

Town Council Meeting

Town of Greensboro

03.03.22

In attendance: Town Manager- Mrs. Tammy Kelledes, Attorney-Lyndsey Ryan, Public Works Supervisor - Brandon Cunningham, Deputy Police Chief Ray, Police Chief Biddle, Admin- Vanice Myers, Cathy Spencer, Angel Martinez, Pastor Doug Morley.

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Reichart at 6:00 p.m. on March 3, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation completed by Rev. Doug Morley.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 02.17.22 – Comm. Spencer first and Comm. Harrison second, all in favor.

Angel Perez – Whoville

Whoville was a success with 8,082 visitors over the five days that it was open. We had visitors from different parts of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Florida. Whoville was more diverse and inclusive this year which brought so many people out. We were able to help 5 non-profits and Exquisite Basketball Team with the donations that we received. We were happy to assist the senior and disabled community by giving them rides through the park. Support was provided by Greensboro and Federalsburg Town Council, the newspaper for recording the groundbreaking, Kent County, Maryland Tourism and the Facebook Event Page. There were over 2,500 shares in three days for the event on Facebook and there were no complaints. We were excited to help small businesses by having them setup at the event and want to continue to do this for the community next year. For Whoville 2022, the design has been changed and ready to put up as the marketing piece. We are looking into having a night just for Benedictine next year so that the kids with Autism are able to walk through without a lot of disruptions. We are looking into building our Whoville town and hope to have everyone's support again this year. He asked if any one had any questions and Comm. Spencer advised that he should get with Police Chief Biddle about the parking structure and design it better so that there are no accidents. Comm. Spencer also stated that at the end of the village it was too crowded and something should be done about the lighting sources. Angel explained that it was the first year on those grounds and that Santa's Village design has been changed. Comm. Spencer asked if Council could get a copy of the design for this year and Angel advised once it is put on paper, he will have Council review.

Brandon Cunningham – Caroline County Little League

Caroline County Little League is looking for sponsorship this year. Mr. Cunningham advised that they are looking for a \$350 sponsorship and that it is not too late to send in the sponsorship. The kids play T-ball and coach pitch and there are some kids from Greensboro that are on the teams. Comm. Spencer asked if Mr. Cunningham knew if they used the park out on Cedar Lane; Brandon stated that he did not. Comm. Spencer also asked what the Lion's Club has done for the league as he knows that they normally get involved and Mr. Cunningham advised that he thinks they still are involved with the league. Comm. Spencer asked if Mr. Cunningham could forward the mail to Council regarding the sponsorship in which he advised that he would. Mayor Reichart stated that he knew in the past that the police department would go out to the field and talk to the kids and let them turn on the sirens and asked if that would be part of the partnership. Comm. Spencer was first to motion for Chief Biddle to be in charge in delivering

the check and approving the sponsorship and Comm. Brelia second the motion, all in favor.

Committee and Department Reports

Town Manager

The Town office has the MCSJ Finance Module up and running but we have not had a lot of time to get into it yet.

We are reviewing the P&L for the mini-grant applications we received from the businesses.

Brandon is working on the surplus list that he will be putting out soon.

Sent out the MOU with the suggestions but have not heard anything back from that yet.

Working with RK&K about the WWTP building that we want built. Comm. Spencer states that the reed beds are concerning and not sure if they had ever been cleaned. We need to do something soon prior to April to remain in compliance.

Tomorrow, Mrs. Kelledees will be having a meeting with Kat and the County to discuss what to do about Ober Park.

Town Attorney

Follow-up about the elementary school waiving the connection and Mrs. Ryan has been unsuccessful in finding any type of agreement that would state that they were not to pay any connection. Mayor Reichart wants to know if the Town should now go after the Judy Center for the connection fees. Attorney Lyndsey states that the agreement back in 2006 about the connections was used in 2019 when the new school plans were being created. Comm. Harrison stated that they should be responsible for the water meter and the water that they used. Comm. Spencer also stated that we need to find out if we still have rights to the property for the water tower and Attorney Lyndsey advised that there is an easement for the land.

