



Town of Summerfield – Council Minutes Special Called Meeting

Summerfield Town Hall | 4117 Oak Ridge Road
September 25, 2012 | 6:30PM

Town Council: Mayor Mark L. Brown

Mayor Pro-Tem Dena Barnes

Alicia Flowers

Dianne Laughlin

Elizabeth McClellan

John W. Wray, Jr.

Valarie Halvorsen (Clerk)

Scott Whitaker (Manager)

Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following present:

Council

Mark Brown, Mayor
Dena Barnes
Alicia Flowers
Dianne Laughlin
Elizabeth McClellan
John Wray

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

Whitaker noted the agenda was modified as follows: traffic control items related to Highway 220 widening was removed and would be addressed by the Public Safety Committee, who would then make a recommendation to Council; the Closed Session related to consulting with an attorney was removed as the Town Attorney was not in attendance.

AGENDA

Flowers motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY 220 WIDENING PROJECT

Whitaker reiterated that the discussion would be about the noise wall only, noting that the Public Safety Committee had been tasked with addressing the traffic control items and would likely make a recommendation to Council at a later time.

Speaking on behalf of residents of Elmhurst Estates, Steve Kingsbury and Karen Knight presented the following information:

- Concern with notification to residents about the noise wall. Kingsbury reported the majority of residents first became aware of the proposed noise wall through a May 9, 2012 story in the *Northwest Observer*, and at a subsequent homeowners meeting, were presented with a mailed notice from NCDOT that was sent to only 25 of 140 Elmhurst Estates homeowners.
- Concern with the color, texture, material, vertical and horizontal symmetry; location of additional noise walls, and how graffiti, landscaping, and neighborhood entrance would be addressed.
- Kingsbury, Knight, and Dick Howard of Community Lutheran Church stated the request was not for money or support, rather that Council be their voice with NCDOT as they would be more likely to be heard and get answers than individual citizens.

Council discussed the following: the need to review NCDOT noise wall policy; the potential for Town responsibility in regard to paying for upgrades and associated maintenance; and the possibility of forming a committee to look at this issue. Council directed Whitaker to contact

Kimley-Horn & Associates, traffic engineers the Town used in the past for assistance with other traffic control issues. Kingsbury noted they would report back to Council following their meeting with NCDOT Wednesday.

CLOSED SESSION

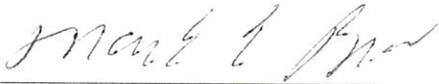
Brown read the reasons for entering into Closed Session as follows:

- A) 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)

Flowers made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:49 pm. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

Wray made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made at 8:36 pm by Wray to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk