

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Pitt	Mayor
C.B. Brown	Councilman
Steve Burnette	Councilman
John Jenkins	Councilman
Deborah Jordan	Councilmember
Garland Shephard	Councilman
Leo Taylor	Councilman/Mayor Pro Tem
Othar Woodard	Councilman

MEMBERS ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

Troy Lewis	Town Manager
Leslie M. Lunsford	Town Clerk
Chad Hinton	Town Attorney

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitt.

2. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Taylor.

Council took a moment of silence for Councilman Taro Knight.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL

Councilman Shephard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins and passed unanimously, that Council approve the agenda as presented.

5. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION (POSTTHUMOUS)

Mayor Joe Pitt read a Resolution honoring Councilman Taro Knight. The resolution will be presented to Councilman Knight's family at a later time. Councilman Shephard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard and passed unanimously, that Council accept the Resolution.

6. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

A. Al Braxton – 2406 Deanie Avenue, Tarboro

Mr. Braxton requested Council consider naming the basketball court at the M. A. Ray Center after the late Councilman Taro Knight.

B. Naim Akbar – 1114 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Tarboro

Mr. Akbar requested Council take citizens input into consideration before filling the vacant seat for Ward 7.

7. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

A. Zoning Map Amendment – B-3 to RA-8

The following Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Tar River Times and The Tarboro Weekly:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Tarboro will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017, in the Council Room of the Town Hall of the Town of Tarboro for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following item.

- To consider a petition submitted by Charles Ainsley to rezone 4.38 acreage of property located at west Northern Boulevard between north Main Street and Whitehall Street from B-3 (Commercial District) to RA-8 (Residential District-single family, two family, and multi-family).

Being the property situated containing 4.38 acres and being all of Lot A2 as shown on minor final plat entitled "Byrd's Square Market Subdivision, owner, Byrd Family Limited Partnership, 1232 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27212" and said map is recorded in Plat Cabinet 6, Slide 52, Edgecombe Public Registry and is hereby incorporated fully by reference for further description by metes and bounds.

The full text of this application which if adopted, will effectuate the proposed changes is on file in the office of the Director of Planning and in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Tarboro in the Town Hall and is available for review by interested parties during normal business hours prior to the holding of the public hearing.

All citizens and interested parties are urged to be present at said Public Hearing and make their views known on said proposed amendment and application.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO.

This the 21st day of December, 2016.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

Catherine Grimm, Planning Director, gave background information.

Gwen & Johnnie Shaw, Emma Darden and Demetria Darden spoke against the zoning amendment. The citizens were concerned about the type of housing, possible property value decrease, peace and safety in the neighborhood.

Charles Ainsley spoke in favor of the re-zoning, stating that the Town needed additional housing following Hurricane Matthew.

Everyone having had an opportunity to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Taylor and passed unanimously, that Council adopt the resolution, attached at page 73-35a, and the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO AND ITS ENVIRONS TO AMEND THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 4.38 ACREAGE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT WEST NORTHERN BOULEVARD BETWEEN NORTH MAIN STREET AND WHITEHALL STREET FROM B-3 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO RA-8 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-SINGLE FAMILY, TWO FAMILY, AND MULTI-FAMILY).

The Ordinance is recorded in Ordinance Book Number 11.

8. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Catherine Grimm, Planning Director, presented the Planning Board and Zoning Commission report attached at page, 73-35b. Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Burnette and passed unanimously, that Council call for and hold a public hearing and approve the text amendment application as presented.

9. TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Consent Items

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan and passed unanimously, that the following consent item be approved:

(1) Memo 17-01 – 2016 Tax Levy Adjustment

Action taken: Council

- ordered the Tax Collector be charged with afterlists 57-60 in the amount of \$5,003.84,
- approved 2016 Tax Levy release numbers 17 & 18 in the amount of \$460.48, and
- approved the *Schedule of 2016 Tax Levy Adjusted as of January 9, 2017*, attached at page 73-35c, in the amount of \$3,289,423.41.

(2) Minutes

Action taken: Council approved the minutes of the December 12, 2016 regular meeting

B. Action Items

(1) Memo 17-02 – Budget Amendment – Shop with a Cop Program

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Taylor and passed unanimously, that Council adopt the following resolution:

**BUDGET RESOLUTION
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO
January 9, 2017**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, that the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget be amended as follows:

Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Amt of Change	Revised Budget
REVENUES – GENERAL FUND				
103510.5103	Police Donations	3,000	+2,000	5,000

EXPENDITURES – POLICE DEPARTMENT				
104310.3300	Dept Supplies&Mat.	36,100	+2,000	38,100

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget Officer is hereby authorized and directed to implement said budget as amended.

(2) **Memo 17-03 – Bid Award – Hurricane Matthew – M.A. Ray Center Repairs**

Councilman Shephard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Taylor and passed unanimously, that Council approve the repair contract of Ainsley Construction, Inc. to repair the M.A. Ray Recreation Center at the not to exceed cost of \$140,623.

10. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

Troy Lewis presented dates for the Council Retreat. Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Burnette and passed unanimously, that the Council Retreat be held on March 4 & 5, 2017 at the Fountains of the Albemarle.

Troy Lewis also addressed filling the vacant Ward 7 seat. Council agreed that all interested citizens should submit a letter of intent to fill the seat to the Town Clerk by February 6, 2017. These citizens will be allowed to speak at the February 13, 2017 Council meeting. Council will then appoint an individual to fill the vacant Ward 7 seat.

B. Town Attorney

None.

C. Council Members

Ward 1 – Councilman Woodard – stated that he was looking forward to good things in 2017.

Ward 2 - Councilman Taylor – thanked staff for the winter storm clean up. Councilman Taylor also stated that he was glad to see citizens in Ward 7 interested in serving.

Ward 3 – Councilman Burnette – thanked staff for the winter storm clean up. Councilman Burnette also stated that he thought Council should let Collections and Customer Service handle water bill complaints.

Ward 4 – Councilman Brown – stated that he was looking forward to good things in 2017.

Ward 5 – Councilman Jenkins – thanked staff for the winter storm clean up.

Ward 6 – Councilmember Jordan – stated that she was looking forward to good things in 2017.

Ward 7 – Vacant

Ward 8 - Councilman Shephard – thanked staff for the winter storm clean up. Councilman Shephard also stated that he was looking forward to the Council Retreat

11. CLOSED SESSION AS PER NCGS § 143-318.11.(a)(6)

Councilman Shephard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard and passed unanimously, that Council go into Closed Session.

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Shephard and passed unanimously, that Council resume regular session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Shephard and passed unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned.

Joe Pitt, Mayor

Leslie M. Lunsford, Town Clerk