

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL VISION SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT MIDWAY TOWN HALL, 426 GUMTREE ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Byrum called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard, Mike McAlpine, Robin Moon, and Berkley Alcorn. Absent: None. Town Manager Tammy Michael, Town Clerk Linda Hunt and Deputy Clerk Tammy Robertson were present.

Each Councilor had been furnished an agenda prior to the meeting.

No members of press were in attendance.

ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

VISION SESSION

It was the consensus of Council to have three Vision Workshops per year with one being in January/February, Budget Workshop in March/April, and a third in August/October.

REVISIT COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES FOR THE TOWN FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 – MAYOR BYRUM

Mayor Byrum revisited Council's Vision Workshop from January 24, 2019 when each Councilor brought to that meeting their priorities for the Town for that year and future years. From that meeting, the major priorities established for the Town included the following:

- Grocery Store
- Enhance Town Website
- Town Park
- Cleaning Contract for Town Hall
- Improved Traffic Along Midway School Road and Norman Shoaf Road
- Beautification Project/Town Signs
- Use of Alcohol Revenue
- Litter Control/Recycling
- Office Equipment
- Shredding/Pill Drop/Electronic Recycle Day
- Expand North Davidson Garbage Service/Recycling/Yard Waste/Bulk Trash
- YMCA
- Generator for Town Hall
- Decorative Town Seal for Council Chamber
- Fun Day at Town Park

Mayor Byrum stated that since that meeting some items have been addressed and work continues with others. Mayor Byrum again asked Council to list their priorities for the Town to determine if their priorities have changed since the January 24, 2019 meeting. Council compiled its list of priorities as follows:

- Grocery Store
- Enhance Town Website
- Town Park
- Cleaning Contract for Town Hall

- Improved Traffic Along Midway School Road and Norman Shoaf Road
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- Use of Alcohol Revenue
- Litter Control/Recycling
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- Expand North Davidson Garbage Service/Recycling/Yard Waste/Bulk Trash
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- Generator for Town Hall
- Decorative Town Seal for Council Chamber
- Fun Day at Town Park
- Town Park Christmas Lights
- Website Feature for Town Park Updates

Council continued discussion of the newly created priorities for the Town for 2020 and beyond.

Enhance Town Website

Council approved a contract with PinWilz Company, LLC at the October 7, 2019 regular meeting to create a new website for the Town. Town Manager Tammy Michael stated that the new Website is nearing completion and should be operational within the next week.

Cleaning Contract for Town Hall

At the March 4, 2019 Town Council regular meeting, Council approved a contract with Executive Cleaning Service a Division of Land-Tek GMS for the cleaning of Town Hall.

Improved Traffic Along Midway School Road and Norman Shoaf Road

With traffic continuing to increase along Midway School Road and Norman Shoaf Road due to full enrollment at Oak Grove High School and congestion at Midway Elementary School, Council would like for the Planning Board to continue looking at possible solutions to remedy congestion on the roads. Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine said that it would take help from Davidson County Planning and Zoning, NCDOT, parents and the Town Planning Board working together to come up with a solution. He also stated that it may be beneficial to have Kimley-Horn, Planning and Design Engineering Consultants, to conduct another traffic study along these roads.

Beautification Project/Town Signs

Council would like to replace the current sign at Hickory Tree Road and Old US Highway 52 with a larger breakaway sign. Staff will obtain quotes for replacing the current sign.

Use of Alcohol Revenue

At the January 24, 2019 Vision Workshop, Council discussed uses for the alcohol revenue that the Town receives from the State. Since that time, it was the consensus of Council to use that revenue to award \$600 to each local school for a S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) grant. Recipients of the grant included North Davidson High School, North Davidson Middle School, Oak Grove High School, Oak Grove Middle School, Midway Elementary School and Friedberg Elementary School.

Litter Control/Recycling

At the June 3, 2019 Town Council regular meeting, Council approved a contract with Warren D. Hill for roadside trash removal along the following roadways four times per year at a cost of \$2,000 per cleanup:

1. Old Us Highway 52 from Home Trust Bank to Midway School Road
2. Midway School Road from Old US Highway 52 to Norman Shoaf Road
3. Hickory Tree Road from Old US Highway 52 to North Payne Road
4. Gumtree Road from Old US Highway 52 to Norman Shoaf Road

At the July 15, 2019 Town Council regular meeting, Council approved an addendum to the contract with Warren D. Hill adding roadside trash removal services from Home Trust Bank to County Line Road at a cost of \$700 per cleanup.

Office Equipment

The Town's computers have been upgraded since the Vision Workshop on January 24, 2019. The office is still in need of a fire-proof filing cabinet and a map drawer.

Expand North Davidson Garbage Service/Recycling/Yard Waste/Bulk Trash

Town Manager Tammy Michael informed Council that North Davidson Garbage was bought out by Waste Industries in August 2019 and within one-week GFL Canada bought out Waste Industries. GFL Industries currently services the Town but staff still calls Waste Industries for customer service issues. GFL also collects the Town's recyclables and they are processed at North Davidson's recycling facility in Welcome.

The Town's contract with North Davidson Garbage expires in 2021. Ms. Michael is anticipating a substantial price increase from GFL for the Town's recycling services. The Town currently pays \$36 per ton for recycling and prices could reach \$85 or more per ton.

Council discussed the anticipated increased cost of recycling services and if the service would continue to be beneficial for the Town's residents.

Ms. Michael will obtain quotes from other garbage and recycling companies prior to the contract renewing.

