



MINUTES

Tuesday, July 25, 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; Bill Pate; and Ann Petersen.

Absent: Paul Murphy

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Resolution #1064: Direct Clerk to Investigate Application for Annexation AX-04-23.

Mary Schwab is petitioning the Town of Southern Pines for annexation of a +/-1.18 acre parcel of land. 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).

Town Manager Parson presented the application to the Council.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve Resolution #1064 to Direct Clerk to Investigate Application for Annexation AX-04-23, seconded by Councilmember Peterson; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

3. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Town Manager Reagan Parsons reviewed the agenda.

Town Manager Parson advised that the meeting live stream will switch from the Council Meeting to the CLRP Meeting at 5:45 pm.

4. COUNCIL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. Solid Waste and Recycling

The Town released an RFP for solid waste services to begin on January 1, 2025 when GFL's contract ends. Three vendors submitted responses. Staff will review the results and recommendations for next steps.

Asst Town Manager Mike Cameron, Consultant David Harvell and Consultant Elizabeth Summernight presented an update on the search for a new contract for solid waste and recycling. Details on pricing, service options and logistics were discussed.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Pate, seconded by Councilmember Petersen, requests the Clerk put a public hearing for input from the community on the calendar for the Town Council Agenda meeting on August 8, 2023; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

b. Knoll Road Multi-Use Path

The Town has a financial obligation to NCDOT for \$418,000 to complete the Knoll Road path. The capital project fund balance currently has \$236,325, requiring a transfer of \$181,675 to fund the obligation. Staff seeks Council direction on the source of these funds, as this could be a potential project for revenue replacement funds.

Town Manager Parsons requested the Council to advise staff on whether to appropriate the project to the ARPA revenue replacement funds spreadsheet. The project's budget has increased, so therefore, our match will increase and a budget amendment will need to be prepared. The council indicated that they were agreeable to the funds coming from the ARPA funds.

Asst. Public Works Director/Town Engineer James Michel spoke to the Council.

Discussion ensued.

c. Broad Street Parking and Directional Change Update

Update on discussions with NCDOT and BPAC

Planning Director Grieve gave a presentation regarding proposed parking and directional changes (one way traffic and parallel parking with horizontal parking striped on DOT side) on Broad Street.

Discussion ensued.

The Council indicated their agreement with the proposed changes. Staff will present a Resolution to the Council for approval at the August Council meeting.

5. COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Councilmember Petersen

- is requesting a public parking lot sign for the Bennett Street parking lot.
- a letter to the editor in a recent edition of the Pilot newspaper spoke about the inadequacy of the electrical vehicle charging stations in Town. The charging stations discussed in the letter are owned and run privately and the space is just leased from the Town.

Councilmember Clement

- updated the Council on her work with the proposed skate park.
- requested clarification on the Knollwood paving project be put online. Staff advised that the Town hasn't received confirmed project finish dates from DOT but would put what they had online and that the paving is just being patched currently but would be re-paved completely once the project is finished.
- questioned if there were any projects or preparations needed to be done prior to the U.S. Open and asked staff to bring any requests to the Council.

Councilmember Pate questioned the order of presentations on proposed projects at Council meetings, giving the impression that the projects are being "recommended" by the Town staff, so should the applicant speak first, then staff.

- Town Attorney Mac McCarley advised that the reasoning behind this is for the staff to present the staff report to lay out the facts first and the applicant then presents their proposal or "sales pitch" and prevents the staff from having to dispute points made in the applicant's presentation. Town Manager Parsons added that having the staff speak gives them a chance to highlight any potential issues and give the Council a chance to question the applicant with that knowledge.
- should we allow everyone to speak and keep council questions till after? Town Manager Parsons advised that the Chair has a lot of power to steer the direction and order of the hearing. Discussion ensued.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Town Manager Parson advised that no action would be taken by the Council following the closed session.

a. Closed Session Discussion

Council will hold a closed session as authorized in N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss the potential transaction of real property.

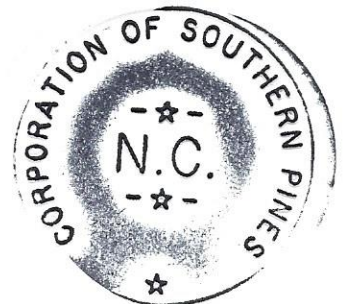
Council entered into closed session at 5:00 pm following a 10 minute break and exited closed session at 5:21 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Clement, seconded by Councilmember Pate and carried unanimously, Council adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk





RESOLUTION #1064
DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER
G.S. 160A-31
AX-04-23; 1 Cliff Court Ext.

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition was received on July 7, 2023, by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines; and

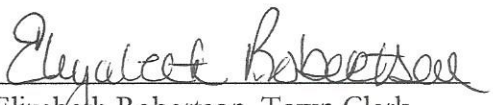
WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Town Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the Town Council the result of her investigation.

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2023.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines at its meeting on July 25, 2023 as shown in the Minutes of the Town Council meeting for that date.


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk

