



MINUTES

Monday, July 25, 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 commented on the success of the Parks and Recreation events for the month as well as the success of the Junior Fire Academy.

2. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Town Manager Reagan Parsons reviewed the agenda.

Town Manager Parsons advised the Council that the November Council meeting falls on election day and staff is proposing to move all meetings forward by 1 week. The Council agrees and staff will prepare the amendment.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Consider Written Decision for PD-07-22 Morganton Park South Phase 2 Apartments PDP

Staff has prepared a formal Written Decision document for the application PD-07-22 Morganton Park South Phase 2 Apartments PDP that was approved by the Town Council at the July 12th meeting.

Principal Planner Pam Graham gave an overview of the decision.

Mr. Johnson, attorney for the applicant, is present to answer questions.

Discussion ensued.

Changes were requested to be made to page 8 of 70.

Councilmember Clement motioned to approve Written Decision PD-07-22 Morganton Park South Phase 2 Apartments PDP as prepared by staff and with the requested change, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

b. Consider upsizing option for Water Transmission Line relocation as part of NCDOT US1 Improvements.

Town Engineer James Michel gave an overview of the request.
Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve the upsizing option to 24", of the Water Transmission Line Relocation as part of NCDOT USwith Improvements, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, the vote was unanimous.
Motion passed.

4. COUNCIL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. Library Facility Projects

Staff requested funds to replace the library front desk in the FY 22-23 budget. Council decided to postpone this project for consideration after July 1 and asked staff to provide further details on the proposed work. Staff will discuss the needs and suggested approach.

Asst. Town Manager Jessica Roth gave a brief overview of the request.

Library Director Amanda Brown spoke to the Council in detail of the current Library Facility needs and proposed changes.

Discussion ensued.

Council approved staff to move forward with the new reception desk for the Library.

b. Follow-up Regarding Building Height Regulations

At the June 2022 Work Session, the Town Council asked the Planning Director for additional information on the potential effects of amendments to building height regulations in the Unified Development Ordinance that were adopted in January of 2022. Staff will provide additional information as a follow-up to the June discussion.

Planning Director Grieve spoke to the Council regarding the item.

Discussion ensued.

c. Knoll Road Multi-Use Trail

Discussion of project budget, potential alternatives, and path forward for the construction of a multi-use path along Knoll Road.

Town Engineer Michel reviewed the item for the Council and answered any questions.

Discussion ensued.

The Council supports the project but additional funding needs to be researched due to increased costs.

d. System Development Fees for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

The Town has received a request to consider modifying the system development fee schedule for residential projects utilizing fire sprinkler systems. Staff will share details.

Town Engineer Michel presented an overview of the item to the Council.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Clement asked for additional information, such as comparing fees from other local communities.

e. Required ARPA Policies Overview

Staff will discuss the next steps toward reviewing potential ARPA projects, which will include Council's adoption of various policies, budget amendments, and reporting requirements.

Town Manager Parsons reviewed the item for the Council.
Discussion ensued.

f. Update on Whitehall Master Plan

The Town is working with CPL and Creech & Associates to prepare a master plan for the Whitehall property. Staff will share next steps, including the initial opportunities for public input.
Asst. Town Manager Roth presented an overview of the item to the Council.
Discussion ensued.

g. Update on Comprehensive Long Range Plan (CLRP)

The Planning team is working to finalize a contract for consulting services with City Explained, Inc. for work on a Comprehensive Long Range Plan (CLRP). The long range planning process will involve extensive research, stakeholder engagement and visioning to prepare a plan for the future of Southern Pines. The Planning Director will provide a brief update and answer questions from Town Council.
Planning Director Grieve gave an update to the Council on the CLRP process.
Discussion ensued.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilmember Clement, seconded by Councilmember Pate and carried unanimously, the Council adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk