

Minutes

Regular Business Meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council
February 9, 2021, 6:00 PM, Virtual Meeting

February 9th, 2020 6:00 PM Town Council Regular Meeting:

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Call to Order

Mayor Haney welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Manager's Comments
2. Consent Agenda - (Request for Adoption)

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>
Planning	Professional Services	10-540-4600	\$ 47,100.00	
General Fund	Fund Balance Appropriations	10-397-1000	\$47,100.00	

B. Board Appointments

- Historic District Commission
 - o Elizabeth Oettinger Initial Appointment 2/9/2021 – 2/9/2025

C. Acceptance of contract With the Development Finance Initiative for a Phase II Study and Continued Support

Town Manager Parsons provided an overview of the Consent Agenda.

Upon Motion by Councilmember 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
- Councilmember Lancaster – Aye
- Councilmember Pate – Aye
- Councilmember Saulnier - Aye

3. Public Hearings – (All Hearings below to be held at the February 9, 2021 Regular Business Meeting)

Per GS §166A-19.24(e) no action may be taken until at least 24 hours after a remote public hearing to allow for additional written comments. All reports below are prepared accordingly.

Therefore, decisions and adoption of all required documents (such as Findings of Fact, Written Decisions, Plan Consistency Statements, Ordinances, etc., as applicable) will occur at the February 22, 2021 Worksession Meeting.

- A. AX-01-21: Public Hearing for a Request for Voluntary Annexation of Property Contiguous to the Corporate Limits of the Town of Southern Pines; ±157.51 Acres; Petitioner: Town of Southern Pines

Upon motion by Councilmember Saulnier, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and carried unanimously 5-0, the public hearing was opened.

Planning Director Grieve provided a brief over of the item.

No public comments were offered.

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
Councilmember Lancaster – Aye
Councilmember Pate – Aye
Councilmember Saulnier - Aye

4. Public Comments

Town Manager Parsons reminded the public of the log-in information for the upcoming Council Meetings and how to find it on the Town Website.

Lynn Thompson of Southern Pines inquired about the specific language referring to the scope of services included in Phase II of the DFI Study discussion at the Agenda Meeting last week. Ms. Thompson asked if the Task Force Committee has completed their job now and asked what the neighborhood advisory board would look like moving forward.

Mayor Haney commented that Council thanked the Task Force Committee last week for their work. She stated a small group of volunteers that have voiced their interest would be meeting tomorrow with her to discuss organizing a neighborhood committee to continue the Task Force Committee goals and they would be solely responsible for keeping their own minutes, agendas, interests, etc.

Town Manager Parsons stated as a part of the DFI support services of this group, they would be helping the Mayor and Council to organize and best assist in carrying out goals and effectively communicating with the community.

Ms. Thompson asked about how many people will be at this meeting tomorrow and will it be a public meeting.

Mayor Haney stated about five people will be meeting tomorrow to simply brainstorm some initial ideas with baby steps for a start.

No further comments were made.

Councilmember Lancaster discussed the good news of the reported lower COVID cases today in Moore County for the first time since November. He stated hospitalizations and ICU patients are finally coming down from a peak.

Mayor Haney stated more people are now able to obtain the vaccines, which could be a result of the lowering numbers.

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

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

As so incorporated to these minutes of February 9, 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 6:14 p.m.


Peggy K. Smith
Town Clerk