

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET STUDY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

C.B. Brown	Councilman
Steve Burnette (7:00)	Councilman
John Jenkins	Councilman
Deborah Jordan	Councilmember
Garland Shephard	Councilman
Leo Taylor	Councilman
Othar Woodard	Councilman

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Taro Knight	Councilman
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**ALSO PRESENT**

M Alan Thornton	Town Manager
Leslie M. Lunsford	Town Clerk

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Acting Mayor Leo Taylor at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation was given by Leo Taylor.

**FY 2016-2017 BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

Alan Thornton, Town Manager, gave an overview of the 2016-2017 FY budget.

Council asked for staff recommendations on the pay study performed by the MAPS Group. Alan Thornton stated that he did not have a recommendation but he did not suggest Council implement the full study recommendation as of July 1, 2016. Council decided to discuss the budget before making a decision on the pay study.

Council discussed the need for a new communication system and the possibility of financing the equipment, which would allow payments to begin in FY 2017-2018. Council agreed that the cost of the system should be allocated to each department that uses the communication system as opposed to just the Police Department. Council also discussed the number of new vehicles requested by the Police Department, Council decided to reduce the number of vehicles from nine to six.

Council went through each page of the budget and asked questions. All questions were answered.

Council called for a 15 minute break at 8:00 pm.

Councilman Brown requested Council meet at the Braswell Center at 6:00 pm on Monday June 13, 2016 prior to the regular Council meeting to evaluate the condition of the facilities including the park and house owned by the Town. The regular Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Council will meet on Monday May 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall for the Revitalization Plan presentation by Anthony Edwards & Watson Brown and to continue the budget study session. Council will resume with the budget on page 43.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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Leo Taylor, Acting Mayor

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Leslie M. Lunsford, Town Clerk