

Minutes

**Regular Business Meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council
January 12, 2021, 6:00 PM, Virtual Meeting**

January 12th, 2020 6:00 PM Town Council Regular Meeting:

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Call to Order

Mayor Haney welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated unfortunately COVID numbers are rising in our county and encouraged safe precautions.

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. Manager's Comments**
- 2. Consent Agenda**

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and without discussion.

A. Budget Amendments

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
Police	Police Donations	10-370-0300	\$ 350.00	
Police	Department Supplies	10-511-3300	\$350.00	
Police	Miscellaneous Revenue	10-335-0000	\$2,688.00	
Police	Auto Repair/Patrol	10-511-1700	\$2,688.00	

B. Board Appointments

- Historic District Commission
 - Molly Goodman 1st Reappointment January 12, 2021 – April 30, 2024

Town Manager Parsons provided an overview of the Consent Agenda.

Upon motion made by Councilman Saulnier, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and carried unanimously 5-0, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Mayor Haney – Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy – Aye
Councilman Lancaster – Aye
Councilman Pate – Aye
Councilman Saulnier – Aye

3. Miscellaneous

A. Decision Regarding Conditional Zoning District Rezoning (Z-04-20)

Planner Russell provided an overview of the item.

Councilman Lancaster discussed this requested project being considered as an eyesore by some citizens. He further discussed the positives and negatives of moving forward with this request and stated he feels this would be a good solid project and wished that everyone could agree.

Councilman Saulnier stated he spoke to a lot of people and monitored the on-line feedback and didn't see many positive reactions to this application. He stated that he must stand by the citizens request to deny this application and maintain the current zoning.

Mayor Haney stated she also must side with the citizens who have spoken out on this application and cannot agree to moving forward with a change in the zoning.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy stated he agrees with many of the points made by his fellow Council members, and that he must listen to the community and what the citizens are saying.

Councilman Saulnier motioned that after considering the criteria for a zoning map amendment found in UDO §2.17.9, the Town Council finds that:

The requested Conditional Zoning District Rezoning Zoning Map Amendment is not consistent with the Comprehensive Long-Range Plan and the Town Council adopts the Resolution that is included as Attachment "A" in the staff memorandum for Z-04-20.

And therefore, moved to: Deny Z-04-20

This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and carried unanimously 3-2 as follows:

Mayor Haney – Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy – Aye
Councilman Lancaster – Nay
Councilman Pate – Nay
Councilman Saulnier – Aye

B. Authorization to Extend FFCRA Employee Benefits thru June 30, 2021

Town Manager Parsons explained the updated authorization request that has been proposed by Human Resources Director Bruce Rosenberger.

Upon motion by Councilman Saulnier, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and carried unanimously 5-0, the authorization was approved as follows:

Mayor Haney – Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Murthy – Aye
Councilman Lancaster – Aye
Councilman Pate – Aye
Councilman Saulnier – Aye

4. Public Hearings

A. CU-08-20, Conditional Use Permit; 150 S Page Street

Mayor Haney explained the public hearing process and swore in all interested persons wishing to testify on this item.

Mayor Haney swore in Marsh Smith.

Mayor Haney asked if anyone had any conflicts of interests, etc. None were voiced. No attorneys voiced being present for either party.

Planner Long provided an overview of the item as outlined in the staff report.

Upon motion by Councilman Saulnier, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and carried unanimously 5-0, the public hearing was opened as follows:

Mayor Haney – Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy – Aye
Councilman Lancaster – Aye
Councilman Pate – Aye
Councilman Saulnier – Aye

Mayor Haney entered the staff report as Exhibit A.

Bob Koontz of Koontz-Jones Designs provided a slide presentation explaining the mixed-use building request, site plans, multi-family residential above, parking, courtyard, on-street parking, saving of some existing trees, etc. which will be an expansion of his current business building. Mr. Koontz stated he is also the co-applicant for this request.

Mayor Haney pointed out the saving of as many trees as possible.

Councilman Pate asked if they would be needing all of the requested parking spaces. Mr. Koontz responded in the affirmative.

Discussion ensued regarding parking, setback requirements, etc.

Mr. Koontz stated they do intend to meet the required 80% brick construction with a deviation of Hardy plank at the top as specified.

Council complimented Mr. Koontz on the design of the building.

Marsh Smith discussed his office being close to Mr. Koontz's office and stated this was time for a high-density allocation. Mr. Smith stated the contractor that constructed the Growler had issues with keeping sedimentation erosion under control and I'm sure Mr. Koontz will not allow that to happen with this project. Mr. Smith spoke about the active urban deer in this area and stated he has concerns with the safety of the urban deer and the proposed fence. Mr. Smith stated the deer move around at night and could possibly break their necks running into the fence. Mayor Haney asked how tall is the proposed fence going to be. Mr. Koontz stated after considering Mr. Smith's statement regarding the deer, he would remove the request for the fence from the site plan.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Haney swore in Cindy Huntley.

Ms. Huntley of 145 S. Page Street, Southern Pines stated she lives right across the street from 150 S Page Street and discussed the community feeding the urban deer and concerns of their safety. Ms. Huntley stated she is not in favor of having the apartments elevated right across the street from her home and the residents being able to see right into her back yard. She stated there are red cockaded woodpeckers on this property and also discussed concerns of the historical homes being destroyed in Southern Pines. Ms. Huntley also discussed the already congested traffic and parking in this area. She stated adding more parking spaces is going to cause more issues because people are turning around on this road.

Mayor Haney accepted Mr. Koontz's presentation as Exhibit B.

Upon motion by Councilmember Saulnier, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and carried unanimously 5-0 the public hearing was closed as follows:

Mayor Haney – Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy – Aye
Councilman Lancaster – Aye
Councilman Pate – Aye
Councilman Saulnier – Aye

Town Manager Parsons stated Planning staff will include Council's decisions on this with the agenda for the January 25, 2021 Worksession.

5. Public Comments

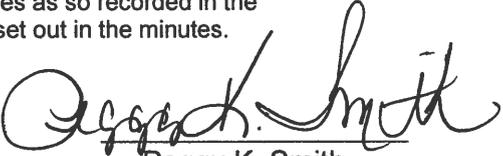
Ben Creed was present during the meeting to fulfill a Boy Scout requirement.

Upon motion by Councilmember Saulnier, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and carried unanimously 5-0 to adjourn the meeting as follows:

Mayor Haney – Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy – Aye
Councilman Lancaster – Aye
Councilman Pate – Aye
Councilman Saulnier – Aye

As so incorporated to these minutes of January 12, 2021 are exact copies as so recorded in the ordinance and resolution books of the Town of Southern Pines as fully set out in the minutes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Peggy K. Smith
Town Clerk