

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 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.

Councilor Keith Leonard gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard, Mike McAlpine, Berkley Alcorn and Robin Moon. Absent: None. Town Manager Tammy Michael, Town Clerk Linda Hunt, Deputy Clerk Tammy Robertson, and Davidson County Zoning Officer Travis Swain were present. Town Attorney Jim Lanik was present via teleconference.

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

No members of the press were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 Town Council Budget Workshop as presented.

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 Town Council Regular meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Robin Moon requested the agenda be amended as follows:

Under VII. REGULAR BUSINESS, add Item 3. Town Park Update.

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021- BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 20-05

At the Town Council Regular meeting held on May 4, 2020, Town Manager Tammy Michael presented her budget message and proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, after which the Town Council called for a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Midway Town Hall to receive citizen input on the proposed budget.

Copies of the budget were made available for review at Town Hall and on the Town's website at www.midway-nc.gov

The public hearing was advertised in *The Dispatch* on May 22, 2020 as required by law.

Mayor Byrum opened the public hearing on the proposed Town of Midway Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

There being no one desiring to speak on the Town of Midway proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021, Mayor Byrum closed the public hearing.

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to adopt the Town of Midway Budget Ordinance No. 20-05 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as presented.

ORDINANCE NO 20-05
TOWN OF MIDWAY
BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Midway, North Carolina, as a result meeting on the 4th day of May 2020 at 7:00 p.m. that the following departmental expenditures and anticipated fund revenues, together with certain restrictions are adopted.

Section I.

General Fund Appropriations

The following amounts are hereby appropriated in General Fund for operation of the Town Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Governing Board	\$	45,900.00
Administration		401,250.00
Public Safety		80,000.00
Public Works		2,082,600.00
Planning and Zoning		83,175.00
Cultural and Economic Development		16,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$	2,708,925.00

Section II

Anticipated General Fund Revenue

The following revenues are estimated to be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Ad Valorem Taxes

Taxes – Ad Valorem – Current	\$	160,000.00
Taxes – Ad Valorem – Prior		5,800.00

Taxes – Ad Valorem – Motor Vehicles (DMV)	17,000.00
Penalties & Interest	1,500.00
Refunds/Discounts	-1,700.00
Sales Tax	1,000,000.00
Solid Waste Tax	3,000.00
ABC Revenue	20,000.00
Utility/Franchise Taxes	160,000.00
Investment Earnings	50,000.00
Other	0.00
Permits and Fees	500.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	1,292,825.00
Total General Fund Revenues	\$ 2,708,925.00

Section III.

Ad Valorem Taxes

It is estimated that the total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation is \$332,551,609 and the estimated collection rate is 96%. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of five (.05) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021 for the purpose of raising revenues listed as “Ad Valorem Taxes – Current Year” in Section II. General Fund Revenues of this Ordinance.

Section IV.

Finance Officer Transfer Authority

The Finance Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. May transfer amounts up to \$5,000 between objects of expenditures within a department or between departments of the same fund with a report being submitted at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council.
- b. May not transfer any amount between fund accounts nor from contingency appropriations without prior approval of the Town Council.
- c. That the Town Council shall receive written request for authorization of funds to other agencies.
- d. That the Finance Officer provides a monthly report of expenditures and revenues.

Section V.

Budget Ordinance Copies

Copies of the Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer, the Budget Officer, and the Tax Supervisor of this Town for their direction in carrying out of their duties.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of June 2020.

REGULAR BUSINESS

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST BY FELIPE DE JESUS MENDOZA PINA AND MARIA TERESA VILLAGOMEZ GONZALEZ TO REZONE .7 ACRES IN MIDWAY TOWNSHIP FROM RA-3 TO CU-RC

Davidson County Zoning Officer Travis Swain presented to Council a request by Felipe De Jesus Mendoza Pina and Maria Teresa Villagomez Gonzalez to rezone a portion of Lot 67 containing .69 acres more or less, located in Midway Township, Tax Map 6. The remaining 1.36 acres more or less would remain zoned RA-3. The property is located on the north side of Gumtree Road approximately four hundred feet west of the Dublin Drive intersection. Rezoning is requested to change from RA-3, Rural Agricultural District, to that of CU-RC, Conditional Use Rural Commercial District.

