



MINUTES

Monday, June 27, 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.

2. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Town Manager Reagan Parsons reviewed the agenda.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Consider Appointing Audrey Wiggins to Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee with a Term to Expire June 27, 2025

Audrey Wiggins, a resident of in the Town's ETJ, has submitted an application fill the vacant seventh seat on the BPAC. Her appointment will be for a full three-year term, to expire on June 27, 2025.

Mayor Haney reviewed the item.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve the appointment of Audrey Wiggins to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy: the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Consider FY 22-23 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. As discussed at the May work session, Executive Director Natalie Hawkins has requested that the Town consider entering into a contract to formally define these services, the Town's financial obligations, and other relevant details.

Mayor Haney gave a brief overview of the item.

Councilmember Clement moved to approve the FY 22-23 Partners in Progress Agreement, seconded by Councilmember Pate; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

c. Consider Resolution #1015: Direct Clerk to Investigate AX-02-22, Pinehurst Surgical Lot

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Morganton Park Realty, LLC is petitioning the Town of Southern Pines for annexation of approximately 5.19 acres of land located on the southeast corner of Brucewood Road and South Carlisle Street. The first step in the annexation process is for the Town Council to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition and certify the result, per NCGS 160A-31(c).

Planning Director BJ Grieve gave an overview of the application.
Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Pate moved to adopt Resolution #1015 directing the Clerk to investigate the petition received for the voluntary annexation of property as defined in the submitted written metes and bounds description under application AX-02-22. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy; the vote was unanimous.

Motion Passed

d. Consider Written Decision for PD-02-22 Ace Hardware PDP

Staff has prepared a formal Written Decision document for the application PD-02-22 Ace Hardware PDP that was approved by the Town Council at the June 14th meeting.

Planning Director Grieve reviewed the item for the Council.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve the Written Decision for PD-02-22 Ace Hardware PDP as prepared by the Town staff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

e. Consider Written Decision for SU-03-22 Murray Hill Pines

Staff has prepared a formal Written Decision document for the application SU-03-22 Murray Hill Pines that was approved by the Town Council at the June 14th meeting.

Planning Director Grieve gave an overview of the written decision.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Clement questioned the wording of Finding of Fact #3 Item #4 regarding the fence type.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that on Finding of Fact #3 Item #4 the wording be changed from '*The fencing shall not be chain link fence*' to '*The fencing shall be code compliant*'. This correction shall be hand written in before signing.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve the Written Decision for SU-02-22 Murray Hill Pines with the change to Finding of Fact #3 Item #4, seconded by Councilmember Clement; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

4. COUNCIL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

b. Town Council Meeting Protocol

Opportunity for Council to discuss meeting time limits, placement of public comment, and any other items related to their meetings.

Councilmember Clement feels after the initial change in the Public Comment portion, the meetings seem to be moving smoother.

Councilmember Pate agreed with having the public comment period at the beginning of the business meetings and doesn't feel we should put a time limit on the meeting itself.

Councilmember Petersen doesn't feel the Council is at it's best when the meetings run so long.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy feels that both the public comments and the meeting time limit can be better managed by participants self-editing their remarks.

Discussion ensued.

There was consensus that there will be no changes to the current meeting structure at this time and that the Council will revisit the issue in six months.

c. Discussion Regarding Building Heights and Number of Floors

Council will have an opportunity to discuss the January amendment to the UDO regarding maximum building height and floors.

Town Manager Parsons clarified that the January UDO amendment did not change the maximum building height, but that the maximum number of floors was addressed.

Discussion ensued.

There was consensus that Planning Director Grieve will bring examples of how buildings could look with the current UDO parameters to the August 2022 Work Session for Council to review.

d. Logo and Branding Initiative

Staff would like to discuss some factors and timelines that may lend well to launching a branding initiative, with the intent of developing an updated logo and brand for Southern Pines.

Assistant Town Manager Jessica Roth presented an overview of the item to the Council. Staff recommends that Council consider a rebranding initiative, with the intent of developing a new logo for Southern Pines, as part of the community engagement process for the CLRP.

Discussion ensued and there was consensus that combining the two efforts would allow for widespread community involvement and save in overall costs.

The Council expressed support and directed staff to move forward.

a. Update Regarding Legal Services for the Town

Town Attorney Doug Gill has shared with Council that he is beginning to plan for his eventual retirement. Mr. Gill and Councilmember Bill Pate will share some updates on the next steps in securing the next Town Attorney.

Item 4a moved to the end of the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy moved that the Council enter into closed session, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6), to consider the appointment or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer. Seconded by Councilmember Pate, the vote was unanimous and Council entered closed session at 4:34 pm.

Motion passed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Petersen, seconded by Councilmember Pate, and voted upon unanimously, the Council exited closed session at 4:55 pm.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Petersen, seconded by Councilmember Pate and carried unanimously, Council adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk_____