

Town Council Meeting Town of Greensboro 3.17.22

In attendance: Town Manager Tammy Kelledes, Public Work Supervisor Brandon Cunningham, Comm. Robert Harrison, Comm. Amanda Weaver, Comm. Pete Brelia, Mayor Kevin Reichart, Finance Clerk Sam Geib, Andre Gould, Tamara Gould, Angel Perez, Attorney Lyndsey Ryan, Planning & Zoning Bill Schaffner.

Commissioner Spencer was absent.

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Reichart at 6:05 p.m. on March 17, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 1, 2022 and March 3, 2022. Commissioner Harrison made a motion. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved.

Bids for Sludge Removal from reed beds

Mr. Cunningham spoke on the matter. Tipping fees right now are \$67 a ton; Maryland Environmental allows two loads a day. Rick Breeding's bid came in as the cheapest and he has an excavator with a 50-foot clearance. If we need smaller loads taken Mr. Cunningham suggested going with Gary Wyatt since he has smaller roll-offs. Mr. Cunningham told Council that we have to figure out how to get the reed beds emptied as soon as possible. Commissioner Harrison said it might just be easier to let Rick Breeding handle it to save us some time, money and equipment. Comm. Harrison also suggested that when we go north that we put something in the RFP that we will need a concrete slab put in so we can easily get to a dumpster for the sludge so no equipment or vehicles are getting stuck.

Mayor Reichart asked if the council wanted to entertain a motion to sign with Rick Breeding for the sludge removal. Commissioner Weaver made a motion. Commissioner Brelia seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Lincoln St Bids

Attorney Lyndsey Ryan made sure all are aware that, as stated in the RFP, the sale of the land is contingent upon introducing and adopting and ordinance. Per the Town's charter we can award the bid contingent on approving and authorizing an ordinance. The council can introduce the ordinance at the next meeting and advertise for the public hearing. Mrs. Ryan has to check to make sure we have enough time to advertise for the public hearing. If the council introduces it at the April 7, 2022 meeting, we can hold the public hearing the first meeting in May.

Mayor Reichart announced that we had two bids for 117 Lincoln. One was for \$4,500 submitted by Tamara Gould and one for \$8,675 submitted by Gabrilla Moreland. We received one bid for 121 Lincoln for \$6,000 by Andre and Christina Gould. Mayor Reichart asked for the council opinions on the offers and if we wanted to accept the highest bid contingent upon the public hearing, or did it need to be further discussed. Comm. Harrison thinks we should take what we can get for it and accept the highest bid.

Mayor Reichart is looking for a motion to approve the highest bid on each Lincoln Street property contingent upon the public hearing and the adoption of the ordinance. Commissioner Weaver made a motion. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motioned approved.

Mayor Reichart asked if the public had any comment on this. Mr. Gould wanted to know what the next step would be. The next step would be to introduce the ordinance and have a public hearing in May. Mrs. Ryan will draft a deed and get everything recorded after the public hearing. Mr. Gould asked what the course of action would be if one of the bidders did not pay promptly. The council and Mrs. Ryan agreed that they will have one week to turn in payment after the sale is approved. The deed would not be submitted until the payment is received.

His Hope Ministries

The Town received a donation request from His Hope Ministries. Mrs. Kelledes suggested doing a smaller amount now and then putting the rest in the new budget. Comm. Brelia suggested giving them \$500 now and budget for \$1,500 next budget cycle.

Resolution Number 2022-R-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF GREENSBORO INCREASING THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO BUSINESS LICENSE FEE TO \$10 TO \$50.

All council agrees that raising the business license from \$10 to \$50 is reasonable.

Mayor Reichart is looking for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-R-01, raising the business license from \$10 to \$50. Commissioner Harrison made a motion. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. All in favor, Resolution 2022-R-01 is approved.

YMCA- Community Garden

Angel Perez spoke on behalf of the YMCA about the community garden. They received a grant from the Health Department. Mr. Perez thinks Greensboro would be the perfect spot to have the garden. Mr. Perez is hoping that this garden will help connect the community.

It would be a garden that would be at no cost to the community. The garden can also be used to help local students get their service-learning hours.

Mr. Perez is asking that the Town allows them to use Jessie Sutton Park. They will provide the trash can and bags but are asking if public works would be able to empty the cans. There will be raised beds so there is no bending down, and the beds would benefit low-income families. They are also looking to have a shed with some sort of rain collection. They are teaming up with the local Boy Scouts to build the raised beds.

The only thing they are asking from the Town is the space and a water source. Commissioner Harrison asked if there is water already out there. Mr. Cunningham said that he does not think there is a water connection out there. There was talk about putting a well in for the irrigation but that would be too costly. We have a water storage selling in the surplus auction that could be taken off of the sale and used to store water for the garden. All council agrees that is a good use for the water storage. The council agrees to let the community garden go in at Jessie Sutton Park.

SOP's

Travel SOP

There will be strict details on what the per diems can cover, such as no alcohol. We will be following the U.S. General Services Administration rates for all travel.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to approve SOP Travel Policy number 2022-02. Commissioner Harrison made a motion. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Works on Call SOP-

Public Works employees will be on an on-call rotation that will be scheduled but the Public Works Supervisor. The on-call employee will have 30 minutes to respond to any issue. While on call employees should not consume any alcohol and shall not travel more than 30 miles from Greensboro. The on-call employee will be provided a Town vehicle and must only be used to respond to after-hour calls. When on-call, employees will receive a \$15 per day stipend and shall receive overtime pay for any calls that require service. There will be a minimum of two hours overtime paid for the first service call within a 24-hour period. Overtime will not be accumulated until the employee has physically worked 40 hours in one week. On call assignments will be Monday to Monday.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to approve the on-call SOP with the changes listed above. Commissioner Weaver made a motion. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Bulk Pick Up

Mr. Cunningham spoke on the struggles that the Public Works team faced during this quarters bulk pick-up. Residents are putting out more than the two items per household. There have been a lot of mis-information going around town about what can and cannot be set out for bulk pickup. Mr. Cunningham suggested having residents come into town hall to purchase tags for each of their bulk items for five dollars apiece. Ms. Geib suggested having the residents contact town hall and us keep a log of who needs their items picked up and only go to those houses that are listed. Commissioner Brelia thinks we should cut back on the number of times who do bulk pickup, since people seem to be abusing the curtesy. Mayor Reichart suggested maybe keeping the four bulk pick-ups a year but two of them are free and two of them the residents would have to check in with town hall to get a "tag" and pay a small fee. The council would like some more time to think over their options for bulk.

Town Manager Report

Mrs. Kelledes will be meeting with Leslie, Lyndsey and DJ about the North expansion on Monday.

The Main St application had to tweak a couple of things on the application and we should be hearing from them soon. If we get the full designation, we would have to have add another full-time employee.

Mrs. Kelledes has been looking into the Certified Public Manager program, once she figures out cost, she would send the figures to the council.

The Town is looking to have the dedication for Mr. Roy on April 16th at noon, we would like someone from the Star Democrat come out and cover the dedication.

We are looking to have Mike Hines preform at Riverfest, we are currently waiting to hear back from him about pricing.

Fishing Derby will be on May 7th, Kids in the Park Day will be July 8th and Riverfest will be September 10th. Mrs. Kelledes wanted to make sure the council was still okay with using a portion of the ARPA funds to put on these events for the community, all council agrees.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Weaver made a motion. Comm. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Geib