Mr. Swain stated that the request is a basic Conditional Use Rezoning, and that the applicants would like to operate a Tire Service Center on the rezoned front portion of the property and build a house on the remaining 1.36 acres.

There are currently several properties in the immediate area which are commercial in use, and are zoned Light Industrial, Rural Commercial and Commercial Shopping.

If approved, the request will be presented to the Planning Board at their June 30, 2020 Planning Board meeting for their recommendation before returning to Council for the public hearing on July 13, 2020.

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on July 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall to receive citizen input on the request by Felipe De Jesus Mendoza Pina and Maria Teresa Villagomez Gonzalez to rezone a portion of Lot 67 containing .69 acres more or less, located in Midway Township, Tax Map 6, from RA-3 to CU-RC.

RESCIND STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19

At a Special Called meeting held on March 24, 2020, Mayor John Byrum issued a public proclamation declaring to all persons the existence of a State of Emergency in accordance with N.C.G.S. 166A-19.22 to address and mitigate threat and spread of COVID-19 disease. The proclamation issued shall remain in effect until the Mayor proclaims the end of such emergency or when directed to do so by the Town Council.

On May 20, 2020 Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 141 Phase II rescinding the Declaration of the State of Emergency for North Carolina and easing restrictions on travel, business operations and mass gatherings pertaining to COVID-19.

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to rescind the State of Emergency for COVID-19 for the Town of Midway.

TOWN PARK UPDATE

This item was added to the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine thanked staff for their help in working out the final details with the opening of the Town Park on May 22, 2020. He said that the trails are being utilized and residents have been very positive. Construction will begin on the playground next week and it should take about eight weeks to complete. Marty Marion with Metropolis Architecture will complete the architectural designs for the park shelters within the next two months and at that time the plans for construction will be submitted for formal bids.

Councilwoman Jackie Edwards thanked Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine for his dedication to the Park and for all the work he has put in to see it come to fruition. He has done an excellent job.

For information only.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

NORTH CAROLINA 2020 CENSUS SELF RESPONSE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Town Manager Tammy Michael updated Council on the 2020 Census response rates as of May 19, 2020 for North Carolina counties, stating that to date, Midway's self-response rate to the Census is 67.5%. Currently, North Carolina's self-response rate is 56.0% and the national rate is 59.7%.

For information only.

OPERATION ROBIN SAGE

Town Manager Tammy Michael informed Council that a series of Special Forces Military Training exercises will be conducted in twenty-one North Carolina counties, including Davidson County, between June 15-18, 2020.

The training, known as Robin Sage training, is the unconventional warfare exercises that can be likened to live-action role playing in the extreme, with hostile engagement playing out between Special Forces students, volunteer civilians and soldiers at Fort Bragg.

Local law enforcement agencies have been alerted of the training.

For information only.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Manager Tammy Michael provided Council with monthly financial reports for May 2020 as follows:

MAY 31, 2020

Total Income	\$ 1,515,489	108 % of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$ 1,054,204	75.1 % of overall budget

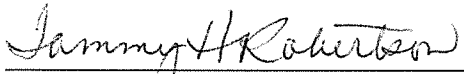
Mrs. Michael informed Council that a balance sheet had been added to the list of financial reports that highlights the Town's assets and liabilities.

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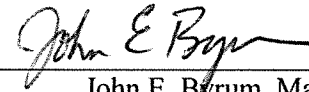
With the rescension of the State of Emergency Proclamation for COVID-19, it was the consensus of Council to reopen Town Hall for residents to conduct business as needed, provided social distancing is practiced.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Tammy H. Robertson, Deputy Clerk



John E. Byrum, Mayor