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July 12, 2011

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**MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
JULY 14, 2011
6:30 PM**

NOTE: The official minutes are a CD recording of the meeting. The following is a summary of the events of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Mark Brown.

The invocation was let by Linda Southard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Council:

Mark Brown, Mayor
Dena Barnes
Alicia Flowers
Dianne Laughlin
Bob Williams
John Wray Jr.

Staff:

Michael Brandt, Town Manager
Dana Luther, Finance Officer
William Hill, Town Attorney
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk
George Holub, Parks & Rec Supervisor

CONSENT AGENDA:

Barnes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the meeting agenda, Financial Report, Finance Officer Budget Amendment #5, and minutes and Closed Session minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Gail Dunham, 5805 Snow Hill Dr, discussed the following: her contention the CIP was approved with the budget, that name calling is unprofessional (referring to a letter to the editor in the Northwest Observer), requested financial records of the Summerfield Youth Council, discussed a survey she mailed out seeking input about the budget, and is opposed to tax dollars being used for a "multi-million dollar Town Hall Complex".

In response to Dunham, Luther explained that the Town Council's approval of the budget included a few small capital projects, but did not approve the entire CIP, noting the CIP process will formally begin in the fall of this year.

Mark Mortensen, 6110 Percheron Trail, thanked Flowers for her questions during the June meeting about gas cards raffled during a Movie in the Park event and thinks it is wrong to make such purchases with public money. He also feels that citizens do not attend council meetings due to animosity among council, staff and speakers.

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC Hwy 150 W, said the gas cards seemed like a bribe to get people to attend the movie event, discussed the letter to the editor in the Northwest Observer referred to by Dunham, and the Town Hall building, specifically disputing the contention that brick was falling from the building facade.

Don Wendelken, 3406 Windswept Dr, noted defensiveness and challenging behavior between staff and speakers was not professional, and agreed with Mortensen that this type of thing keeps citizens away from meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance:** Luther said the next meeting was July 18 during which the committee would hold annual elections, review the budget process, and review a CBO funding request.
- B. Historical:** Linda Southard said there would be no meeting in July.
- C. Parks & Rec:** Sherrie Joseph said the next meeting was Thursday July 14 (moved from the regularly scheduled date of July 7) during which the committee would be reviewing Armfield Park Master Plan information.
- D. Public Safety:** No report.
- E. SFD Rd/Development Ord.:** Wray and Brandt stated there would be no July meetings.

UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS

Ed Bridges, Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Foundation, stated due to budget cuts by the City of Greensboro and Guilford County, it was proposed that the Wildlife Education Center at Bur Mill Park be closed during weekdays. Mr. Bridges noted 33,000 children visited the center last year and that it is an important community facility. He stated he had raised money for weekday operation through the end of July, and asked the Town to consider funding assistance.

Flowers asked that the issue be put on the August Town Council agenda.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

A. Consideration/Approval of up to \$25,000 for Town Hall Repairs

Brandt stated the project bids were due Friday July 15 and recommend Council authorize him to contract with the selected bidder for up to \$25,000 or that a Special Call meeting could be convened after bids were reviewed to approve the contract.

Barnes made a motion to authorize the manager to enter into contract for Town Hall repairs for an amount up to \$25,000, and approved the associated budget amendment that would be needed. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

B. Consideration/Approval of Phase I A&Y Trail Extension (Black Top)

Brandt stated the issue was discussed in May when it was decided to wait in the hopes that asphalt prices would drop, which did not happen. The job was re-bid. Brandt asked for approval of an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

Wray made a motion to approve Phase I A&Y Trail Extension work in an amount not to exceed \$14,000. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

C. Report on Meetings or Activities

Brandt attended a NCDOT meeting to discuss final plan review of the 220 widening project and a Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN COUNCIL

A. Appoint Representative and Alternate to PTRC

Flowers nominated Brown and Barnes. Williams made a motion to appoint Brown as the Town's PTRC representative and Barnes as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

B. Update on ABC Store

Brown stated pending final agreement by Kotis Properties and Walgreens, the ABC store would be moving to the Food Lion shopping center.

C. Consideration/Approval of Guilford County Interlocal Agreements

Flowers made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between the Town of Summerfield and the County of Guilford for the Provision of Animal Shelter and Control Services. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

Flowers made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement on Tax Collection. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

D. Report on Meetings or Activities

Flowers attended the June 29 Senior Picnic, the generator testing, and the VFW monument dedication. Laughlin attended the Senior Picnic and generator testing. Wray attended the generator testing and the July 9 Music in the Park event, to which he noted over 300 people were in attendance. He thanked Phyllis Franks for a job well done on Town events.

BUSINESS FROM MAYOR

A. Discussion of Duke Energy Request for Rate Increase

Brown stated the request included a 17% increase for residential and 14% for commercial. It was decided by consensus to draft a resolution in opposition to the increase, to be considered to the August meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Brown read the reasons for entering into Closed Session as follows:

A) consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6);

B) to establish, or to instruct the public body’s staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public board in negotiation: 1) the price and other material terms of a contract; or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; and;

C) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Wray made a motion to enter into closed session at 7:43 pm. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

Barnes made a motion to return to open session at 8:34 pm. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made at 8:34 pm by Wray to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk