

Town Council Workshop Meeting

Town of Greensboro

7.15.2021

In attendance: Town Manager Wendy Dixon, Town Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Kelledes, Samantha Geib, Lyndsey Ryan, Mayor Kevin Reichart, Comm. Brandon Cunningham, Comm. Michael Mackey, Comm. Loge Knight, Chief Gregg Glasel, Deputy Chief Glenn Ray and Family, Patrol Officer Ashley Collison and Family.

The workshop meeting was called to order by Mayor Reichart at 6:05 p.m. on July 15, 2021.

Town Manager/Department Head Reports

Police Report

Chief Glasel wanted to recognize Officer Collison and Deputy Chief Ray for a job well done on multiple occasions. **See the attached commendation from Chief Glasel.** Job well done Officer Collison and Chief Deputy Ray.

Officer Collison, responded to a cardiac arrest at the Greensboro Fair, began CPR and luckily AEDs were on the property and the lady is okay. Chief wanted to bring the situation up because the Police Station only has one AED and we should look into getting AEDs for each vehicle.

Comm. Cunningham gave the Police Department sponsor shirts as a thank you for supporting Exquisite Basketball Organization.

Chief Glasel wanted to talk about the tasers that were purchased in 2018; they are generation 2 tasers and very outdated. Two of the tasers have dead batteries but they were able to borrow a battery from the Caroline County Sheriffs office in the meantime. Chief Glasel has reached out to the taser company to get pricing for the Generation 7 tasers and will update.

The Police Department has received multiple complaints about speeding on East Sunset Ave. The Police Department conducted a 2-week stint on East Sunset and there were not many cases of speeding; 41mph was the highest speed in those two weeks.

Comm. Cunningham wanted to know the difference between the older and newer generation tasers. One difference is that the taser is now yellow in color so there will be no mistake between the taser and the firearm. The new generation also has two cartridges instead of one. There is a better warranty if we got the new ones instead of used.

Mayor Reichart wanted to know if Chief Glasel had heard anything about the enterprise cars. Chief Glasel stated that because our fleet is not large enough, they passed us along to another division that would handle smaller fleets. Chief Glasel spoke to them today and discussed some numbers. If we do decide to go with enterprise the town car would be included.

Town Manager Report

The LGIT insurance renewed and Town Manager Wendy was able to save us about \$1,086; there were vehicles on the insurance that the Town no longer owned.

Ms. Dixon wanted to let the commissioners know that we might have an irate resident come to a Council meeting. The resident is upset that the Town Codes only allow up to four chicken per lot. She claimed to have two lots, which would allow up to 8 chickens, but currently her property is only one lot. Wendy did let the commissioners know that she will not tolerate anyone coming into the building and being disrespectful and cussing the girls in Town Hall; she will ask them to leave.

Ms. Dixon would like to have an event on either September 12th or 13th to retire Ranger and have something to thank first responders in the area. Maybe some sort of chili cook-off. We are thinking about a fundraiser at the event to help with the costs of a new K9.

Ms. Dixon needs the council to vote on if they would like us to get a new K9 as well as if they would like to do the annual drug task force donation. Comm. Knight asked if there would be any change if we did not donate the money. We would still be able to use the resources of the drug task force but we would not have a voting rights.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to keep the \$5,000 Drug Task Force donation for the police budget. Comm. Mackey made the motion. Comm. Knight seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to get a new K9. Comm. Cunningham made a motion. Comm. Mackey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mrs. Kelledees and Ms. Dixon met with the Arts and Crafts Council; we are putting Greensboro on the map with Riverfest and Whoville!

We are getting quotes for siding and window replacement on 109 and 111 S Main. Ms. Dixon gave the commissioners samples to look at.

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Mrs. Kelledees would like to change the water/sewer billing dates to work better with the fiscal years. Either monthly or even quarterly months. We are waiting to hear back from Vikki on the study that is being conducted. Mrs. Kelledees will reach out to her to see where we are at.

The ARPA funds were deposited this morning but we are still iffy on what it can be used for. The commissioners would like quotes on the street repair. The commissioners would like to have a specific meeting to discuss the street repair and fixing what is under the street. When we announce to the public, we will have to make it known what the funds can and cannot be used for.

We received \$1,000 from the Critical Area grant instead of \$750. We are going to be updating our Critical Area so we would like to use that money to get a planner to update that.

We are working on a mini grant through the Caroline County Council of Arts for Whoville. Mrs. Kelledees, Ms. Dixon and Angel had the first meeting to discuss Whoville. This year we will be holding Whoville at the fire companies Community Hall. Angel had a great idea for larger sponsors. Each business/organization can sponsor one light display.

Comm. Knight suggested applying for the no-tobacco grant, they are always trying to give away money.

We are looking to put on a larger than normal Kids in the Park Day down at the Choptank River Park.

USDA is finally finished, submitted and reconciled.

Town Council Discussion

Comm. Cunningham

Comm. Cunningham wanted to discuss the Town/Police golf cart that we have. He would like to see it have more lights on it and mirrors or purchase a new one. It has good advertising opportunities. He would like us to get quotes for both fixing up and new.

Comm. Cunningham also wanted an update on the Baldwin property. Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan said at the last Planning and Zoning meeting he got preliminary subdivision plat approval. We are now waiting on improvement plans; Baldwin is working with his engineer to draw up the infrastructure plans.

Discussion

110 South Main/Planning and Zoning

Comm. Knight and Comm. Cunningham asked if there was any word on the houses on South Main that are for sale. Mrs. Kelledees told them the potential investor on the property was close to settlement and the investor pulled his offer. Comm. Knight asked why the offer was pulled. Mrs. Kelledees told the commissioners that the investor got negative feedback from a resident that owns the building next door. He received pushback from the neighbor and a member of the Planning Commission. The investors did not want to spend the time and the money on a property that might not be approved or takes months of getting approval.

Comm. Knight wanted to know if the PZ board would have had anything to do with the renovations on 110 S. Main and Attorney Ryan explained that in our current town code it only allows 4 units or less no matter the size of the lot and Ken was proposing 5+ units, which would have to be approved by the Planning Commission.

Comm. Cunningham also brought up the issue about Attorney Ryan not being able to be at the planning meetings since it conflicts with another obligation of hers. It has been brought up a few times to switch the night or the time of the meetings. There are a lot of questions that are being asked at these Planning meetings that can't be answered because Attorney Ryan is not able to be present. Comm. Cunningham thinks it would make the processes move quicker if our attorney would be present. Comm. Knight asked Attorney Ryan if there was another night that would work for her; she said she had given Ms. Dixon a list of nights that would work for her. Ms. Dixon mentioned it to the Planning Commission and was told no. Comm. Knight feels that our attorney should be present especially since a lot is going on with the Baldwin property. We are looking at a new planner that we have worked with in the past, he has a lot of knowledge and that would help with some of the questions at the planning meetings. Comm. Cunningham would like this situation added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Impact fees

The Town had an ordinance that authorizes the charging of impact fees from 2004. The current ordinance authorizes charges for the impact fees for developments that requires a new subdivision map. So, the impact fees are only being charged on large developments and not small vacant lots. There should be impact fees for all building permits pulled for new dwellings.

Forest Conservation

Ordinance 2021-O-10: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO TO REPEAL AND REENACT THE FOREST CONSERVATION ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH RECENT UPDATES TO THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, §§ 5-1601 – 5-1613

Mayor asked for a motion to introduce the Ordinance 2021-O-10. Comm. Cunningham introduced the ordinance. Comm. Knight seconded the introduction.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting. Comm. Cunningham made a motion. Comm. Mackey seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Geib.



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Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021

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FR: Gregg Glasel, Chief of Police

RE: Commendation

On Friday, July 2, 2021, at approximately 1215 hours Officer Ashley Collison and Deputy Chief Glenn Ray were riding as a two-man unit. They were contacted by Caroline County Deputy Nikodemski via radio transmission, requesting that we keep an eye out for a white male wearing a PFG fishing hat, blue shirt and shorts, by the name of Mr. Cody Fiegiel. Telephone contact was made with Deputy Nikodemski, who advised that Mr. Fiegiel had stolen a truck in Delaware earlier in the day, and was stopped by a Caroline County Deputy prior to the truck being reported as stolen. The Deputy gave Mr. Fiegiel a courtesy ride to Greensboro after learning Mr. Fiegiel had a suspended license, not yet knowing the truck was stolen. Deputy Nikodemski advised Mr. Fiegiel was now wanted for being in possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Deputy Chief Ray was familiar with Mr. Fiegiel from previous encounters, and that Mr. Fiegiel is currently living at Riverside Rentals and works for Delmarva Landscaping, which is based out of Industrial Park in Greensboro. Officer Collison and Deputy Chief Ray went to Delmarva Landscaping and spoke with the owner, who advised Mr. Fiegiel had recently been terminated from his employment. As we were waiting to meet with Deputy Nikodemski to try and locate Mr. Fiegiel at Riverside Rentals, Caroline County Sergeant Jake Andrews called out that he had located Mr. Fiegiel in the parking lot of the Quick Stop located at 13760 Greensboro Road. Sergeant Andrews then relayed via radio transmission that he was in a foot pursuit by the elementary school. Officer Collison responded quickly from the intersection of Greensboro Road and Whiteleysburg and as they crossed through the Dollar General parking lot, they observed Mr. Fiegiel running south across the front lawn of the old Greensboro Elementary School. Officer Collison stopped her vehicle at the far southwest corner of the school parking lot as Mr. Fiegiel fled south, toward Wood Duck Drive. Officer Collison and Deputy Chief Ray gave foot pursuit, where Mr. Fiegiel came to a stop in the field. As Deputy Chief Ray pointed his electronic control device at him, Deputy Chief Ray ordered Mr. Fiegiel to the ground. Mr. Fiegiel complied and was taken into custody without further incident or injury. Mr. Fiegiel was seen by Fire Rescue personnel as a precautionary measure, and remanded to the Caroline County Sheriff's Office personnel.

Distribution:

Officer Ashley Collison
Deputy Chief Glenn Ray