

**TOWN OF HARRISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016  
6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1A.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Steve Sciascia called the meeting to order and the Town Clerk conducted the roll call.

PRESENT: Mayor Steve Sciascia, Councilmen Chad Baucom, Jeff Phillips, Rick Russo, Ron Smith, Christopher Barfield, John Booth, Councilwoman Benita Conrad

**1B.**

**INVOCATION**

Councilman Barfield conducted the invocation.

**1C.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1D.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Mayor Sciascia presented the resolution naming Harrisburg Veteran's to members of the American Legion.

**1E.**

**AGENDA CHANGES**

- Move Item 2K to New Business as Item 9C
- Move Item 2J to New Business as Item 9D.

**MOTION:**

Councilman Baucom made a motion to approve the proposed change to the agenda with a second from Councilman Russo. **The motion passed 7-0.**

**1F.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Bob Scaggs, 5499 Camlan Court, Harrisburg – brought a safety issue with the sidewalks on Caldwell Road near the new Harris Teeter. Josh Watkins said this portion is part of the CMAQ grant and they are working on the design right now.

**2.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Town Council meeting.
- B. Consider the minutes of the May 14, 2016 Budget Workshop.
- C. Consider the minutes of the June 4, 2016 Budget Workshop.
- D. Consider the minutes of the June 4, 2016 Closed Session.
- E. Set a public hearing for water, sewer and storm water ordinances.
- F. Set a public hearing for voluntary annexation – Hickory Ridge High and Middle Schools.
- G. Consider reappointment of Jim Canter and Robin Torrence to the Fire Department Advisory Board.
- H. Abbington request for street acceptance, Phase 6, Maps 6 and 7.
- I. Consider amending the General Fund budget to transfer funds from salaries to cover the costs relating to contracted work for accounting services.
- J. Consider amending the budget for the transfer of funds associated with installation of a gate at Saddle Creek.

- K. Consider amending budget to account for transferring of funds for construction of Public Works storage building in FY2017.
- L. Consider amending budget for additional debt principal payments.
- M. Consider adoption of a resolution to establish and maintain the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund – Economic Development.
- N. Consider adoption of a resolution to establish and maintain the General Fun Capital Reserve Fund – for Parks and Recreation.
- O. Resolution to name Harrisburg Veteran’s Road (resolution hereby incorporated by reference).

**MOTION:**

Councilman Russo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 2J and 2K that have been moved to New Business. Second was made by Councilman Phillips. **The motion passed 7-0.**

**3.  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**4.  
TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Thanked the members of Council who attended Town Hall Day.
- School Circle closing – should be back open sometime between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.
- Rocking the Burg – June 18 the Charlotte symphony will be playing here in Town Center.
- Railroad – there are some road names that have to be changed due to the project and the Planning Department has sent out information and is looking for input from the affected residents as to what they would like the new name to be.
- Firefighter Recruit Class Graduation – last Friday attended the Firefighter recruit graduation. We had our largest group graduate. Fourteen new Harrisburg firefighters graduated Friday along with several from surrounding communities, and then Station 3 officially opened Sunday morning. Very impressive group of new firefighters, and very proud to say that the one with the highest GPA was one of ours, as well as one of the gentlemen chosen as a spokesperson for the entire class was one of ours.
- Gateway sign at Pharr Mill Road is in and they are working on getting the electrical portion completed. The landscaping will go in this fall.
- ZMax land purchase due diligence is done and we are set to close by the end of this month.
- Cabarrus Summit coming up on June 21.

**5.  
MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

- Received an update from Commissioner Huneycutt that they are working on creating a sign ordinance similar to ours to help with the sign mess on the corners where all of the real estate signs go up every weekend.
- Personnel Committee needs to meet to discuss the MAPS Group Classification and Pay Study. Meeting is set for June 28 at 7:00 pm.

**6.  
COUNCIL’S COMMENTS  
Councilwoman Conrad**

- The trip for Town Hall Day was great. Most interesting was that the state is now partnering with the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina and they are a non-profit. They can do a lot more to raise money to help with Economic Development. They have five focuses: business recruitment, business support, international trade, small business startup and tourism. They are really interested in bringing outside money into North Carolina. Tourism is a 22 billion dollar industry with over 200,000 employees in the state.

### **Councilman Barfield**

- Agreed that Town Hall Day trip was great. One of the things that struck me is that the Governor has started a new initiative for veterans. Has information concerning that if anyone is interested.

### **7A.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**To consider changing road names.** Josh Watkins, Planning Director, presented the background information. Now that NCDOT has wrapped up the road construction at Pharr Mill and Blackwelder Road associated with the Piedmont Improvement Project, there are some road name issues that need to be addressed. Since Pharr Mill Road has been rerouted, and the old section still exists, this old section needs to have a new road name. Staff has worked with NCDOT and Cabarrus County and come up with Speedrail Drive for this section. Furthermore, Speedrail Court and Griffin Brothers Drive, which come off of the old section of Pharr Mill, are one street, and will be considered an extension of Speedrail Drive. For emergency purposes, the street signs have already been posted with the new street names, and the businesses along the roadways affected have been contacted.

