



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S J U N E 1 0 , 2 0 1 4 , 6 : 3 0 P M , S F D C O M M U N I T Y C E N T E R

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Tim Sessoms. The invocation was led by Mark Walker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

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

Staff

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes for 5/13 and open for 5/27, the financial report, and Finance Officer budget amendment #2 (FY13-14). The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker invited all to the 6/28 Children’s Fishing Derby as well as a Music in the Park event that evening featuring the Part-Time Party-Time Band. Whitaker stated the Gordon property purchase had closed; there are cats living on the property that are available for adoption.

Hill stated the Development Ordinance re-write is making progress.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive felt Whitaker talked down to a citizen in an email; stated Finance Committee member reappointments should be delayed in order to solicit new members; felt the budget process/distribution of documents was not timely; and expressed her feeling that the Gordon property contract should have made the seller responsible for removal of the trailers.

Shirley Jennings of 5800 Francis Marie Court supported Phil Berger for Congress.

Kathleen Flanigan of 7532 Strawberry Road invited all to story time at Golden Antiques & Treasures from 10:15 to 11am on 6/24, 7/15, and urged all to vote in the 7/15 congressional run-off.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC Hwy 150 West desired to serve on the Finance Committee and provided an application and resume.

Mark Walker of 6704 Fegan Road asked for support in his bid for Congress.

Debbie Stafford of 7979 Winfree Road asked to hear each council member’s opinion on the proposed trail route and position on using eminent domain, perhaps through an interview with the *Northwest Observer*. Council members responded that they have not discussed eminent domain formally, but expressed opposition to it in this case.

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Kelly O'Day of 7013 Mustang Court stated trails provide free exercise and neighborhood connectivity while keeping bikes off roadways.

COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated there was no May meeting, the next meeting would be 6/16.
- B. **Historical:** Southard stated the next meeting would be 6/26.
- C. **Public Safety:** Whitaker noted the committee would not meet again until 9/17 unless the need arose in the interim.
- D. **Trails and Open Space:** Whitaker stated the regular committee date had been changed from the second to the fourth Wednesday of each month.

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION REGARDING FY14-15 BUDGET

Sessoms opened the public hearing at 7:13pm.

Proponents – none

Opponents

Cheri Pikett of 7804 Robinson Road stated she was neither a proponent nor an opponent and asked about statements on page 7 of the budget document regarding pressure for commercial development, clean water supply concerns, and the need for more parks/open space.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC Hwy West spoke of population growth, noting citizens moved here based on what Summerfield *is*, not what it *might turn into* through development.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive felt the budget was inflated, wasn't presented in a timely manner, that the second SAP entrance plans should wait until US220 widening is complete, and that trails are wanted, but should not be constructed at the expense of other's property.

Proponent rebuttal

Mary Flanigan of 7532 Strawberry Road thanked council for doing a great job looking after town funds.

Kelly O'Day of 7013 Mustang Court thanked council and staff for their hard work and stated that constructive criticism should be cordial. She expressed appreciation for amenities such as trails.

Patti Stokes of 6911 Maynard Road stated that criticism of the budget process is unfair as all budget actions and meetings were detailed in the readily-available budget.

Opponent rebuttal

Dwayne Crawford 1106 NC Hwy 150 West said council would be foolish to presume what all 10,000 citizens want based on the voices of a few.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive felt the fuller budget document should have been distributed during the 5/27 budget presentation meeting, that town population growth is steady, not high, commercial development should be limited, the trail process should slow down, landscaping at

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town hall needs improvement, and the town should donate the Summerfield Road lot to the fire department.

Sessoms closed the public hearing at 7:35pm.

Whitaker discussed the following key aspects of the proposed budget: of the \$1,494,657 proposed budget, \$553,000 was allocated to the following capital projects: Gordon property improvements (clearing mobile homes/structures, barn repair, etc.), A&Y Greenway (South) trail development, athletic park improvements (entrance roadway, paving gravel parking/access areas, a batting cage, needed fencing/gates, etc.); the tax rate was proposed to be reduced from 3.50¢ to 2.75¢ with \$443,407 allocated from the fund balance; revenue and expenditure projections were highlighted, along with a newly-revised fee schedule.

Council discussion

The following items were discussed: investment opportunities, planning wages and fees, fees associated with renting town facilities (cleaning deposits and resident vs. non-resident rates).

Adams motioned to accept FY14-15 budget as presented, including the budget ordinance. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried 4 to 1 (Flowers opposed).

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

A. Committee re-appointments (Finance, Historical, and Public Safety):

Based on Hill's recommendation, reappointment of Ronnie Stafford (Finance) and Rick Hall (Public Safety) was delayed until the July council meeting.

Barnes motioned to reappoint Millie Hoffer-Foushee to the Finance Committee, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.

Adams motioned to reappoint Dail Perry to the Finance Committee, seconded by Laughlin, which carried unanimously.

Flowers motioned to reappoint Jane Wilson to the Finance Committee, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.

Adams motioned to reappoint Linda Southard to the Historical Committee, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.

McClellan motioned to reappoint Mary Jane Gordon to the Historical Committee, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.

McClellan motioned to reappoint Patricia Juszczak to the Historical Committee, seconded by Flowers, which carried unanimously.

Barnes motioned to reappoint Roxanne Gilgallon to the Public Safety Committee, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.

Adams motioned to reappoint Bob Johnson to the Public Safety Committee, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.



- B. Historical Committee appointment (John Plybon):** Barnes motioned to appoint John Plybon to the Historical Committee, seconded by Flowers, which carried unanimously.
- C. Salvage and demolition of Gordon property flag building and blacksmith shop:** Whitaker stated the plan for both Gordon properties was to salvage the better materials, demolish the rest, and seed the areas during the coming month. Some of the materials would be retained for future use. Several people had expressed interest in the materials (brick, tin, wood). Following brief discussion, council directed Whitaker to decide how much material to retain and to use his best judgment to dispense the rest.

CLOSED SESSION

Barnes motioned to recess to closed session at 9:01pm for the following reason: to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

Barnes motioned to return to open session at 9:55pm, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.

With no further business, a motion was made at 9:55pm by Adams to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.



 Tim Sessoms, Mayor



 Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk