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The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm 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  
Mike Adams  
Alicia Flowers  
Dianne Laughlin  
Elizabeth McClellan

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager  
William Hill, Town Attorney (arrived at 6:34pm)  
Katrina Whitt, Finance Officer  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk  
Julie Reid, Town Planner

CONSENT AGENDA

Barnes motioned to remove 9. A. "Approval of October 10 for Summer-Cycle fall recycle event" from the agenda, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.

Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the amended meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes for 7/14, financial report, and Finance Officer budget amendments #8 (FY14-15) and #1(FY15-16). The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McClellan announced her candidacy for mayor; Barnes announced her candidacy for re-election to council.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (Q&A with NCDOT)

NCDOT District Engineer Bobby Norris gave an update about local transportation projects, including US-220 and I-73. Norris and MPO representative Craig McKinney answered questions from the public and council about traffic impacts, median openings, project timeframes, connections, and sound abatement measures. There was considerable interest and the Q&A was well received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive appreciated that North Carolina has one agency, NCDOT, rather than many to address transportation issues, and discussed the budget and signage for businesses in town.

Clark Doggett 7986 of Highfill Road spoke favorably about the A&Y Greenway and the potential health benefits of utilizing it for exercise.

Paul Lambrecht of 7707 Summerfield Road felt town government is defined by what Summerfield does not do (fire, water, schools, etc.), stating Summerfield is a small town that can do good things for each other.

Cheri Pikett of 7804 Robinson Road announced her candidacy for a council seat.

Council: Mayor Tim Sessoms, Mayor Pro-tem Dena Barnes, Mike Adams, Alicia Flowers, Dianne Laughlin, Elizabeth McClellan

Staff: Scott Whitaker (Manager), Jeff Goard (P&R Manager), Valarie Halvorsen (Clerk), Julie Reid (Planner), Katrina Whitt (Finance Officer)



Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC 150 West announced his candidacy for a council seat on the promise of keeping Summerfield as a limited-services and low-tax town, opening up the proposed greenway for public input via a referendum, and restructuring the comprehensive plan to move low-tax/limited-services from item 12 to item 1 to emphasize its importance.

Reece Walker of 979 NC 150 West announced his candidacy for a council seat and spoke in support of trails and smart, limited growth.

Chip Person of 5876 Stanley Huff Road announced his candidacy for a council seat and also supported controlled growth.

Adrian Williamson of 3901 Lewiston Road announced his candidacy for a council seat, was against spending on trails, and stated he is not against growth but wanted it to occur the "right" way.

#### COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated during the 7/20 meeting the committee elected officers and voted unanimously on an investment recommendation; the 8/17 meeting had been canceled.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard said the next meeting would be 8/27.
- C. **Public Safety:** Crawford stated the committee did not meet in July, and would not meet in August; the next meeting would be 9/16.
- D. **Trails and Open Space:** Jane Doggett said the next meeting would be 8/26.

#### BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **Approval of October 10 for Summer-Cycle fall recycle event:** *(removed from agenda)*
- B. **Vineyards trail property and maintenance:** Vineyards HOA representative Bill Chase distributed a 2005 easement agreement between the town, the Vineyards, and the county regarding the trail property. Hill stated this was an "anticipatory document" and recommended tabling the item until it could be reviewed along with other enabling documents. Sessoms agreed but wanted the issue to move forward; Hill will try to talk to the county and review all documents in time for the September meeting. Tabled by consensus.
- C. **Finance Committee investment recommendation:** Whitt described the recommendation which included removing approximately \$3.5 million from a Wells Fargo money market account, retaining two current Bank of North Carolina CDAR accounts, adding a 1.65%, 3-year, \$1.5 million, Bank of North Carolina CDAR account, and increasing the 1.00%, \$1 million, Bank of North Carolina money market account to \$3 million. Barnes motioned to approve the Finance Committee investment recommendation as presented, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.
- D. **A&Y Greenway (south) design proposal:** Whitaker introduced Iona Thomas of Stewart, the engineering/ design firm selected via the RFQ process; their price to provide planning and design services for the southern portion of Summerfield's proposed A&Y Greenway was \$320,294.48. Flowers asked if the price could change moving forward; Thomas replied it should stay the same barring any changes in scope by the council. Flowers asked about levels of public involvement; Thomas said they proposed "active public engagement," which entails going to



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where people are (school events, festivals) to get feedback, in addition to traditional public meetings. Adams asked about the timeline; Thomas said they planned to have a full right-of-way package prepared by next fall. Whitaker stated the next step was to return a contract recommendation to council.

- E. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker stated the Guilford County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan would come to council for review soon, the SAP second entrance project was moving forward, and council candidates would be receiving information soon about political sign rules.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:43pm by Adams to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

*Tim Sessoms, Mayor*

*Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk*

