



**Fort Mill Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday April 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Savage, Councilman Helms, Councilwoman Cook, Councilman Garrison, Councilman Hudgins and Councilman Wolfe were present. Councilman Moody was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Mayor Savage provided the invocation.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 11, 2024, Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Special Called Meeting

Minutes of the March 25, 2024, Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the April 1, 2025, Town Council Meeting

Councilman Wolfe made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, March 18, 2024, March 25, 2024, and the April 1, 2024, council meetings. SECONDED by Councilman Helms. Passed 6-0.

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.

No one signed up to speak during public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation #1

Fort Mill Economic Partners Status Update.

Mariah Price gave a status update on the Fort Mill Economic Partners new website.

Presentation #2

A proclamation to recognize the vital role of first responders throughout the county and to raise awareness and appreciation for the men and women who stand in the gap every day providing civility and safety to our communities.

Mayor Savage read and presented this proclamation to both Chipper Wilkerson, Fire Chief, and Brain Zachary, Police Chief for the Town of Fort Mill. This proclamation is to proclaim the week of May 6th through May 12th to be York County First Responder Appreciation Week.

Presentation #3

15th Annual South Carolina Strawberry Festival.

Jacona Hester gave a presentation highlighting all of the activities scheduled for this year's Strawberry Festival:

The Little Miss Strawberry Pageant crowns these queens each year:

Tiny Miss Strawberry Shortcake
Little Miss Strawberry Shortcake
Miss Strawberry Princess
Miss Strawberry Festival Jr Teen

Date: Friday, April 12, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Nation Ford High School 1400 A.O. Jones Blvd. Fort Mill, SC 29715

- Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 each. Cash only.

The Teen, Miss and Ms. Strawberry Queen Pageant follows the Little Miss Pageant the following evening.

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Nation Ford High School

1400 A.O. Jones Blvd. Fort Mill, SC 29715

- Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 each. Cash only.

Strawberry Soiree

Where: The Clebourne House 138 Clebourne St., Fort Mill

When: April 20, 2024-Saturday

Time: 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

Please join us for a fundraising evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, wine pull, and a live DJ!

Also, come see the exhibit "Berries and Brushstrokes: Celebrating 15 years of Strawberry Artistry".

Tickets are available at www.SCStrawberryFestival.com.

The Strawberry Sprint and Stroll 5K and Fun Run will take place in Fort Mill's historic downtown corridor on Saturday, April 27.

The course begins and ends on Main Street Fort Mill and includes scenic views along nearby residential streets. The race will begin at 9:00 am, starting with the 5k race followed by the one-mile fun run at 10:00 am. The race will conclude with a runner's village and a festive atmosphere. Berry B. Good, Fort Mill's cheerful strawberry mascot, and the reigning Strawberry Queens will also be part of the festivities. Registration is available online.

Strawberry Scavenger Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

10AM-3PM

Be a tourist in your town!

The Fort Mill History Museum is hosting a "Strawberry Scavenger Hunt" in Downtown Fort Mill as part of the annual Strawberry Festival. You can pick up your hunt at the museum at 107 Cleborne St. beginning at 10AM until 3PM. You will follow the clues to learn the history of downtown Fort Mill.

SC Strawberry Festival Golf Tournament

The SC Strawberry Festival Golf Tournament is a captain's choice tournament held at Springfield Golf Course on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Breakfast, lunch, tournament gift and 4 drink tickets are included in the registration fee.

This event is full!

SC Strawberry Festival

Saturday May 4, 2024
10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
Walter Y. Elisha Park, 345 N. White Street

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business Item #1

Second Reading: An ordinance to authorize staff to enter into a lease agreement with CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the purpose of collocated equipment atop the Town's water tank off Doby Bridge Road.

Chris Pettit, Interim Town Manager, informed council that he has received public comments on this item and is requesting to defer this item.

Councilman Hudgins made a MOTION to defer this item. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 6-0.

Old Business Item #2

Public Hearing and Second Reading: ordinance amending budget for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Mayor Savage opened the floor for a public hearing. No one came forth to speak.

Councilman Wolfe made a MOTION to approve an ordinance amending the budget for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. SECONDED by Councilman Helms. Passed 6-0.

Old Business Item #3

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Old Business Items #3

Second Reading: an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Fort Mill Public Facilities Corporation installment purchase revenue bonds (Town of Fort Mill project), series 2024A and series 2024B, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$29,000,000 for the purchase and improvement of certain real property; authorizing the lease of a portion of such real property to Fort Mill Public Facilities Corporation; authorizing the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance and sale of the aforesaid bonds, including a base lease agreement and a municipal facilities purchase and occupancy agreement, each between the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina and Fort Mill Public Facilities Corporation, a bond purchase agreement among the Town, Fort Mill Public Facilities Corporation and the underwriter, and a preliminary official statement and an official statement related to the series 2024A bonds and series 2024B bonds; and other matters relating thereto.

