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COUNCIL MINUTES *MARCH 10, 2015, 6:30PM, SFD COMMUNITY CENTER*

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Tim Sessoms. The invocation was led by Linda Southard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Boy Scout Troup 103. The following were present:

Council	**Staff**
Tim Sessoms, Mayor	Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem	Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk
Mike Adams	Katrina Whitt, Finance Officer
Alicia Flowers	William Hill, Town Attorney
Elizabeth McClellan	

Barnes motioned to formally excuse Laughlin, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

McClellan motioned to move item 10A to just before Announcements, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.

Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, including the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes for 2/10, financial report, and Finance Officer budget amendment #4 (FY14-15). The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

Appreciation of services of Bob Johnson (Public Safety Committee): Sessoms presented a certificate of appreciation to Johnson and thanked him for his 10 years of service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker reminded all of Founders' Day dates (5/15-16) and noted the 2/16 Finance Committee meeting had been rescheduled to 3/16 and the 2/24 Town Council budget workshop had been rescheduled to 3/24.

Sessoms stated the proposed Summerfield Merchants Association had its first meeting last month; the next meeting would be 3/12, 5-7pm, at Polo Farms' clubhouse.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC 150 West asked for answers to the following questions about the A&Y Greenway: Is it set in concrete that the trail will go down Summerfield Road or can it go down 220? Will it be built no matter what? Crawford asked that citizens be given the opportunity to vote via referendum given the greenway's expense.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive thanked scouts for their attendance at the meeting, congratulated Halvorsen on her 8 years of service as clerk, noted the Armfield Foundation's past donation of land also included a generous monetary donation for naming rights to the proposed

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Armfield Park, felt sign regulations were unevenly enforced and some signs should be grand-fathered, and thought easements should be in place prior to design of the greenway.

Paul Scott Voight of 7715 Summerfield Road thanked Town Planner Julie Reid for acting on his complaints about a neighbor's lighting violations and cited construction/remodeling work he said was done there without proper permits.

Sessoms thanked Halvorsen for her 8 years of service and noted all public records requests had been adjudicated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RE: FY2015-16 BUDGET

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC 150 West spoke against levying a property tax and restated that citizens should make decisions about the trail via referendum.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive also spoke against a property tax, said any study about fire hydrants should be conducted solely by the fire department, felt code enforcement is not cost effective and enforcement is inconsistent, supported the referendum Crawford recommended, and would like Reid to submit a weekly report of her work.

COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

A. **Finance:** Whitt said the committee didn't meet in February; next meeting: 3/16.

B. **Historical:** Linda Southard said the committee didn't meet in February; next meeting: 3/26.

C. **Public Safety:** Roxanne Gilgallon said the committee didn't meet in February; next meeting: 3/18.

D. **Trails and Open Space:** Jane Doggett said there was discussion of committee participation at Founders' Day and also the budget during the February meeting; next meeting: 3/25.

E. **Founders' Day:** Whitaker stated the committee is working on securing vendors and parade participants; next meeting: 3/16.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

A. **A&Y Greenway design and RFQ process (Hwy. 220 pedestrian tunnel to Centerfield Rd.):** Whitaker gave background information, presented a recommended route for the southern section, and stated the next step is trail design and securing realistic cost expectations. Craig McKinney with the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO) discussed the RFQ process, noting firms would be vetted for qualifications and ability prior to any contract negotiations. Whitaker stated a formal process, which includes significant citizen input, needs to be followed to ensure qualification for potential external funding. Flowers asked that 3 options for design firms be presented to council, and asked the Trails and Open Space Committee to organize a walk of the property for council and citizens.

   Adams motioned to allow the manager to work with an MPO representative and Trails and Open Space Committee member Doug Canavello to solicit a minimum of 3 design firms and return a contract recommendation to the council for the design of the southern section of the A&Y Greenway. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

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B. **Sale of Brookbank Road properties:** Whitaker stated the Town is considering the sale of 3 town-owned tracts on Brookbank Road for $160,000 with the right to purchase back specific areas for future trail use at today's selling price. An agreement with a buyer has been reached and the statutory process outlined in NCGS § 160A-269 entitled "negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bids" would be used. By consensus, council gave manager approval to conduct a survey to define the specific areas for future trail use.

C. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker reported the following: design work was complete for the SAP second entrance; the southern I-73 pedestrian underpass near Brookbank Road was complete; all public records requests had been processed; and a vendor had been selected for website redesign.

BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A. **Appreciation of services of Bob Johnson (Public Safety Committee):** *moved to just before Announcements.*

B. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Barnes stated the MPO would meet 3/25; Adams discussed the Strategic Public Leadership workshop that he, Barnes, and Laughlin recently attended; and Sessoms said the SRA would have a fundraising golf tournament 3/20.

CLOSED SESSION

Barnes motioned to enter into closed session at 7:52pm to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the price and other material terms concerning real property as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Adams motioned to return to open session at 8:19pm, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:19pm by Barnes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

T. Sessoms
Tim Sessoms, Mayor

Valarie R. Halvorsen
Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk