

**Town Council Minutes
Morehead City, North Carolina**

Tuesday, July 10 2018

The Honorable Council of the Town of Morehead City met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in the Municipal Chambers located at 202 South 8th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina. Those in attendance were:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Gerald A. Jones, Jr.; Councilmembers George W. Ballou Keri V. McCann, William F. Taylor, Harvey N. Walker, Jr. and Diane C. Warrender.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ryan Eggleston; City Attorneys Derek Taylor and Mike Thomas; Interim Planning Director Robert Davis; Senior Planner Sandi Watkins; Public Services Director Daniel Williams; IT Manager Jon Snyder; Police Chief Bernette Morris; and City Clerk Cathy Campbell.

OTHERS: Boynton Adams of WCTI TV-12; Elise Clouser of The Carteret News Times; Bill Schwegler and Wylie Cooke for Todd & Sadler Architects; Lee Hinson of Downtown Morehead City Inc.; Chase Cullipher of the Cullipher Group; Mindy and Annie Fitzpatrick, Lisa and Madison Pittman, Sally Lumpkin and L.E. Beauchard.

Mayor Jones called the regular meeting of the Morehead City Town Council to order at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in the Municipal Building Council Chambers with a quorum present. Councilmember Ballou gave the invocation and Mayor Jones led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Resolution 2018-R-45 Honoring Mindy Ballou Fitzpatrick

Mayor Jones presented Resolution 2018-R-45 to Mindy Ballou Fitzpatrick recognizing her outstanding athletic accomplishments. Ms. Fitzpatrick was enshrined in the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame on Friday, May 4, 2018 as former West Carteret and University of South Carolina Basketball All-American and National Surfing Champion.

Mindy Fitzpatrick was a two-time All-American at West Carteret and still holds the Patriots' all-time game and season average as well as the career scoring record. She is the only West Carteret athlete to have her jersey retired.

Ms. Fitzpatrick continues to be listed throughout the University of South Carolina record books as one of only four players to earn three All-American honors, one of just sixteen players to earn All-American status, and she still holds season records for total assists, average assists, and most assists by a sophomore and a senior.

Mayor Jones said that Mindy is the product of family and friends who inspired and encouraged her to be successful in both athletics and business. Ms. Fitzgerald is the owner of the Friendly Market on Bridges Street. Her success speaks to the legacy of our community. Mrs. Fitzgerald agreed that it is about legacy and getting better together. She commended the many skilled friends that have supported her along the way.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jones reviewed the Consent Agenda as presented to the Town Council for review and approval. Councilmember Taylor made a motion **to accept the consent agenda as presented.** Councilmember Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Included within the Consent Agenda were the following approvals:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting.
- B. Approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting.
- C. Accept the Finance Director Report, Tax Collector Report, and Notice of Ad Valorem Tax Overpayments in the amount of \$551.09 for the month of June 2018.
- D. Approve the Requests for Release of Overpayment of Ad Valorem Taxes for June 2018 in the amount of \$2,387.10.
- E. Authorize the Collection of FY2018/2019 Ad Valorem Taxes.
- F. Receipt of Tax Collector's Settlement for FY2017/2018; Disposition of Tax Records/Receipts; Tax Collections for FY2017/2018; Outstanding Taxes as of 6/30/18; Real Estate Delinquent Report for Tax Year 2017; Barred Tax List Effective September 1, 2018; and Insolvents List.
- G. Adopt Resolution 2018-R-45, Honoring Mindy Ballou Fitzpatrick for being Inducted to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.
- H. Approve Reduction of Country Club Run Phase II Letter of Credit by \$57,360.00 to a total of \$335,428.00.
- I. Approve Resolution 2018-R-47 Endorsing the Carteret Community college Spanish Mackerel and Dolphin Fishing Tournament and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be Held July 21, 2018.
- J. Adopt Resolution 2018-R-48 Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Petition and Resolution 2018-R-49 Setting the Date of the Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. for Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Request from David Horton for Happy Gardens located at 5043 Business Drive Under N.C.G.S. 160A-31.

- K. Adopt Resolution 2018-R-50 Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Petition and Resolution 2018-R-51 Setting the Date of the Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. for Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Request from Keith Walker of ECCDI for 3140 Bridges Street Under N.C.G.S. 160A-31.
- L. Adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment 2019-ONE to Increase Building & Grounds by \$30,000 for the Replacement of a E250 Van and to Increase Miscellaneous Revenue by \$16,450 for the Insurance Claim and to Decrease Contingency by \$13,550 for the Difference; to Increase Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue by \$12,800 for the Award from the Division of Coastal Management Grant for South 10th Street Wave Attenuator & Dock Construction and to Increase Parks by \$51,200 and to Increase Appropriated Fund Balance by \$38,400 for the Town's Match Representing the Amount Previously Approved but not Expended at 6/30/18 Closing the Fund Balance of 6/30/18 and Requesting to Roll the Project to FYE 6/30/19; and to Increase Appropriate Fund Balance by \$5,853 for Ballistic Vests not Delivered by 6/30/18 and to Increase Police by the Same Representing Amount Previously Approved but not Expended at 6/30/28 Closing the Fund Balance of 6/30/18 and Requesting to Roll the Funds to FYE 6/30/19.

All above Resolutions are attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference. 2019 Budget Amendment Ordinance ONE is part of Ordinance Book #8 in the Clerk's office.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider Hyman's Landscaping Rezoning Request for 1804 Bridges Street

Senior Planner Sandi Watkins shall appear before the Town Council to present request from Jon Hyman of Hyman's Landscaping, on behalf of Charles and Wendy Park, to rezone approximately 0.137 acre located at 1804 Bridges Street from R5 (Residential) to CD (Downtown Commercial). The existing use of the property is a two-family dwelling (duplex). The property is located within the corporate limits.