YMCA

Discussion continued with the vision of having a YMCA in northern Davidson County. At the January 6, 2020 Town Council regular meeting, Tony Sigmon, President and CEO of the J. Smith Young YMCA, shared the YMCA's Strategic Planning Process of bringing a new YMCA to the northern part of Davidson County. The planning process would begin by offering and expanding YMCA programs at an existing physical location in the northern part of Davidson County before a new YMCA facility is built. The YMCA currently offers after school programs at various elementary schools in the County and a summer camp at Friedberg Elementary School.

Generator for Town Hall

Town Manager Tammy Michael has received two quotes for a generator for Town Hall and anticipates receiving a quote from Energy United in time to be placed on the March 2, 2020 Town Council meeting agenda for Council consideration.

Decorative Town Seal for Council Chamber

At the January 24, 2019 Vision Workshop, Council discussed exploring options of having an artist design a wall seal to be mounted in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Image360, designers of custom graphics and displays from Winston Salem completed the project. The Town Seal has been installed in the Council Chamber.

Fun Day at Town Park

Council discussed having an annual Fun Day at Town Hall once the park is open. This is a way to give back to the community. The annual event can be held at a specific time each year to commemorate the grand opening of the park.

Town Park Christmas Lights

Council discussed adding Christmas lights to the park once the park is completed.

Website Feature for Town Park Updates

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine said that he would like for the new website to have a feature that allows for staff to update and inform the public about the progress of the park. Town Manager Tammy Michael stated that there would be a page on the website dedicated to the park with updates.

TOWN PARK UPDATE – MIKE MCALPINE

A. SECURITY

Mayor Pro Tem and Park Committee Chairman Mike McAlpine informed Council that five security companies have submitted bids for the installation of security cameras in the park. Due to the distance between cameras, it will be necessary to install fiber optic cable. The quotes have varied based on the needs that contractors have determined to be the best option for the Town. Staff will determine the level of security needed based on the quotes received.

B. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Council reviewed the proposed Town Park Rules and Regulations from the September 23, 2019 Vision Session and proposed the following changes:

6. No animals leashed, unleashed or accompanied are allowed on the premises, nor are animals allowed to enter playground areas, be on designated walking trails, or enter fenced-in areas. Only certified and officially documented service animals are allowed and owners of those in possession of authorized animals shall be expected to clean up any debris (natural and otherwise).
 - **Deferred to Town Attorney for review**
10. Sleeping on tables or benches on the premises is not allowed.
17. Profane language or conduct deemed disorderly is not allowed.
23. No electronically controlled devices including but not limited to, drones, cars, airplanes, etc., are allowed unless event is approved by Town Council or designee.
24. No sledding, snowboarding, cross-country skiing and/or winter/snow related activities allowed.
 - **Deleted**

C. PLAYGROUND

Mr. McAlpine updated Council on the progress being made with the park's playground. Bids have been received from Creative Playscapes, LLC and Barrs Recreation, LLC for the design and construction of the playground. The plans that were submitted provide a natural, organic feel to the park and allow room for expansion by adding large natural areas.

Mr. McAlpine said that the bids from Creative Playscapes, LLC and Barrs Recreation, LLC should be ready to be placed on the March 2, 2020 Town Council agenda for consideration.

D. WALKING TRAILS

Zack Dillon with Dillon Outdoors Landscaping will be seeding, spreading straw and compacting the soil around the walking trails once the soil has dried out from all of the rain. The tracks have also washed in areas and Brad Coe with Coe Forestry and Surveying recommended paving the area to prevent further washing.

Mr. McAlpine said that the park needs to open as soon as possible and would consider hiring an individual to oversee the park until the security cameras have been installed. He stated that the walking trails are operational and he would like to see them being utilized.

Council discussed a target date of April 1st for opening the walking trails provided the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources has inspected and approved the trails for use and security personal has been hired.

E. PARK PHASES TWO AND THREE (TIMELINE)

Phase two of the park includes the completion of the playground. Once a contract is approved with a vendor, the delivery of the equipment should take six to eight weeks and two weeks for installation. The anticipated opening of the playground is May-July 2020 with a formal grand opening to follow.

The third phase of the park includes the picnic shelter and other structures. The anticipated timeframe for completion is the second or third quarter of 2021. Town Manager Tammy Michael and Town Clerk Linda Hunt will be meeting with Marty Marion with Metropolis Architecture on Wednesday to continue discussion on the picnic shelter and other shelters proposed for the park.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – MAYOR BYRUM

Town Council's discussion about Economic Development will continue in Closed Session at the March 2, 2020 Town Council regular meeting.

REPRESENTATION FROM COUNCIL ON YMCA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – MAYOR BYRUM

At the January 4, 2020 Town Council regular meeting, Mr. Tony Sigmon, President and CEO of the J. Smith Young YMCA, requested representation from Council to be a member of the YMCA's Strategic Planning Committee. Councilor Robin Moon volunteered to represent the Town on the committee. Councilor Jackie Edwards volunteered to be an alternate on the committee.

Councilor Moon and Councilor Edwards appointments to the Strategic Planning Committee will formally be made at the March 2, 2020 Town Council regular meeting.

TEAM BUILDING WORKSHOP – DISCUSS DATE AND MEETING OPTIONS – MAYOR BYRUM

Mayor John Byrum shared with Council his desire to offer team building for Council and asked what their preference for meeting times would be. It was the consensus of Council to meet after a regular meeting.

Staff will contact Joyce White, Coaching and Mentoring Specialist with New Coaching Solutions, for a possible time to meet after the April 6, 2020 Town Council regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

John E. Byrum, Mayor

Tammy H. Robertson, Deputy Clerk