

**MINUTES
TOWN OF FORT MILL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2015
7:00 PM**

Present: Councilmen Huntley, Helms, Shirey, Councilwoman Savage and McCarley, Mayor Funderburk, Manager Pieper, Attorney Mack

Absent: Councilman Adams

Guests: Town Engineer, Paul Mitchell, Public Works Director, Davy Broom, Planning Director, Joe Cronin, Assistant Planner, Chris Pettit, Fire Chief, Jeff Hooper, Municipal Clerk, Dana Powell

Mayor Funderburk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilwoman Savage gave the invocation and the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilwoman Savage made a motion to approve January 12 minutes with a second by Councilman Helms. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Funderburk opened the meeting for public comments. Mayor Funderburk recognized Sheryl Jones. Ms. Jones explained that she lives near the new Crescent Community and while she is not opposed to development, she is very disappointed in the level of communication from Crescent. Neighbors to Ms. Jones received a certified letter asking to vote on closing Francis Circle into a cul de sac however, she never received said letter or communication. Ms. Jones would appreciate better communication from Crescent Communities. Mayor Funderburk thanked her for her time.

Mayor Funderburk recognized Amy McGrade. Ms. McGrade was asked by the organizers of First Friday of Fort Mill to lead the charity division of the event. Ms. McGrade asks to increase the event holdings from 5 to 7 this year as it brings business to Fort Mill. Mayor Funderburk thanked Ms. McGrade for her time.

Mayor Funderburk recognized Louis Roman from First Friday of Fort Mill. Mr. Roman explains that the application for Special Events is being reviewed for First Friday's. He further explains that the trial events went without any issues aside from noise complaints. Louise stated that First Friday brings dollars to Fort Mill in regard to Business licenses. Participation was from Mecklenburg and Lancaster Counties, as well as York County. Mr. Roman stated that the recent application limits 5 events per year and he asked Council to leave the maximum amount of events allowed open. Louis also would like Council to review the 21 day cancellation policy in the event of weather and would like

to see the fees refunded if cancelled within a 48 hr. period prior to the event. Mayor Funderburk thanked Louis for his time.

Mayor Funderburk recognized Penny Dimoff. Ms. Dimoff read a letter sent from Roman Romagnoli of the Ikey Treats food truck. Mr. Romagnoli letter discussed the local food events in the surrounding areas and the benefits on the associated communities. As closing Mr. Romagnoli stated that he supports the success of First Friday Fort Mill. Mayor Funderburk thanked Ms. Dimoff for her time. Mayor Funderburk closed the public comment section of the meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Funderburk introduced newly elected Council member Mrs. Lisa McCarley. Mayor Funderburk provided the Oath of Office.

PRESENTATION

Recognition of Springs Farms and SC Strawberry Festival:

Kimberly Starnes, Events and Media Coordinator, recognizes Ron Edwards from Springs Farms for the SC Festival and Event Association Associate of the Year. The SC Strawberry Festival received the inaugural award for Best Mascot for 2015 from the SC Festival and Event Association.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading: An ordinance authorizing a third amendment to the Development Agreement by and between Crescent Communities, LLC, as Successor to SDG Properties, LLC, and the Town of Fort Mill to amend the development conditions thereunder relating to certain minimum distances, certain MXU district regulations, adding a buffer plan for certain facilities for access to the subject property; and other matters relating thereto: Councilwoman Savage made a motion to defer the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shirey. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.
2. A Resolution declaring the intention of the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina: Dennis Pieper, Town Manager, explains the expansion of the waste water treatment plant and other projects would require the issuance of Utility Bonds to fund the improvements and construction. Councilwoman Savage clarifies that this funding is an advance and will be used when the Town is ready to expand. Mr. Pieper confirms her statement to be correct. Councilwoman Savage made a motion to approve the resolution as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helms. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilwoman Savage and seconded by Councilman Helms. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Council entered into executive session at 7:28 pm.

Council returned to chambers and Mayor Funderburk called the meeting back to open session at 7:50pm. Mayor Funderburk stated that “no action was taken in executive session.”

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilman Huntley welcomed new Councilwoman McCarley.

Councilman Shirey extended his congrats and welcomed Councilwoman McCarley. He stated that she will be an asset to the community. Mr. Shirey also stated that he attended the Hometown Legislative Action Day with MASC and enjoyed networking with other elected officials.

Councilwoman McCarley stated that Ron Edwards with Springs Farms is also part of the dancing with the stars event in Fort Mill. She urged all those present to attend in support of Mr. Edwards.

Councilman Helms welcomed Councilwoman McCarley.

Councilwoman Savage thanked Councilwoman McCarley for her passion and the other candidates as well. Mrs. Savage stated her concern with the number of residents that voted in the Special Election. Councilwoman urged all residents to vote in the future. Mrs. Savage also clarified that the Stormwater tax was not a project Council wanted to do but rather is a requirement of the State.

Mayor Funderburk stated that Councilman Adams has started a new job and had a conflict with this meeting. Mayor Funderburk also had a networking opportunity with elected officials and stated that other officials are dealing with far worse situations that Fort Mill is. Mayor Funderburk stated that Council is doing the best they can with the managing growth.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Savage and seconded by Councilman Helms. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Powell
Municipal Clerk