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The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Tim Sessoms. The invocation was led by Linda Southard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

Tim Sessoms, Mayor  
Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem  
Mike Adams  
Alicia Flowers  
Dianne Laughlin  
Elizabeth McClellan

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk  
Katrina Whitt, Finance Officer  
Julie Reid, Town Planner  
William Hill, Town Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA

Barnes motioned to remove agenda item 12A, seconded by Laughlin, which carried unanimously.

Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, including the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes for 4/14, financial report, and Finance Officer budget amendment #6 (FY14-15). The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker announced the upcoming Founders' Day event; a 6/6 Kids-in-Motion event featuring dance, drama, karate; a music-in-the-park event featuring The Patrick Rock Band the same night at 6pm; and a 6/13 kids Fishing Derby event. Sessoms stated there were over 90 parade entries thus far and shuttle buses to and from the parade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive wants the CIP to be discussed publicly; felt the high number of budget amendments are due to not enough thought being put into budgeting; had submitted a public records request for budget amendments for the past three years; and said resident wishes were not considered regarding the potential water/fire protection study as there was no vote on it.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC 150 West discussed his application for Finance Committee membership.

Cheri Pikett of 7804 Robinson Road spoke about the proposed paving of Rhondan Road, noting council was quick to agree to possible condemnation of the easement needed, but the property owners have a right to oppose it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RE: FY2015-16 BUDGET

Gail Dunham 5806 Snow Hill Drive felt more time is needed to create an accurate budget; big ticket budget items should be considered via referendum; asked why the Gordon property was purchased; requested an inventory of town-owned properties; and gave her opinion about trails.



Responding to Dunham, McClellan said specific reasons for the Gordon property purchase were discussed during the council retreat, which was open to the public and noted Dunham attended. Regarding trails, McClellan noted it had been in the budget for three years, that an engineer needs to design prior to seeking easements, and these issues were voted on.

Jane Doggett of 7986 Highfill Road said citizens voted for council members because they are qualified to make decisions; therefore, there is no need to have a referendum for every decision. Such referendums would require hiring more staff.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC 150 West stated Doggett championed the referendum regarding the council/manager form of government change stating it would be more efficient, indicating new employees would not be needed. Crawford felt citizens should vote for large budget items and discussed fire district taxes, noting county commissioners decide on such taxes and how these are spent.

**COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS**

- A. **Finance:** Whitt said the committee had no changes to the draft budget; the next meeting would be 5/18.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard said the history tent would have 18 groups for Founders' Day and would raffle items; the committee conducted an interview with a 92-year-old veteran; the 5/28 meeting date might be changed.
- C. **Public Safety:** Crawford said unlocked cars and unsecured yard items were discussed at the 4/15 meeting; they would like to conduct a yearly test run of the generator.
- D. **Trails and Open Space:** Jane Doggett said the committee would meet 5/13 to finalize their Founders' Day plans; the next regularly-scheduled meeting would be 5/27.
- E. **Founders' Day:** Whitaker discussed the parade, entertainment, shuttles, and parking.

**PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION Rezoning Case RZ-02-15**

Reid discussed the case noting the request was to rezone 3.149 acres of a 30-acre tract to provide two single family lots. She discussed access, adjacent development, and compliance with sections 4.5 and 6.1 of the Comprehensive Plan, which were cited by the Zoning Board in their unanimous recommendation to approve the request.

Sessoms opened the public hearing at 7:24pm.

Chris Roehrer of Land Solutions stated the owner wanted building lots for his son and daughter and that the request was reasonable and complied with sections 4.5 and 6.1 of the Comprehensive Plan.

Sessoms closed the public hearing at 7:25pm.

Following brief discussion, McClellan motioned to approve rezoning case RZ-02-15 AG to CU-RS-40, located in a Watershed General area, be approved as the request is consistent with policies 4.5 and 6.1 of the Comprehensive Plant and is reasonable. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.

### BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

**A. FY2015-16 budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) priorities:** Flowers spoke about the water/fire protection study; Whitaker stated council's directive from the last discussion and he acted accordingly by budgeting for it. The proposed amount was \$50,000, although the cost was not yet known and this was an initial attempt at a reasonable figure, which does not yet commit council financially. Flowers stated this is fire district issue, not a town issue and the fire department should ask county commissioners for the needed funds. Following additional discussion, it was decided by consensus to meet with county representatives about the funding.

Whitaker stated the CIP was a 5-year planning tool containing already-vetted projects broken down within departments; these are not manager projects but items addressed in the comprehensive plan and elsewhere. Flowers and McClellan requested inclusion of SCP parking in the budget; Whitaker felt it was needed on the CIP, but was ambitious for the coming year considering the other big projects.

There was discussion of open space acquisition; an intersection master plan; welcome signs; trails and a revised estimate for design of the south section; and the potential water/fire protection study. Whitaker stated the CIP should be a "living document" that gets yearly review. Adams is pleased with the CIP and felt the Comprehensive Plan needs updating.

- B. Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board appointment:** McClellan motioned to appoint Elizabeth Ingram as Summerfield's representative on the ABC Board. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.
- C. GUAMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan:** Following brief discussion, it was decided by consensus to host a public open house with NCDOT representatives sometime in July.
- D. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker reported the following: Cheryl Gore's last day would be June 15; Billy Tesh and the Vineyards HOA are meeting regarding the Vineyards trail; the SAP retention pond fence was completed; there was weekend vandalism at both parks, including the new fence; the greenway RFQ submittal deadline is 5/29, several firms had inquired, and the deadline might be extended due to a NCDOT-posting challenge, if needed; the annual Guilford County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update was upcoming.

### REPORTS, UPDATES, OR COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Sessoms noted Summerfield Elementary needs EOG proctors 5/28, 8am-12pm. In response to an earlier comment, Whitaker stated there is a list of town-owned properties available.

### CLOSED SESSION

Barnes motioned to enter into closed session at 8:36pm to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual employee as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

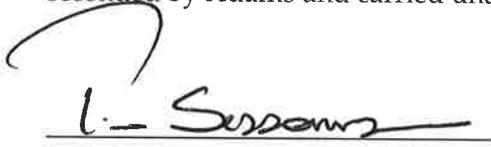
Barnes motioned to return to open session at 9:15pm, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.

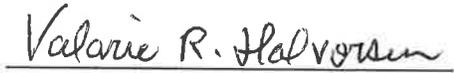


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McClellan motioned to give Whitaker an 8% salary increase effective on his hire date. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried 4 to 1 (Flowers opposed).

With no further business, a motion was made at 9:17pm by Barnes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

  
Tim Sessoms, Mayor

  
Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk