



**Fort Mill Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
112 Confederate Street
Fort Mill, SC 29715**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Councilman Helms provided the invocation.

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 2, 2022 Special Called Meeting

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2022 Special Called Meeting. SECONDED by Councilman Helms. Passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Section 2-46 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Fort Mill, any citizen of the Town may appear before council for the purpose of providing public comments on any municipal matter (except personnel matters). Those who wish to speak must sign in outside of Council Chambers prior to the start of the meeting. Citizens will be given 3 minutes each to speak.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation Item #1

Fort Mill Economic Partners Presentation – *Mariah Price*

TOFM Project Collaboration for 2022-23:

Strawberry Sprint and Stroll 2022-23
Winthrop University Marketing Class Study of “Why Fort Mill?”
Belmont Town Visit
Fort Mill’s 150th Anniversary
Additional Town Visits 2023

Presentation Item #2

Martin Luther King Jr. - Call to Service Day 2023

Jacona Hester presented the plans for the Town of Fort Mill’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Call to Service Day on Monday January 13, 2023. Residents are asked to donate to local charities that are in need of supplies. Donations can be dropped off at Town Hall located at 200 Tom Hall Street from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Local Organizations and donations requested:

- **Adult Enrichment Center-Renew Memory Care:** Gift cards to Lowe's or Walmart to buy supplies to create projects and activities for memory care clients
- **Bethel Shelters:** Men's boxers, t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts -see Amazon Wishlist at <https://bethelshelters.org/donate>
- **Classroom Ready:** Highlighters, pencil sharpeners with shavings collection, child size scissors (5-7 inches), tab page dividers (5 or 8 tab), loose leaf graph paper
- **Fort Mill Care Center:** Instant coffee, pancake syrup, grits, paper towels, cleaning wipes, all-purpose cleaner
- **Historic Paradise Foundation:** Gift cards to Walmart to buy supplies for afterschool program
- **Palmetto Women's Center:** Diapers: size 1 and larger; baby wipes
- **York County Council on Aging:** Non-perishable food items-tuna, salmon, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, canned fruit, pudding; laundry detergent, dish detergent, gloves, scarves , hats, hygiene products (for men & women)

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Old Business Item #1

Public Hearing and Second Reading: An ordinance to redraw the Town of Fort Mill Council Districts based upon the 2020 Decennial Census.

Mayor Savage opened the floor for a public hearing. One citizen came forward to speak:

Matt Vilardebo, 106 Pebble Creek Crossing, gave his concerns about true ward representation with the Town having only 4 wards and single district representation.

Mr. Pettit informed council that no changes have been made since the first reading of this ordinance. He did receive 2 comments from the online forum with one concerned about the split neighborhood of Waterside at Catawba. He stated that in drawing the map, it could not meet the process without splitting some neighborhoods although it was a priority not to.

Councilman Moody made a MOTION to approve Second Reading of an ordinance to redraw the Town of Fort Mill Council Districts based upon the 2020 Decennial Census. SECONDED by Councilman Wolfe. Passed 7-0.

Old Business Item #2

Second Reading: An ordinance annexing a portion of York County Tax Map Number 709-00-00-057 located on Tom Hall Street behind 1193 Kanawha Court with approximately +/- .776 acres. (Ward 3 – Ben Hudgins)

Penelope Karagounis stated that no changes have been made since first reading.

Councilman Wolfe made a MOTION to approve an ordinance annexing a portion of York County Tax Map Number 709-00-00-057 located on Tom Hall Street behind 1193 Kanawha Court with approximately +/- .776 acres. SECONDED by Councilwoman Cook. Passed 7-0.

Old Business Item #3

Second Reading: An ordinance annexing York County Tax Map Number 706-00-00-008 at the intersection of Banks Road and Wolfpack Trail, containing approximately ± 0.06 acres. (Ward 4 – Chris Moody)

Penelope Karagounis stated that no changes have been made since first reading.

Councilman Garrison made a MOTION to approve second reading of an ordinance annexing York County Tax Map Number 706-00-00-008 at the intersection of Banks Road and Wolfpack Trail, containing approximately ± 0.06 acres. SECONDED by Councilman Hudgins. Passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

New Business Item #1

Consideration to amend the appointment term for Judge Soprano-Cesmat to a 2-year term.

Davy Broom explained to Council that Judge Hobbs has requested that Judge Soprano-Cesmat's appointment as Associate Municipal Judge be extended from the current 1-year term to a 2- or 4-year term to align with SC State Statutes.

Mr. Hobbs spoke to council to let them know how valuable and respected Ms. Soprano-Cesmat has been serving as a judge for the Town of Fort Mill

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to approve the request to amend the appointment term for Judge Soprano-Cesmat to a 2-year term. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 7-0.

New Business Item #2

A resolution accepting the streets within the Carolina Orchards subdivision (Villages H, I, N, and O) into the Town of Fort Mill Street Maintenance System.

Penelope Karagounis explained that application was submitted by Carolina Orchards Community Association for the Carolina Orchards Villages H, I, N, and O. All roads were recorded prior to the establishment of the Street Acceptance Policy and therefore, are exempt from the inspection fee and surety bond. The Planning Department has reviewed the application for completeness and accuracy. The Carolina Orchards Villages H, I, N, and O are 100% built out, which meets/exceeds the requirements of the street acceptance policy.

Maintenance agreements for landscaped medians and other non-standard right-of-way sections have been completed and recorded.

The Public Works and Utilities Departments have reviewed the roads submitted for acceptance and found them to be in compliance with the Town's specifications and requirements.

Should Town Council vote to approve this resolution accepting the streets, the developer would enter into a one-year warranty period during which time they are responsible for any maintenance to the streets. Upon the closing of the warranty period, the Town would take over the maintenance responsibility for the streets.

Councilman Wolfe made a MOTION to approve the resolution accepting the streets within the Carolina Orchards subdivision (Villages H, I, N, and O) into the Town of Fort Mill Street Maintenance System. SECONDED by Councilman Moody. Passed 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Receipt of Legal Advice relating to Potential Claims and Ongoing Legal Matters.

Executive Session Item #2

Discussion incident to personnel matters pertaining to Town Manager annual review.

Councilman Helms made a MOTION to go into Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 7-0. Council went into Executive Session at 6:56 pm.

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Helms. Passed 7-0. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:57 pm.

Mayor Savage stated that no votes or actions were made during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to adjourn. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 7-0.

Being no more business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

The following press was notified of the meeting by email or fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Herald; CN2; WRHI, WSOC and WBTW. 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.

Respectfully Submitted:



Virginia C. Burgess, CMC, CCC

Approved by Council: January 23, 2023

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