

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2016
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
7:00 p.m.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held a special meeting/work session on February 9, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. with the Honorable Mary Jo Adams, Mayor Pro Tem, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Dolores A. Hammond, Curtis B. Leak, Andrew G. Williamson, Jr., and J.D. Willis. Mayor Matthew Block, MD was absent.

Also present were Charles D. Nichols III, City Manager; Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk; and William P. Floyd, Jr., City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Willis requested a moment of silence.

Councilmember Willis moved to suspend the meeting until Mayor Block was in attendance to ensure transparency and to comply with his wishes that Council not meet without all five (5) councilmembers and the Mayor present.

The motion died for lack of a second.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Manager explained that there was some miscommunication between Creech and Associates and himself, and that the final schematic design for the proposed city hall and police station would be at the February 16, 2016 meeting, and not at tonight's meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended upon the recommendation by the City Manager.

Upon question by Councilmember Williamson, the City Manager explained that Mayor Block confirmed that he will be at the retreat on February 12, 2016.

Councilmember Willis requested the City Manager verify with Mayor Block no later than Thursday that he would be in attendance at the February 12, 2016 retreat, and also if he would be in attendance at the February 16, 2016 regular meeting.

AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2016

The City Manager reviewed the agenda for February 16, 2016 as follows:

- 3) Consent Agenda

- a) Consider minutes of December 16, 2015 special meeting; December 22, 2015 organizational meeting; December 22, 2015 regular meeting; and January 12, 2016 special meeting/work session

DELEGATION

- 4) Ms. Aku Oyata – Festival and Street Closing-Tema Festival
The City Manager explained that Mr. Warner had met a couple of months ago with Ms. Oyata concerning the Tema Festival, but had not received any documentation concerning the proposal. He added that Mr. Warner went home sick earlier in the day and could not be at the meeting.
- 5) Mr. Robert Macy - Update on Scotland County Reentry Council
- 6) Complete Schematic Design Submittal on Proposed New City Hall and Police Station– Creech & Associates
The City Manager explained that Creech & Associates will present the schematic designs based upon Council's concerns and recommendations.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- 7) Community Development Update
The City Manager explained that Mr. Warner would provide an update on the Art Garden, the fruit orchard at the high school, and on downtown flags, benches and trash
- 8) Consider Resolution No. R-2016-01 Resolution of Intent to Reimburse
The City Manager explained that if Council decides to go forward with construction of the new city hall and police station, this resolution is necessary in order for the City to be reimbursed out of financing funds any funds that are expended prior to the financing.
- 9) Consider Resolution No. R-2016- Recognizing Assistance from the City of Lumberton's Electric Department
The City Manager explained that this resolution is to thank the City of Lumberton electric crews that worked alongside the City's electric crews to restore power to the City from the recent ice storm.
- 10) Consider setting public hearing on March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to consider a request for a conditional use permit to operate a carnival at 1681 S. Main Street
The City Manager explained that this is the carnival that has been in Laurinburg previous years. He explained that the proposal is to hold the carnival in the parking lot where Save A Lot was located. He added that Planning Board heard the request earlier in the afternoon and recommended that Captain Larry's parking lot be barricaded off and that attendees were directed to use the parking lot at the former McDonald Brothers.
- 11) Discussion of Economic Development and contribution to Scotland County Economic Development Corporation
- 12) Authorize Tax Collector to advertise tax liens the week of March 7-11, 2016
- 13) Approve Tax Releases, Adjustments and Discoveries to 2015 Tax Levy

APPOINTMENTS

- 14) Scotland County Economic Development Corporation
- 15) Lumber River Council of Governments
- 16) Laurinburg/Maxton Airport Commission

Upon question by Councilmember Leak, the City Clerk explained that the appointee to the Scotland County Economic Development Board and the Lumber River Council of Governments had to be an elected official.

Discussion ensued concerning the appointment to the Laurinburg/Maxton Airport Commission (LMAC). The City Attorney explained that according to the City Code, there was no requirement for the appointee to LMAC be an elected official; therefore, there was no vacancy at this time and Thomas W. Parker III could continue serving if he desired.

Discussion ensued concerning whether the appointees to LMAC should be an elected official. Councilmember Hammond suggested that research be conducted to determine if there was a conflict of interest in having a City elected official on LMAC to approve the budget since members of LMAC are compensated.

Councilmember Leak suggested that Mr. Parker be consulted to see if he wishes to remain on LMAC, and if so, remove the item from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Following discussion, it was consensus of Council for Items 8, 10, and 13 to be added to the Consent Agenda and for the Tax Collector to be present.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City Manager explained that there are two (2) interviews for the Director at Scotland County Economic Development Corporation on February 19, 2016.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:25 p.m., Councilmember Hammond moved to go into closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of considering the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and carried unanimously.

At 7:34 p.m., Councilmember Willis moved to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Willis, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Matthew Block, MD, Mayor

Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk