



**Fort Mill Town Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday August 28, 2023  
5:30 p.m.**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She stated that Executive Session is usually held at the end of the meeting but in order to meet the availability of the parties involved with tonight's Executive Session discussions, it was needed to have it at the beginning of this meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

Councilman Helms provided the invocation.

**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 incident to proposed contractual matter between the Town of Fort Mill and Lennar Carolinas LLC.

**Executive Session Item #2**

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

**Executive Session Item #3**

Discussions incident to personnel matters.

Councilman Helms made a MOTION to into Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 7-0. Council went into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m.

Councilman Helms made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Wolfe. Passed 7-0. Council came out of Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Ben Hudgins made a MOTION to direct staff to discontinue further consideration of proposed Municipal Improvement District with Lennar. SECONDED by Councilman Wolfe. Passed 7-0.

## MINUTES

August 8, 2023, Council Workshop

August 9, 2023, Council Workshop

August 14, 2023, Council Meeting

August 17, 2023, Council Budget Workshop

Councilman Helms made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, August 9, 2023, August 14, 2023, and August 17, 2023, council meetings. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. 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.**

No one signed up for Public Comment.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Presentation #1**  
Mobility Study Grant

Fort Mill Economic Partners gave a presentation on a Mobility Study Grant:

**Reconnecting Communities Grant Program**

- Department of Transportation grant program with funds to support planning, technical assistance, and capital construction that helps to restore community connectivity.
- This would be submitted with the help of a grant writer on behalf of Town of Fort Mill
- Grant is due on September 28, 2023

### **Downtown Mobility Master Plan**

- Purpose of the plan:
  - Evaluate the current and future multimodal needs of Downtown
  - Evaluate pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and how it is connected to parking areas, downtown destinations and surrounding neighborhoods
  - Evaluate the current parking capacity and an analysis of current and future parking needs
  - Provide design solutions and recommendations
  - Project prioritization and cost estimating Estimated Cost
- Estimated cost for professional planning and engineering firm to complete the study will be \$200,000. Town of Fort Mill Responsibility
- If awarded the grant, The Town would be required to provide a 20% match, (estimated \$40,000) with the remaining 80% (\$160,000) being reimbursed under federal grant program

### **Partnership Opportunity**

- FMEP has offered to partner with the Town
  - FMEP will provide \$5,000 to cover the cost of the professional grant writer
  - FMEP will provide the Town with the 20% match required, not to exceed \$40,000
- If Town is awarded grant and agrees to FMEP partnership, there would be no monetary impact

### **Requesting:**

- Town Approval:
  - to move forward with Downtown Mobility Planning
  - to partner with FMEP for funding.
  - to proceed with Grant Application through the Grant Writer secured by FMEP.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no Old Business items.

## NEW BUSINESS

### New Business Item #1

Approval for Mobility Study Grant with Fort Mill Economic Partners.

Chris Pettit stated that this resolution is for Council's approval for the Town's portion toward the Mobility Study Grant with Fort Mill Economic Partners as presented earlier in the meeting.

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to approve this resolution. SECONDED by Councilman Helms. Passed 7-0.

## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

### Information/Discussion Item #1

Discussion of proposed 2023/2024 FY budget.

Chris Pettit went over information and asked questions to aid with the finalization of the 2023-2024 FY budget.

## ADJOURN

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

Being no more business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 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 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, CMC, CCC

**Approved by Council: September 11, 2023**

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