Surrounding land use includes a child daycare to the northeast, a landscaping business to the east, and single-family to the north, west, and across Arendell Street to the south. Surrounding zoning includes R5 to the north and west and across Arendell Street to the south with CD across the alley to the east. The property is in Neighborhood 3 of the CAMA Land Use Plan and is classified as High Density Residential.

The proposed rezoning request is consistent with the CAMA Land Use Plan Vision Statement and appears to be consistent with the land use and development policies of the Town. Therefore, the Planning Board, at its June 19, 2018 meeting, unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the rezoning request as recorded in Planning Resolution 2018-0007 to the Town Council for consideration.

Property owners within 300 feet of the property were notified of this public hearing and the property has been posted as required. This public hearing was also published in the Carteret News Times on June 15, 29, and July 6, 2018.

At this time, Mayor Jones opened the public hearing inviting anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed zoning request to step forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chase Cullipher, The Cullipher Group – Mr. Cullipher shared that Mr. Hyman has been unable to sell the subject property over the last several years and now that his business is seeing growth, the property becomes the most logical location for his business expansion. The current structure is in a state of disrepair; therefore, it will be destroyed and replaced.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were none.

Councilmember McCann made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2018-O-11 and Resolution 2018-R-46, Approving Request from Jon Hyman of Hyman's Landscaping, on Behalf of Charles and Wendy Park, to Rezone Property Located at 1804 Bridges Street and Known as Tax PIN #638618227150000 from R5 (Single-Family Residential District) to CD (Downtown Commercial District). Councilmember Ballou seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Ordinance 2018-O-11 is part of Ordinance Book #8 in the Clerk's office. Resolution 2018-R-46 is attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Charles Wallace Municipal Campus Project – Mr. Eggleston introduced Wylie Cooke and Bill Schwegler of Todd & Sadler Architects who presented their proposed concept for the Charles Wallace Municipal Campus. The proposed a 20,000 square foot brick building that while new, pays tribute to the existing Charles Wallace School building with medallions over doors and at the building's peak. The goal will be to salvage the medallions from the existing building but if this proves to be impossible, replicas will be made to match current building. A portico was added to the front to provide weather coverage. The front and back façade will be identical minus the columns on the back. The building will sit approximately sixty (60) feet closer to Bridges Street to allow for future expansion on the north, east and west sides of the building. A curved front walkway will be made with bricks from the current building and mimic the current front circular drive. The front landscape will feature thirteen (13) trees representing the thirteen (13) original states as was part of the Charles Wallace School Building's original plan. Parking on the east side of the building will tie into the existing Police Department parking lot. The interior features a centralized reception area on the first floor and the council chambers auditorium on the second.

A design and construction schedule was presented that calls for final designs to be presented on December 14, 2018, bid opening on January 15, 2019, contact award on March 12, 2019 and construction completion on May 6, 2020.

Mr. Cooke stated that salvaging the full front façade of the current building was considered; however, the condition of the brick and mortar as well as other challenges made it cost prohibitive. He estimated that salvaging the wall would raise costs by at least \$350,000. Other challenges mentioned was the placement of the façade on the property (sits too far back), size of wall compared to the new building requirements, the need to raise current foundation to obtain height requirements, and the fact that the sandstone features would have to be recast to meet today's building codes.

After much discussion, Councilmember Warrender made a motion **to accept the proposed concept and move forward with schematic designs.** Councilmember Taylor seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. (4-1; AYES - Warrender, Taylor, Walker, and McCann; NAYS – Ballou)

4th of July Fireworks – Mr. Eggleston advised that pyrotechnic team experienced technical difficulties at the end of the fireworks display resulting in a less than desirable finale. He was happy to report; however, that no one was injured during the malfunction.

Stormwater Plan – Staff is moving forward with development of a comprehensive stormwater plan and a presentation to Council will be forthcoming in the near future.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS (2 Minute Time Limit)

There were none.

COUNCIL REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember McCann shared that she is very pleased with how the Charles Wallace building concept speaks to the current building, and is confident that citizens will embrace it.

Councilmember Ballou clarified that he is not opposed to the concept; however, in representing constituents he is trying to hold onto a part of the original building.

Councilmember Walker thanked Todd & Sadler Architects for the great concept.

Councilmember Taylor stated he was happy to see the project moving forward and he is confident citizens will accept new building.

Councilmember Warrender also expressed her pleasure in the project moving forward.

Mayor Jones asked citizens to mark their calendars and plan to attend the dedication of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park on August 21 at 6:00 p.m.

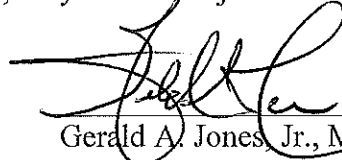
CLOSED SESSION PER N.C.G.S. 143.318.11 (a)(3) TO CONSULT WITH CITY ATTORNEY

Councilmember Taylor made a motion **to enter into Closed Session at 6:59 p.m. per NCGS 143.318.11(a)(3) to consult with the City Attorney.** Councilmember Warrender seconded and the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Councilmember Walker moved **to return to OPEN SESSION at 7:19 p.m.** Councilmember Warrender seconded and the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting 7:21 p.m.


Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor

Attest: 
Cathy Campbell, City Clerk

