



## **MINUTES**

**Monday, May 23, 2022: 3:00 PM**

**Town Council Work Session**

**C. Michael Haney Community Room: Southern Pines Police Department  
450 W. Pennsylvania Ave**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Haney called the meeting to order. The following members of Town Council were present: Mayor Carol Haney; Taylor Clement; Paul Murphy; Bill Pate; and Ann Petersen.

Mayor Haney noted the re-painting of the lines along Broad Street had been completed and looked wonderful.

Mayor Haney mentioned the increased traffic around the new Red's Corner development and advised that the Town has requested that DOT repaint the lines and crosswalks around that intersection for safety reasons.

### **2. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Town Manager Reagan Parsons reviewed the agenda.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **a. Consider RA-01-22: Request to Abandon a Section of Hill Crest Road**

Mr. Will Huntley, on behalf of Lingle Pines Storage, LLC, has submitted a request for the abandonment of a 5,050 square foot section of Hill Crest Rd to allow for the recombination of the surrounding parcels. A public hearing for this item was opened on April 12, 2022, was continued to April 25, 2022 and was continued again to May 23, 2022.

Councilmember Petersen spoke against approval of the abandonment.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Clement moved to approve RA-01-22 as it is written in the May 27, 2022 Staff Report.

Discussion ensued

Councilmember Clement moved to approve RA-01-22 for the abandonment of the section of Hill Crest Road as specified on the attached map. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, the Council voted as follows:

- Mayor Haney: aye
- Clement: aye
- Murphy: aye

- Pate: aye
- Petersen: nay

Motion passed.

**b. Consider Amendments to FY 21-22 Budget**

Staff has identified a number of recommended amendments to the FY 21-22 budget and requests Council approval:

1. Facility Modernization Project Fund Budget: When the 2019 Facility Condition Assessment was completed, a project budget was established to fund needed repairs and renovations. Since that time, the funding has been allocated specific to each facility. Staff recommends consolidating the total funds of \$520,401 into more general appropriations by General Fund and Enterprise Fund. This will provide the flexibility needed to fund the needed repairs and renovations as they become a priority, regardless of the facility.
2. Water & Sewer Capital Funds: In FY 12-13, a capital project fund was established for water and sewer improvements. Staff recommends closing the existing fund and transferring all funds to two funds, a new one for water and sewer improvements and then a separate fund for upgrades to lift stations.
3. Public Safety Extra Duty Pay: This is an amendment to the general fund to account for the revenue and associated expenses of extra duty pay for the Police and Fire departments to accommodate the Women's US Open in June.
4. Fire Department Vehicles: The proposed FY 22-23 budget includes funds to purchase two vehicles for the Fire department. Staff recommends ordering these before the end of the current fiscal year in order to take advantage of current pricing. This amendment allows the order to proceed, but the vehicles will not actually be paid for until the 22-23 fiscal year begins. As a result, this will not impact the fund balance included in the draft FY 22-23 budget.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve Items 3b) 1, 2, 3, and 4 as shown on the Agenda.

Discussion ensued.

Seconded by Councilmember Clement, the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed

**4. COUNCIL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

**a. Planning & Community Development Specialist Update**

Planning & Community Development Specialist Rachel Mann would like to provide the Town Council with a summary of work undertaken since she started in the position on April 11, 2022.

Planning & Development Specialist Rachel Mann gave a detailed review of past, present and future Town initiatives in West Southern Pines.

Discussion ensued.

**b. DFI Phase II Project Update**

Sarah Odio from DFI will discuss outcomes from the recent public meetings  
Ms. Sarah Odio from DFI gave the Council an update on the feedback received from recent community meetings.  
Discussion ensued.

**c. Partners in Progress Agreement for Economic Development Services**

Partners in Progress (PIP) provides economic development services for the Town as well as Moore County and other municipalities. Executive Director Natalie Hawkins has requested that the Town consider entering into a contract to formally define these services, the Town's financial obligation, and other relevant details. Ms. Hawkins will attend the meeting to answer any questions about her proposal and to provide an update on PIP's recent activities in Southern Pines. Consideration of a contract with PIP will be included on the June 14th business meeting agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.  
Ms. Natalie Hawkins addressed the Council regarding a proposed contract from Partners in Progress to formalize the services provided to the Town by Partners in Progress.  
Discussions ensued.

**d. Parkway Reimbursement Agreement**

Staff will present the final draft of the proposed agreement, to be considered by Council at a future meeting.  
Town Manager Parsons reviewed the proposed agreement for the Council. Ms Rusher will be available on June 6th to answer questions from Council.  
Discussion ensued.

**e. NCDOT Truck Route**

Discussion regarding the potential elimination of through trucks on E. Indiana Avenue and E. Morganton Rd. Next steps would include a Resolution of Support from Council to forward to NCDOT.  
Town Manager Parsons gave an overview of the item to the Council. The DOT is considering passing a state ordinance to not allow for thru semi-trailers on Indiana Avenue from Hwy 211 to May Street. Town Manager Parsons proposes the Town pass a resolution that supports the state ordinance moving forward, recognizes that keeping trucks from primary routes is not an over-inconvenience and that our police department would enforce the ordinance.  
Discussion ensued

**f. Budget Update and CIP Review**

This is a final check-in prior to the final public hearing and requested adoption to discuss any Council questions or concerns. Additionally, staff will discuss updates to the CIP based on capital transfers and purchases outlined in the FY 22-23 budget.  
Town Manager Parsons gave a brief update on the proposed budget.  
Town Manager Parsons asked the Council to discuss any changes now so that we can make

the necessary changes to the proposed budget before the June Meeting Agenda. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Town Manager Jessica Roth gave a presentation to the Council reviewing the CIP. Discussion ensued.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Councilmember Pate, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, and carried unanimously, the Council adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk