

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT MIDWAY TOWN HALL, 426 GUMTREE ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE**

James Wayne Smith gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor John Byrum called the meeting to order.

Councilors present were: Mayor John Byrum, Mike McAlpine, Robin Moon, Jackie Edwards and Berkley Alcorn. Absent: Keith Leonard. Town Manager Tammy Michael, Town Clerk Linda Hunt, Deputy Clerk Ree Smith, and Town Attorney Jim Lanik were present.

Also present was Davidson County Zoning Administrator Lee Crook.

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

There were no members of the press in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Councilor Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023, Vision Session as presented.

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

There were none.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Town Manager Tammy Michael stated that the agenda needed to be amended to add the following two items:

1. Item 2. Under Section VI. Proclamation - Proclamation Supporting Operation Green Light
2. Item 2. Under VII. Regular Business - Presentation – Video Content Proposal for Town Website, Landon Grant

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION – NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

Mayor John Byrum read the Veterans Day Proclamation proclaiming November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day in the Town of Midway.

**PROCLAMATION**

**VETERANS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, our nation was founded on the belief that all citizens are guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, since our nation's inception, our veterans have served with honor and distinction, protecting the liberties of our state and nation, at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, many have paid the supreme sacrifice so that we may enjoy the essential principles of liberty and free government while maintaining peace and honor; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veterans Day proclamation calling on our nation to "pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, John Byrum, Mayor of the Town of Midway, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 11, 2023, as

**VETERANS DAY**

in the Town of Midway in tribute to the veterans of all wars: the living, the disabled, and the deceased, and urge all citizens to join in the expression of appreciation to the many veterans in our community who have given so much on our behalf in times of both war and peace.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

Mayor Byrum asked if anyone was present who was in active duty or had served in the military. Mr. Richard Walburn stated he served in the Army in Maryland and Texas. Mayor Byrum thanked him for his service in the Military.

**PROCLAMATION – SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT (AS ITEM 2. UNDER SECTION VI. PROCLAMATIONS)**

Mayor John Byrum read the Proclamation for Operation Greenlight.

**PROCLAMATION**

**SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS  
IN TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE (VETERAN STATUS)**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Town of Midway have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women that served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Midway seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 700,000 veterans in the State of North Carolina, with over 9,000 of them being in Davidson County; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, civil service; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 20% increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Midway appreciates the sacrifices our United States Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their services and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as we approach Veterans Day in 2023, the Town Council of the Town of Midway hereby proclaim that the Town of Midway recognizes Operation Green Light and encourages its citizens and businesses to honor those whose immeasurable sacrifice helped preserve our freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING REQUEST BY DAVID B. COE – 56.77 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM RS (LOW INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO MX-R (MIXED USE, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) – OWNED BY NIFONG FAMILY, LLC AND AMBER N. JOYCE – CCOD.**

At their regular meeting on September 5, 2023, Town Council called for a public hearing to receive citizen input on the request by David B. Coe to rezone 56.77 acres, more or less, from RS (Low Intensity Residential District) to MX-R (Mixed Use, Residential District) owned by Nifong Family, LLC, and Amber N. Joyce. Notice of the public hearing was published in The Dispatch on October 19 and 26, 2023 as required by law.

Mayor John Byrum stated Davidson County Zoning Administrator Lee Crook was present to discuss the rezoning request by David B. Coe. Mr. Crook explained that due to the Applicant, David B. Coe, not being able to attend the Planning Board meeting on September 26, 2023, the Planning Board delayed action on the rezoning request until their November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said the rezoning application rests

with the Planning Board and would not be heard until their November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Crook said that due to this delay, Council should continue the public hearing until January or February 2024.

Councilor Jackie Edwards commented that everyone might not be back from their Christmas or New Year's holidays in time for the January Council meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilor Edwards said the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting would probably be the best. Mayor Byrum thanked Councilor Edwards for her input. Mr. Lee Crook stated the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting would be good with him.

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to continue the public hearing until February 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

**PRESENTATION – VIDEO CONTENT PROPOSAL FOR TOWN WEBSITE – LANDON GRANT (AS ITEM 2. UNDER VII. REGULAR BUSINESS)**

Mayor John Byrum stated that in Council's last Vision Session, Council expressed their desire to have someone make an aerial video of the Park for the website. Mayor Byrum said he had reached out to Mr. Landon Grant who does that kind of work and he quickly responded back to him.

Mayor Byrum introduced Mr. Grant and asked him to tell the Council about his background in aerial photography and what kind of services he provides. Mr. Grant said his company is LG Productions, which is a team of media marketing specialists. He explained that he has video capabilities with drones and the video could be made quickly so that it could be put on the Town's website.

Mr. Grant then showed a short aerial video of the park which he had prepared to demonstrate the kind of services he provides.

Councilor Mike McAlpine said this is what Council discussed in the Vision Session, and that he appreciates Mr. Grant coming to speak to the Council.

Mayor Byrum asked Mr. Grant to send Town Manager Tammy Michael a proposal so the Council could see what the cost would be for the video. Once the proposal is received, the proper steps can be taken to draw up a contract.

Mayor Byrum thanked Mr. Grant for being at the meeting.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**TOWN PARK UPDATE**

Town Manager Tammy Michael gave the following update:

- Dumpster ordered, to be delivered Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Fencing around dumpster completed.
- Councilor Alcorn is working with plumber for a booster pump for restrooms.
- Pavilion and Gazebo open (already had a couple of birthday parties with approximately 25 people).
- CivicPlus training for online reservations is going well. Additional work is needed for credit card input before going live with online reservations.
- Camera that was not working was due to fiber optic wire that was crushed. The fiber optic wire has been replaced and the camera is up and running.

For information only.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Town Manager Tammy Michael provided Council with monthly financial reports for October 2023 as follows:

**OCTOBER 2023**

Total Income	\$814,167	43% of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$368,123	11.7% of overall budget

Ms. Michael pointed out that the financial report for ARP Funds had to be renamed and now is titled Money Market Fund. She said she had met with Mr. Charles Hines of the North Carolina League of Municipalities who advised that if the Town was keeping the funds separately, the account cannot be called ARP Funds.

For information only.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND MARKET EVENT – MIDWAY TOWN CENTER – NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

The 2023 Christmas Parade was cancelled due to the bridge replacement on Gumtree Road. As a way to bring the community together for a fun-filled afternoon, Zeno Marshall at the Midway Town Center is hosting an All About Christmas Festival and Market. This event will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Town Manager Tammy Michael stated she has spoken with several people who were upset about the Midway Christmas Parade being cancelled. Ms. Michael said she told them that the Town of Midway is not responsible for setting up the parade and that NCDOT would not allow a detour route. Ms. Michael also informed them that Evon Lambeth oversees the Christmas Parade, and the calls have almost stopped.

Councilor Mike McAlpine stated that maybe the Town could sponsor something at the event, maybe hand out candy or something like that. Mayor Byrum asked Ms. Michael to reach out to Donna Cheek at the Event Center to see if the Town could sponsor something at the event.

For information only.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL HOSTED BY DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – DECEMBER 14, 2023 – 6:00PM TO 8:00PM – T. AUSTIN FINCH HOUSE IN THOMASVILLE.**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners is hosting the Elected Officials Christmas Social on December 14, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at T. Austin Finch House in Thomasville. Town Manager Tammy Michael requested Council RSVP to Deputy Clerk Ree Smith by Wednesday, November 22, 2023 if they wish for her to respond for them.

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**REMINDER – TOWN HALL CLOSED – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023, FOR VETERAN’S DAY AND THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & 24 FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS.**

Town Manager Tammy Michael reminded Council that Town Hall will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023, for Veteran’s Day and Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving holidays.

Ms. Michael also reminded Council that Election Day is Tuesday.

Mayor Byrum said that he attended the ribbon cutting for Midway Pediatrics this morning. Midway has its first pediatrics clinic which is part of the same group as Thomasville Pediatrics. They have done a nice renovation and is located to the left of CVS and to the right of Dollar Tree. Mayor Byrum said he gave them a warm welcome from the Town and the Town staff.

Mayor Byrum also wanted to acknowledge Ms. Ree Smith in her new role as the Town's Deputy Clerk. Mayor Byrum said Ms. Smith comes to the Town with a lot of experience in economic development. Deputy Clerk Ree Smith thanked Mayor Byrum for his acknowledgement.

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**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO PERSONNEL**

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, council voted unanimously to recess to closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

On motion by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to reconvene to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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John Byrum, Mayor

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Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk