

Town Council Meeting Workshop

Town of Greensboro

02.17.22

At 5:02 p.m., Commissioner Weaver made a motion to go into closed session for a personnel matter; Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion.

At 5:43 p.m., Commissioner Harrison made a motion to adjourn the closed session and go into open session; Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. All in favor.

In attendance: Town Manager- Mrs. Tammy Kelleles, Mayor-Kevin Reichert, Public Works Supervisor- Brandon Cunningham, Comm. Robert Harrison, Comm. Amanda Weaver, Comm. David Spencer, Attorney Lyndsey Ryan, DJ Wacker-RK&K, Bob Andryezak-RK&K, Scott Getchell-GMB, Leslie Grunden-CCPC, Debbie Bowden-CCED, Brian Byrnes-CCYMCA, Angel Perez, Shannon Hannawald-Endo Warriors of the Eastern Shore, Kevin Kelly- EWES, Admin- Vanice Myers.

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Reichert at 6:00 p.m. on February 17, 2022. Mayor Reichert stated that a personnel matter was discussed in closed session with no action being taken.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 02.03.22 – Comm. Weaver first and Comm. Harrison second, all in favor.

Shannon Hannawald

Proclamation for February National Endometriosis Month – Mayor Reichert stated that this is year two of the Town of Greensboro signing the Proclamation for Endometriosis for the month of February. He is glad to have Ms. Hannawald come to the workshop to explain what this means. Ms. Hannawald begins to explain what Endometriosis is and how it affects the community. Endometriosis is a chronic illness that affects 1-10 women regardless of age or race. Currently there is no cure for this illness and it has taken up to 10 years to be diagnosed with the disease as there are doctor's that are not knowledgeable of the disease. A diagnosis cannot be made without laparoscopic surgery. The disease is normally found in the pelvic cavity; however, in most recent studies, it has also been found in the brain and lungs.

Debbie Bowden

Caroline County Economic Development -- Ms. Bowden first wanted to start off by thanking Ms. Hannawald for sharing her story as she too is an Endometriosis survivor. Ms. Bowden begins explaining that there is a five-year strategic plan that began in 2019 for the economic development of Caroline County. The guide provides the mission and focus for the year 2020 and beyond. The mission statement states: ***"To foster a diversified local economy that leads to business retention and attraction, job creation and workforce development, and a strong quality of life for the citizens of Caroline County"***. The three main goals over the next five years are to:

1. To grow the number of establishments by 5%
2. Increase the commercial tax base by 5%
3. Increase the accommodations tax base by 25%

Ms. Bowden explained that with the pandemic, there were a lot of home-based businesses that started. In the upcoming plans, they want to encourage others who have been wanting to start a home-based business to do so. Ms. Bowden provided booklets that would explain the plans to accomplish the goals and the mission for anyone to review. She asked if there were any additional questions; no one had any at this time.

Brian Byrnes & Angel Perez

MLK Recognition -- -- Brian Byrnes spoke to council and explained that every year for the last 15 years they always held a MLK basketball tournament (youth from Easton and Cambridge) and they always recognized someone from the community that provided a good impact. Participants had to apply to say why they feel they should receive the impact reward. This year however with Covid, they did not hold the tournament but they still did the impact award nomination. They did some research and found that Nick and Helen from Tenchi's were the perfect candidates. Mr. Byrnes presented Mr. Nick with the reward. What he found was that Mr. Nick goes to the elementary school and participate in the young men gentlemen's club, they do fundraising events, help families of need and tragedy. They do all of this because this is what they believe they are supposed to do for the community and they do not do it for publicity. Mr. Byrnes presented the award to Mr. Nick and Mr. Nick thanked everyone involved and stated it was a humbling experience.

DJ Walker & Bob Andryszak of RK&K/Leslie Grunden of Caroline County Planning

Greensboro Regional Wastewater System Extension Project-- -- Overview – Mr. Wacker- Presentation, page 4 Table of cost with original project, new plant, servicing the town of Goldsboro and how it will work for the North. Comm. Spencer asked if there is a timeframe for these phases and DJ advised it is on the back sheet in blue of the packet that was provided. Comm. Spencer asked how does this help the town of Greensboro? Mr. Walker advised that apart from the public works building, all phases are at no cost to the Town. Debt spread about 84% and Goldsboro picks up about 16 percent for the plant. New towns will pick up their spread for their portion of use, which would cause Greensboro's to go down to about 65 percent. The grant funding that the Town got for the plant was for future expansion. Operations and Maintenance will go down based on the other towns picking up. Will be up to us if we keep the minimum costs the same or lower them.

Committee and Department Reports

Town Manager -- -- Mrs. Kelledees

Still working on SERCAP; was trying to setup special workshop for the 22nd but got no answer. Tammy had discussions with Comm. Weaver and they determined that the OWL system would be the best option for Zoom conferencing. MCSJ will go live with first module on 3/1; this will be the finance module.

Mini-grant applications: we received four and had to reach out to those applicants and request their Profit & Loss statements for March – December 2021. Mrs. Kelledees had additional conversations with Comm. Weaver about promoting local businesses with some pop-up shops. Attorney Ryan inquired about a flea market that used to be held in town and Mayor Reichert advised that it closed due to only one person running it.

Mrs. Kelledees also explained that Town Hall will change their lights to yellow in support of Endometriosis Month. Comm. Spencer advised the security cameras for the three doors should be installed sooner rather than later.

Attorney -- -- Ms. Ryan

Ms. Ryan thanked Mr. Cunningham for doing the walk through for 112 Lincoln St on her behalf. Mrs. Kelledes stated that bringing Mr. Cunningham onboard was a fantastic choice. Mr. Getchell advised that he is helping with the transition of Mr. Cunningham being new in position to work with ProStart. There was discussion about the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. The Program is geared to help residents over 5 years; however, the Council wanted to see if Ms. Ryan would find out if we could provide assistance for two years rather than five. Comm. Weaver was the first to approve the change and Comm. Harrison was the second, all in favor and to table it.

Old Business

Mayor Reichert inquired if we have reached out to the Town of Easton regarding how they used the ARPA funds for the calculation on the mini-grant applications for businesses? Attorney Ryan advised that she will still reach out to them to get the information.

Commissioner Weaver inquired if the school tap issue has been resolved and if we have the answers and she was advised that this was still under investigation. It will remain as a table item.

New Business

Mr. Cunningham advised that grass season is coming upon us and he had time to review the lawn mowers that we have and this is what was discovered:

1. 2010 grass mower has 1,500 hours and is diesel. The seat is ripped and tapped.
2. The Toro has 1,000 hours and because Dave Kibler was trying to save money, it is just pieced together.
3. The Kabuto is in good condition.

Mr. Cunningham wants to ask the Council if at least one of the grass mowers can be replaced and get a John Deere lawnmower which holds more value. There would be a trade in value that would help with the costs of the new mower. Comm. Spencer advised to get prices and bring back for discussion.

Mayor Reichert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into closed session for legal issue and new business. Comm. Weaver made a motion. Comm. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

At 7:35 p.m., in closed session, Mayor and Council received an update on legal matters and a personnel matter; Council unanimously voted to fill the vacant council seat with Peter Brelia.

At 7:59 p.m., Commissioner Harrison made a motion to go back into open session and Commissioner Weaver seconded. In open session, Mayor Reichart indicated that there was no action taken regarding the legal and personnel matters. Council unanimously voted to appoint Peter Brelia as the new Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted by Vanice Myers