

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL VISION SESSION HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 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.

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard, Mike McAlpine, Robin Moon (arrived 6:09), 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.

There were no members of the press in attendance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

**VISION SESSION**

**UPDATES OF VISION PRIORITIES FROM FEBRUARY 2020 VISION SESSION**

Mayor John Byrum revisited Council's Vision Workshop from February 10, 2020 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: (**Bold indicates action or progress**)

- Grocery Store
  - **On-going priority**
  
- Town Park
  - Playground, Picnic Shelter, Gazebo
    - **Playground opened Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**
    - **Picnic Shelter and Gazebo – Specifications, bid process on-going with Metropolis Architects**
  - Soft opening Trails – April – Phase 2 May-July, Grand Opening when completed, Phase 3 by 2021
    - **Walking Trails now open to public**
  - Security (may contract with individual prior to security cameras being installed)
    - **Security System contracted and installed by KNC Technologies**
  - Upgrade walking trails (weather dependent)
    - **Maintenance repairs completed and on-going – next repair project is to correct water runoff in lower trail portion**
  
- Improved Traffic Along Midway School and Norman Shoaf Roads (involve Davidson County, Davidson County and Midway Planning & Zoning, Midway Fire Department, Davidson County Schools and NC Department of Transportation)
  - **Retain as a Vision Priority – majority of NC Department of Transportation projects on hold due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

- YMCA – appoint representative and alternate at March Town Council meeting
  - **Appointed Councilor Robin Moon with Councilor Jackie Edwards to serve as Alternate**
- Fun Day at Town Park (annually commemorate opening day)
  - **On hold due to COVID-19 Pandemic – possibly Spring 2021**
- Holiday Lights at Town Park
  - **No action**
- Purchase additional fireproof file cabinets, fireproof map cabinet
  - **Completed June 2020**
- Land-Use Plan Update – Along with Chapter 160D Updating the Zoning Ordinance mandated by NC Legislature – Working with Benchmark on Land-Use Plan and Davidson County Planning and Zoning for 160D
  - **Land-Use Plan Update in progress with Benchmark CMR, Inc. – Public survey completed**
  - **Zoning Ordinance 160D Updates in progress with Piedmont Triad Regional Council on Government – updates are behind due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Mayor Byrum stated that since that meeting some items have been addressed and work continues on others. Mayor Byrum again asked Council to list their priorities for the Town to determine if their priorities have changed since the February 10, 2020 meeting.

**DISCUSS AND IDENTIFY VISION PRIORITIES** (Bold indicates Council/Staff responses)

- Town Park
  - Shelter/Gazebo/Town Park Sign
  - Overflow parking
    - **In process – to be completed first quarter of 2021**
  - Request to open back entrance gate
    - **Consensus not to open for security purposes**
  - General recreation area as another phase to the Park
    - **Disc Golf, Kick Ball, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Splash Pad**
  - Add additional playground equipment for younger children
  - Family movie night at the Park
- Beautification Signs
  - **Remove current beautification sign at the end of Hickory Tree Road and Old US Highway 52 and replace with a larger sign at the water tower on Hickory Tree Road coming into Town. Upgrade other beautification signs in the Town to enhance/brand the image of the Town.**
- Mowing along fence line on Hickory Tree Road
  - **Clean the tree area along Fred Sink Road fence line and bush hog outside the fence line a couple of times per year to give the area more aesthetic appeal**
  - **Contact NCDOT Division 9 regarding concerns about the above are not being mowed and other options for mowing.**

- Core Commercial Overlay District Overhaul
  - **Mayor to contact Craig Goodson, Davidson County Economic Development Commission to meet with Town Council regarding Economic Development**
- Community Center

### **DISCUSS CANDIDATES FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Before a local government exercises the powers of zoning and subdivisions, it must designate a Planning Board as described in North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 160A-387. Planning Boards shall not have fewer than three members. The Town of Midway's Planning Board structure consists of five Planning Board members and an alternate. Currently, the Planning Board has two vacancies, an alternate position, and an unexpired term vacated upon the passing of Planning Board member LeeAnn Tuttle-Thomas in August 2020.

To be considered as a Planning Board member, the candidate must reside in within the Town of Midway. Town Council and Planning Board members submitted the following candidates for consideration to fill the vacant seats on the Planning Board:

- Submitted by: Mayor John Byrum
  - Gigi Condon – Eligible
  - Carrie Gilson – Eligible
- Submitted by: Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine
  - Alvin Rubin – Ineligible (Resides outside of Town limits)
  - James Larry Lindsay – Ineligible (Resides outside of Town limits)
  - Ernest Hall – Ineligible (Resides outside of Town limits)
- Submitted by: Councilor Robin Moon
  - Richard Miller – Eligible
- Submitted by: Councilor Keith Leonard
  - Paula Hill – Eligible
- Submitted by: Planning Board Member – Jamie Hester
  - Michelle Seals - Eligible
- Submitted by: Planning Board Member – James Smith
  - Sherri Goss - Eligible

### **MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

#### **A. REGULAR MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to appoint Paula Hill to the Planning Board as a regular member filling the unexpired term. Term expires March 2021.

#### **B. ALTERNATE MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to appoint Richard Miller to the Planning Board as an alternate member. Term expires March 2022.

**TOWN MANAGERS REPORTS**

**LAND USE PLAN – COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

At the September 29, 2020 Planning Board meeting, the Planning Board reviewed the survey results from the community survey conducted by Benchmark CMR, Inc., during the month of August 2020, for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. Council was presented a copy of the survey for their review.

For information only.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ETHICS TRAINING - REMINDER**

Town Manager Tammy Michael reminded newly elected and re-elected council members that they have until October 31, 2020 to view the Ethics Training Webinar that satisfies the two hours of local ethics training that is required by State Law.

For information only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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John E. Byrum, Mayor

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Tammy H. Robertson, Deputy Clerk