwoman McCarley made a MOTION to approve this Resolution in support of Tega Cay's Catawba Park. SECONDED by Mayor Savage. Passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business Item #1

First Reading: An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Fort Mill; Chapter 2, Administration; Article IV, Finance and Taxation; Division 3, Special Tax Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Properties; so as to extend the length of the Special Tax Assessment, to amend the eligibility criteria for the Special Tax Assessment, and other matters related thereto.

Planning Director, Joe Cronin explained that this program provides a tax incentive for qualifying historic property restorations. This amendment will change the current ten (10) years to twenty (20) years on the length of time that the tax incentive is effective. It also will also decrease the 50% investment requirement of the property's value to 20%. The changes also will include the ability to transfer this tax incentive to a buyer if the property is sold. He did state that the amount eligible is the municipal portion of the tax bill and he would like to have Council's blessing to reach out the County to see if they too would be willing to match the same tax assessment to maximize the incentive. He hopes that these changes will make it more attractive and feasible for eligible historic property owners to take advantage of this incentive program.

Councilwoman McCarley made a MOTION to approve First Reading of this Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Fort Mill; Chapter 2, Administration; Article IV. SECONDED by Councilman Huntley. Passed 6-0.

New Business Item #2

Request to authorize staff to submit a re-scoping request to RFATS for the Springfield Parkway / Nation Ford Bike & Pedestrian Improvement Project (CMAQ).

Joe Cronin explained that there are three (3) options for the re-scoping of this project. Option one (1) would provide sidewalk access between NAFO and Gragg House Road (Springfield), as well as Lion Lane (Regal Manor). No connection between the two sidewalk sections would be provided. Option two (2) would provide sidewalk access between NAFO and Gragg House Road (Springfield), as well as Lion Lane (Regal Manor). A connection would be provided between the new sections, if funds are available. Option three (3) would provide sidewalk access between NAFO and Gragg House Road (Springfield) as well as Lion Lane, Fischer Road, Durand Road, Laurent Ave, Meyer Road, Sherri Lane, Weber Court, and Morel Ae (Regal Manor). A connection would be provided between the new sections, if funds are available. County and HOA participation will likely be required.

Mayor Savage made a MOTION to approve the request to authorize staff to submit a re-scoping request to RFATS for the Springfield Parkway / Nation Ford Bike & Pedestrian Improvement Project. SECONDED by Councilman Moody. Passed 6-0.

New Business Item #3

Town of Fort Mill Parking Lease

Mr. Pieper, Town Manager, explained that this is a lease for the parking lot across the street from Town Hall.

Councilwoman McCarley made a MOTION to approve the Town of Fort Mill parking lease. SECONDED by Councilman Moody. Passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There are no Committee reports.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Information/Discussion Item #1

Monthly Transportation Update: Joe Cronin, Planning Director

Mr. Cronin went over the status of various Pennies for Progress projects in the area.

Information/Discussion Item #2

Discussion Regarding Potential Participation in MASC's "Main Street South Carolina" Program

Joe Cronin went over the MASC's "Main Street South Carolina Program with Council.

Information/Discussion Item #3

Department request/presentation Form

Mr. Cronin previously submitted examples of forms used by other municipalities. Mayor Savage stated that this new form will help with consistency in having information available to Council.

Mayor Savage requested that the Town Manager work with Department Heads to come up with a standard form to use for items submitted for Council' review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Please Note: Council may take action on Executive Session Items listed on the agenda when they come back into Public Session

Executive Session Item #1

Negotiations incidental to proposed contractual arrangements with the Fort Mill School District's School Resource Officers.

Executive Session Item #2

Negotiations incidental to proposed contractual arrangements for facility use with the Fort Mill School District.

Executive Session Item #3

Discussion incidental to proposed purchase of real property.

Councilwoman McCarley made a MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations incidental to proposed contractual arrangements with the Fort Mill School District's SRO's, negotiations incidental to proposed contractual arrangements for facility use with the Fort Mill School District and to discuss the proposed purchase of real property. SECONDED by Councilman Shirey. Passed 6-0.

Councilwoman McCarley made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session. SECONDED by Mayor Savage. Passed 6-0.

Mayor Savage stated that there were no action or votes taken while in Executive Session.

Councilman Shirey made a MOTION to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the purchase that was discussed in Executive Session and to release funds for earnest money for this purchase. SECONDED by Councilwoman McCarley. Passed 5-0. Councilman Moody recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman McCarley made a MOTION to adjourn. SECONDED by Mayor Savage. Passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43am.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Virginia C. Burgess
Town Clerk

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