



MINUTES

Tuesday, March 28, 2023: 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 thanked the members of the Planning Board who met late in the night the evening before and who are all volunteers and give up their time and talent to the betterment of the community.

2. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Town Manager Reagan Parsons reviewed the agenda.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. NCDOT S-Line Commuter Rail

Staff representatives from the Rail Division of NCDOT will attend to discuss the department's continued efforts to establish high performance rail service between Raleigh and Richmond on the S-Line passenger rail.

Jason Orthnor, Rail Division Director, and Julie White, Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation, representing the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) presented the NCDOT S-Line Commuter Rail project to the Council.

Discussion ensued.

b. CLRP Process Update

Project consultant Matt Noonkester with City Explained, Inc. and planning staff will present an update on the Comprehensive Long Range Plan project.

Matthew Noonkester from City Explained Inc. presented the Council with an update on the Comprehensive Long Range Project. The next step of the process is to enter the growth framework stage of the project and meetings with the advisory committees and community will be scheduled for later in the year. Mr. Noonkester reviewed all of the steps, surveys and community engagement opportunities that have been utilized so far and shared the information that had been compiled so far.

Discussion ensued.

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Solid Waste, Yard Waste, Recycle Collection Agreement with Waste Industries, LLC

The Town has negotiated an extension of the current contract with Waste Industries, LLC dba GFL Environmental to provide collection of yard debris through December 31, 2023 and solid waste and recyclables through December 31, 2024. The Town will begin providing yard debris collection services in-house effective January 1, 2024.

Town Manager Parson gave a brief overview of the request.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the word "may" in item 3b.

Councilmember Clement made a motion to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Solid Waste, Yard Waste, Recycle Collection Agreement with Waste Industries as it is presented, seconded by Councilmember Pate; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

5. COUNCIL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. Creation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

The population in southern Moore County surpassed 50,000 people in the 2020 U.S. Census. At that threshold, southern Moore will need to transition from a rural planning organization (RPO) to a metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The MPO boundary currently includes Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Pinebluff, Whispering Pines and Taylortown. Staff will discuss the next steps required to formalize this transition. More details on MPOs in North Carolina is available at www.ncampo.org.

Town Manager Parsons gave a detailed presentation on the proposal. The recent Census determined that there is an area in Southern Moore County that exceeds 50,000 in population and, as a result, there are 7 entities that include Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Taylortown, Whispering Pines, Pine Bluff and portions of unincorporated Moore County that have been directed to create a Municipal Planning Organization (MPO).

Scott Walston from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Matt Day, representing the Triangle J Council of Governments, were present to answer questions and explain details regarding MPO's.

Frank Quis, Moore County Commissioner, was present to add his opinion and knowledge of the subject.

Discussion ensued.

b. General Revenue Discussion Ahead of Budget Retreat

Staff will share some recent details relevant to revenue forecasting that will be relevant for discussions at the FY 23-24 Council budget retreat.

Town Manager Parsons and Asst. Town Manager Roth reviewed the items relative to the General Revenue Discussion ahead of the Budget Retreat.

Discussion ensued.

Wednesday, April 12th was agreed upon by the Council for the Annual Budget Retreat.

5.b.i. Ad Valorem Tax and Revaluations

5.b.ii. Sales Tax

5.b.iii. Waste Collection and Disposal Fees

6. COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Councilmember Clement advised that she is unable to attend the scheduled Agenda Meeting on April 4th. Councilmember Pate is also unable to attend the meeting on April 4th and Mayor Pro Tem Murphy added that he will also be unable to attend.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Petersen moved to cancel the scheduled Agenda Meeting on April 4, 2023, seconded by Mayor Haney; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

Councilmember Clement moved to go into closed session per NC General §143-318.1(a)(3)(5), seconded Councilmember Petersen; the vote was unanimous.

No action was taken.

Councilmember Petersen move to exit closed session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy; the vote was unanimous.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilmember Petersen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, the Council adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk

