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**Town Council Workshop Meeting
Town of Greensboro
01.27.22**

In attendance: Town Manager Tammy Kelledees, Brandon Cunningham, Comm. Robert Harrison, Comm. Amanda Weaver, Comm. David Spencer, Mayor Kevin Reichart, Finance Clerk Sam Geib.

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Reichart at 6:04 p.m. on January 27, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Comm. Spencer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 6, 2022. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved.

Comm. Spencer would like minutes to be approved at both meetings now instead of only at the first meeting of the month. All council agreed.

Mr. Brandon Cunningham asked for a moment to address the council and town. The Town posted that they were looking to hire a Public Works Supervisor and Mr. Cunningham was interested in the position. In order for Mr. Cunningham to be eligible to apply he had to step down as town commissioner. As of January 20, 2022, Mr. Cunningham is no longer a member of the Town Council and has gone through the proper channels to apply for the position. Comm. Spencer wanted it stated for the record that Mr. Cunningham's decision to resign from the Council and apply for the open Public Works Supervisor position was of his own choice and there was no agreement or anything discussed between the Council and Mr. Cunningham. There will be no special treatment. The Council told Mr. Cunningham they will miss him being a part of the council.

Committee and Department Reports

Administration

Mrs. Kelledees has sent the Council the completed water rate study the town had completed. She asked the Council to review. The Council along with Mrs. Kelledees and the town attorney will need to decide the best course of action. Whatever the outcome will be, we will want to present

the study/findings to the public. SERCAP will come out and give the Town a presentation so that everyone can understand. Mayor Reichart suggested having the SERCAP presentation as a separate special meeting. Comm. Spencer would like to have an open discussion with the town residents and possibly having the meeting at the Fire Hall to accommodate everyone that would like to attend. Comm. Spencer also suggested having some example bills to help the residents understand. It is still undecided if the billing will remain quarterly or switch to a monthly billing. Monthly billing would be beneficial to the budgeting process. Comm. Spencer stated that there are pros and cons to monthly billing. Comm. Spencer asked if we would be making our decision before the new budget comes out? Mrs. Kelledees told him she would like the decision to be made before the budget. Mrs. Kelledees will reach out to SERCAP to get something set up with in the next three weeks. She also would like to strongly encourage the town to participate so they can ask questions and be apart of the decision. Mrs. Kelledees suggested that residents could submit their questions before the presentation or even after.

Mrs. Kelledees told the council that she will be closing out the Public Works Supervisor position on Friday. We had six scheduled interview and only five showed up. We will be making a decision based on the applicants that we had.

Mrs. Kelledees asked the commissioners to mark up the mini-grant application that she had sent so we can get that finalized. Attorney Ryan and Tammy are going over the ARPA fund “allowables” although the federal government has loosened the restrictions on the funds. Mrs. Kelledees will get the list to them as soon as possible.

There is nothing new to report on the I&I.

Mrs. Kelledees has spoken with a couple of other towns that are using the OWL system for livestreaming meetings and they love and highly recommend it. The public would be able to listen into the meeting, but they would not be able to comment using Zoom/Owl. Mrs. Kelledees will be purchasing laptops for the commissioners so we are all able to livestream meetings and so we can cut back on the amount of paper materials we give them. The purchase can be covered by the ARPA funds as it allows for people to virtually attend the meeting if concerned about COVID.

The Lincoln RFPs were sent over to the commissioners to review. The bidding will be open until February 28th. Comm. Weaver wanted to know if someone bid really low would we have to accept. Attorney Ryan put a clause in the RFP that allows us to turn down a bid that might be too low. Mrs. Kelledees asked if the council was ready for Mrs. Ryan to post the RFP.

Comm. Harrison made a motion to allow Mrs. Ryan to post the RFP for our Lincoln Street properties. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Town Council Discussion

Comm. Weaver asked about the North County expansion of the waster water treatment plant. Comm. Spencer spoke up along with Mrs. Kelledees to say that the north expansion is already a done deal; it is something that was agreed upon back in the day when building our new WWTP.

The expansion is not supposed to cost the town any money. Comm. Harrison thinks that as long as it does not cost the town any money that we should do it. Mr. Cunningham told the council that it could really be beneficial to the North County residents.

Comm. Weaver also wanted to let Mrs. Kelledees and the other council members know that the lease is coming to an end at the MRDC/Library building and she does not think they are going to renew the lease. Comm. Weaver suggested the building could potentially be a community center for the town. The library is not being used, so that is why they are not looking to renew. There is potential in the building for the town to utilize. Comm. Weaver said Steve would be happy to come to a meeting to discuss.

Comm. Spencer asked about the ProStart company and whether or not they had made any decisions on if we would be using ProStart to run the WWTP. Mrs. Ryan asked if we would hold off on making any decisions about ProStart. She is not happy with the amount that was quoted. They are temporarily running the plant for us until we make a decision.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into closed session regarding personnel matters. Comm. Spencer made a motion. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Geib