The public hearing was opened.

Speaking: none

The public hearing was then closed.

#### **MOTION:**

Councilman Russo made a motion to approve the resolution to change the street names of a portion of existing Pharr Mill Road, a portion of Speedrail Court, and Griffin Brothers Drive following improvements made by the NCDOT. Second was made by Councilman Booth. **The motion passed 7-0.** (Resolution hereby incorporated by reference)

### **7B.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Consider a change to the Council Code of Conduct concerning political activity.** This change comes as requested by Council to further clarify the language concerning political activity by all elected and appointed officials of the Town.

The public hearing was opened.

Speaking:

The public hearing was then closed.

#### **MOTION:**

Councilman Russo made a motion to approve the proposed change to the Council Code of Conduct and incorporate it into the Town Code of Ordinances. Second was made by Councilman Phillips. **The motion passed 7-0.**

### **7C.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Consider the proposed FY2016/2017 Budget.** Town Manager Bobby Williams presented the Manager's Recommended Budget and spoke concerning the budget process.

The public hearing was opened.

Speaking: none

The public hearing was then closed.

After some discussion, the following action was taken:

#### **MOTION:**

Councilman Russo made a motion to approve the proposed FY2016/2017 budget with a second from Councilman Booth. **The motion passed 7-0.**

**8.  
OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**9A.  
NEW BUSINESS**

**Contract addendum to reflect increase in water Concord will make available to Harrisburg per day.** Town Manager Bobby Williams presented the background information. Public Works Director Tom Polito also presented information concerning this addendum. This will increase the amount of water we purchase from Concord so we can stop purchasing from Charlotte. After some discussion, staff was directed to talk with Concord concerning the dates on this addendum, and try to negotiate having the contract end date as well as this addendum end in 2018 as it was originally supposed to.

**MOTION:**

Councilman Baucom made a motion to defer the Water Agreement Contract addendum to the July meeting of Council with a second from Councilman Smith. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Tom Polito also asked Council to consider a resolution to lower the speed limit on Caldwell Road to 35mph now that the bridge is open. With all of the trucks on that road, it is too dangerous for them to continue at 45mph. After some discussion, Council asked staff to bring the resolution before Council at the July 11 meeting.

**9B.  
NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment member appointments.** Josh Watkins presented the background information. These Boards have two positions that will expire on July 1, 2016. Kristi Bost, one of the current members, has decided not to seek reappointment to either board. Town staff would like direction from Council on how to proceed with filling this position. Staff has received notification from the public showing potential interest in filling vacancies. After some discussion staff was directed to put out the information and take applications for the positions that will expire this year. The current member who is expiring may reapply if he wishes to continue on the Board as well.

**9C.  
NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider amending budget to account for transferring of funds for construction of Public Works storage building in FY2017.** Councilman Baucom had some thoughts as to how things like this should be handled in the future. The Facilities Committee should be looking at these and giving the Manager some direction just to make sure we are doing everything in the best interest of the Town as a whole, and getting the best possible facilities for the best price. In some cases, that may mean combining some facilities. After some discussion the following action was taken:

**MOTION:**

Councilman Baucom made a motion to approve the budget amendment for transferring funds for construction of the Public Works storage building. Second was made by Councilman Russo. **The motion passed 7-0.**

**9D.  
NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider amending the budget for the transfer of funds associated with installation of a gate at Saddle Creek.** Councilman Baucom had a question for Tom Polito concerning whether the issues we have had with this gate have been resolved. Mr. Polito stated that at this point the gate is not working properly. He has been told by officials from DOT that he should just lock it for now. After some discussion it was decided that staff will meet with officials from Saddle Creek and JHE to discuss options to redesign the gate or resolve the issues in some other fashion.

**MOTION:**

Councilman Baucom made a motion to approve the budget transfer of funds associated with installation of a gate at Saddle Creek with a second from Councilwoman Conrad. **The motion passed 7-0.**

**10.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Arrange a meeting the officials from Saddle Creek and JHE to work to resolve the gate issue.
- Bring a resolution to Council at the July 11 meeting to consider lowering the speed limit on Caldwell Road to 35mph.
- Meet with Concord officials to work on the water agreement addendum.
- Get additional context for the law enforcement statistics for Council.

**11.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:**

Councilman Baucom made a motion to go into closed session for personnel matters and pending litigation. Second was made by Councilman Booth. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Following the Closed Session the following action was taken:

**MOTION:**

Councilman Baucom made a motion to come out of Closed Session and return to regular business with a second from Councilman Russo. **The motion passed 7-0.**

**12.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

There being no further business, Councilwoman Conrad made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Baucom. **The motion passed 7-0.**

ATTEST:

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Janet Rackley, Town Clerk

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Steven J. Sciascia, Mayor