Councilman Wolfe made a MOTION to approve the wording and title edits given by Theo DeBose, Bond Council, regarding an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Fort Mill Public Facilities Corporation installment purchase revenue bonds (Town of Fort Mill project), series 2024A and series 2024B, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$29,000,000 for the purchase and improvement of certain real property; authorizing the lease of a portion of such real property to Fort Mill Public Facilities Corporation; authorizing the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance and sale of the aforesaid bonds, including a base lease agreement and a municipal facilities purchase and occupancy agreement, each between the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina and Fort Mill Public Facilities Corporation, a bond purchase agreement among the Town, Fort Mill Public Facilities Corporation and the underwriter, and a preliminary official statement and an official statement related to the series 2024A bonds and series 2024B bonds; and other matters relating thereto. SECONDED by Councilwoman Cook. Passed 6-0.

Councilman Garrison made a MOTION to approve this ordinance as amended. SECONDED by Councilwoman Cook. Passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business Item #1

Resolution: to request the South Carolina Department of Transportation to review signage, signals, and any other safety measures at all school sites within the Fort Mill School District.

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to approve a resolution to request the South Carolina Department of Transportation to review signage, signals, and any other safety measures at all school sites within the Fort Mill School District. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 6-0.

New Business Item #2

Resolution: to provide certification to Unique USA for income tax credits.

Mr. Pettit stated that the applicant is not ready and has requested to withdraw this item.

New Business Item #3

First Reading: an ordinance annexing York County Tax Map Number(s) 738-00-00-063 and a portion of 738-00-00-062 containing approximately 5.25 +/- acres located at the intersection of Fort Mill Parkway and Holbrook Road.

Penelope Karagounis stated that the applicant has asked to have this item deferred until the July 8, 2024 council meeting in order to give Harris Teeter time to complete their TIA study.

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to defer this item to the July 8, 2024, council meeting. SECONDED by Councilman Helms. Passed 6-0.

New Business Item #4

Approval of recommendations from the March 25, 2024, Ad Hoc Appointments Advisory Committee to Town Council for vacant Board and Commission positions.

Councilman Helms gave the following appointment recommendations on behalf of the Ad Hoc Appointments Advisory Committee.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Seat 1: Recommend reappointing Jennifer Allan to serve a new three-year term for Seat 1, which will expire on April 15, 2027.

Seat 2: Recommend appointing Derrick Murr to serve a new three-year term for Seat 2, which will expire on April 15, 2027.

Historic Review Board:

Seat 1: Recommend reappointing Elizabeth Leventis to serve a new three-year term for Seat 1, which will expire on April 15, 2027.

Seat 2: Recommend reappointing David Booth to serve a new three-year term for Seat 2, which will expire on April 15, 2027.

Planning Commission:

Seat 1: Recommend appointing Daniel Reynolds to serve a new three-year term for Seat 1, which will expire on April 15, 2027.

Seat 2: Recommend reappointing Matthew Lucarelli to serve a new three-year term for Seat 2, which will expire on April 15, 2027

Councilman Wolfe made a MOTION to approve all recommendations on appointments made by the Appointments Advisory Committee. SECONDED by Councilman Hudgins. Passed 6-0.

New Business Item #5

Resolution: for public alcohol sales, possession and consumption and sound amplifying equipment for South Carolina Strawberry Festival Day, Strawberry Jam and Strawberry Sprint & Stroll.

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to approve a resolution for public alcohol sales, possession and consumption and sound amplifying equipment for South Carolina Strawberry Festival Day, Strawberry Jam and Strawberry Sprint & Stroll. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 6-0.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

There were no Information/Discussion Items.

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

Discussion of contractual matters relating to the purchase of real property.

Executive Session Item #2

Discussion of potential sale of real property located at 112 Confederate Street

Executive Session Item #3

Receipt of legal advice relating to potential claims and ongoing legal matters

Executive Session Item #4

Discussions incident to personnel matter regarding the search for a Town Manager

Councilman Garrison made a MOTION to go into Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Wolfe. Passed 6-0.

Councilman Helms made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Wolfe. Passed 6-0.

Mayor Savage stated that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to authorize staff to move forward with negotiations in relation to the sale of real property at 112 Confederate Street based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 5-1. Councilman Wolfe opposed.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to adjourn. SECONDED by Councilman Wolfe. Passed 6-0.

Being no more business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia C. Burgess, Town Clerk

Approved by Council: May 13, 2024

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