GVFC

Chief Biddle explained that the Fire Department has a community event called "Fill the Boot" breakfast. Donations are put in firefighter boots. Comm Spencer states that the Fire Department should receive a donation for the controlled burn of the brush and shed. Mayor Reichart states that he is fine with offering \$2,000 donation and Comm. Brelia second the motion. Comm. Spencer states that the Fire Department has had a rough year because of the pandemic and is in need of help. He knows that we have already provided a donation to the Fire Department but they are willing to help us whenever we call. Comm. Weaver motioned to donate \$5,000 instead of \$2,000 and Comm. Brealia rescinded his first motion and seconded the \$5,000 donation, all in favor.

Planning Commission

Comm. Harrison stated that he went to the Planning Commission meeting on 12/16. Baldwin is working out some final details and will start with Phase 1 which are single family homes. They are good as far as we are concerned. No updated meeting to provide any other details as of yet.

Comm. Weaver stated that it needs to be cleared up with what type of office the new doctor's office is.

Parks Board

No meeting held as of yet to provide any updates.

Public Works

Mr. Cunningham advised that they were able to open six out of the nine manholes and they are now accessible. Brandon is in contact with Scott regarding I&I. The old mowers will be picked up and new ones delivered tomorrow; they will take the new blades that we have as trade-ins.

The alley next to Family Dollar is bad. We continue to fix our end, but we will need more millings. Comm. Harrison states that he will speak to Ms. Harris about the road. The road can be closed off or they can pay for paving it if they want to use it. Attorney Lyndsey states that you would probably have to have an ordinance and public hearing regarding closing the road because you are taking it away from the public having access to it. The Town could also close it because it is a public safety and health issue. The best option would be to put it on an agenda before closing it. Comm. Weaver stated that it should be put on the next agenda.

Police

Chief Biddle reported that he has a new police officer joining the force on March 13th and his name is Jeff Christopher. He is a range officer and has been part-time on Greensboro payroll but will now be coming on full-time. He is leaving the Town of Ridgely. The Town of Ridgely has offered to sell his patrol car to us if we are willing to pay \$18,000 for it. Chief Biddle states he reviewed Kelly Blue Book and the price they are asking is a steal. Chief advised that the Kelly Blue Book comparison was around \$21-25k and that is without all of his equipment attached. Comm. Spencer first motioned for the purchase of the vehicle and Comm Weaver second, all in favor. Chief Biddle also explained that they held interviews today and four out of six showed up. He is looking to go forward with two out of the four that interviewed.

Chief Biddle also provided statistics for the month of February 2022 and is as follows:

Calls for service:	274
Arrests	10
Incident Reports	12
Traffic Stops	63
DUI's	0

Violations

Old Business

Mr. Cunningham states there is a meter issue with Suez and feels that they are passing the buck on the contract. Attorney Lyndsey states that she will read over our contract with them. They provide 5/8 Neptune meters but code now requires 1" meters for sprinkler systems.

New Business

Comm. Harrison complimented Planning and Code Enforcement Officer, Jaime Fowler, for doing an outstanding job with getting the violations out to the residents and following up with them to keep the town clean.

Town Council Discussion

RK&K

Attorney Lyndsey and Mrs. Kelledes met with Leslie Grunden and reviewed the preliminary engineering report regarding the \$1 million facility and the administrative side for moving forward. Also discussed were the pump stations, acquiring properties, easements, adding staff and other things that were not originally figured into the equation.

Bills

Comm. Weaver still thinks that bill should be reviewed. Mayor Reichart agreed that small bills are ok to pay but major purchases should be reviewed by Council before. Commissioner Spencer suggested changing the wording on the agenda to “review” of bills versus “approval” of bills.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Harrison made a motion. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Vanice Myers