

TOWN OF GREENSBORO
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 21, 2018

In Attendance: Commissioners Mackey, DeSimone, and Reichart, Jeannette DeLude, Nicole Armour, Sgt. Glenn Ray, Bill Lesmerises

Public: Bob & Cindi Harrison, Ethan & April Delude, Scott Delude, Michele Clough, Gary Wyatt, Christina Robinson

Christina Robinson

Ms. Robinson stated that after the last meeting she was able to read things about herself on social media that were not true. The truth is, her name is Christina Robinson, she lives at 520 W. Sunset Avenue, she is not the co-founder of the coalition, and that she was at the last meeting only to ask questions that were proposed to her from members of the community. Questions that needed to be revisited for clarification. She went on to confirm that her and Mayor Noon are friends, but she felt that many other council members, staff, and audience members were friends of hers too. She stated she was not here because she didn't like police, in fact she has a lot of respect and support for them. She has invested a lot of time and money in this town, and she doesn't like to see it so divided. She wants to be part of the process, not hide behind a computer under fake names. She wants to see this community move forward, what hurt the most was prior to this incident Greensboro was a close knit community, and she would like it to work through this together. She stated that no one has reached out to the children in this community. The children that watch and read the news and read what is put out on social media; stuff that is one side or another, and doesn't hold any facts. She wanted to see the community move forward together, not picking sides. The community is reading all the articles put out when they already have a predetermined view. People need to see the totality of the entire situation and begin to heal and move forward. Ms. Robinson stated that this was also a tragedy for Tom; has the town offered him any mental health counseling? She went on to say that this isn't just about Anton or his family; it is about the community and how we can move forward and work together. When someone loses their life there is always room for improvement. She went on to explain that she has worked with the youth in the community before on how to interact with the police and she would like to see more of that going on. She is willing to help in any way she can. She sees businesses being protested because they took a stance one way or another and that is just hurting ourselves. If the businesses are forced to close then there will be an empty Main Street again, and is that what we really want to see? Ms. Robinson stated that she is in support of honesty, accountability, and the trust. She did come with questions, but mostly they were directed to Mayor Noon. She will be submitting those questions to Ms. Delude in writing. She went on to explain that she didn't like the way things had transpired and she thought that the town was better than this. Com. Mackey stated that he felt that the news has a lot to do with how the community became divided. Ms. Robinson stated that she understood that, and that is why she doesn't go to the media. She comes straight to the source; the council. She went on to say that change happens here. She has spoken with Sgt. Ray and Officer Lee about policing changes. She explained that she doesn't like public speaking, but she couldn't sleep at night knowing nothing was being said or done. She wants to see more people involved in rebuilding this community and bringing it back together. She wants to see the problems fixed without the hate. Everyone thanked Ms. Robinson for coming and for all of her input.

Bob Thornton-Nutrient Reduction Fees

Mr. Thornton was not present, but Mr. Wyatt, the builder was. Mr. Wyatt asked what the fees were actually for. Ms. Delude explained the fees were originally set up for the construction of the new WWTP, but that they are still active. If the council choses, they can remove those fees from the Building Permit process while they were doing the budget process. It would make sense to waive the fees so that houses can be built. If the council were to choose to change it, now would be the time. A short discussion ensued about whether to waive the fees or eliminate the fee altogether at this time. *Com. Reichart motioned to put the fee on hold and revisit the fees during the budget process; which would allow a waiver of this fee until a more permanent decision can be made. Com. DeSimone seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

GVFC Report:

No one was in attendance to give report.

Town Manager Report:

Attached

Council Comments:

None

Com. Reichart motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Com. DeSimone seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:28 pm.

Council moved back into Regular Session at 9:12 pm.

Com. Mackey stated that they had discussed an ongoing personnel issue in Executive Session and no decisions were made.

Com. Mackey stated they also discussed 307 and 513 Bernard and that Ms. Delude will be getting them the information requested so they could make a final decision at the next meeting.

Ms. DeLude stated that she would place the advertisement for a Town Clerk.

Com. Reichart motioned to adjourn the meeting. Com. DeSimone seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:13pm

Respectfully Prepared by
Nicole Armour