

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Session
February 1, 2016

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on February 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilman Charles Allen, Councilman Brian Carico, Councilman Rick McCraw, Mayor Jack Warren, City Manager Homer Dearmin, City Clerk Tammy Hatley, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Chief of Police Paula May, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Lewis, Public Utilities Superintendent Robert Pettitt, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Water Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Senior Center Director Suzan Garner, Officer Jordan Roddy, and Officer Amanda Creed. Mayor Pro Tempore Wesley Carter was absent.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Councilman McCraw gave the invocation followed by a moment of silence in memory of former King City Councilman Howell "H.P." Patterson.

EXCUSE ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Councilman Allen moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tempore Carter. Councilman Carico seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Warren noted that the following announcements were listed on the agenda.

- King Chamber of Commerce, Business Before Hours: Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m., King Chamber of Commerce
- Ribbon Cutting at Water Treatment Plant: Friday, February 5, 2016, 11:30 a.m.
- Annual Chicken Stew Fundraiser for King Senior Center: Saturday, February 6, 2016, 5:00 – until they run out of chicken stew, King Senior Center, Advance ticket purchase required, \$7 per person
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building (This meeting will likely be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items)
- King Planning Board, Regular Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m., King City Hall (This meeting will likely be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items)

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mrs. Cathy Loveday, Executive Director of the King Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Ira Tilley of Rockingham County spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Being no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Warren closed the floor for public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Carico requested that *Approval of NCDOT Railroad Crossing Closure Agreement* be pulled from the consent agenda.

Action

Councilman Allen moved to approve item (A) of the consent agenda as presented. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. The item approved was: (A) January 6, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes.

APPROVAL OF NCDOT RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE AGREEMENT

The Council held a discussion regarding the terms of the draft contract.

Action

Councilman Carico moved to approve the NCDOT Railroad Crossing Closure Agreement with the possible addition of wording to the effect that *the current Goff Road Railroad Crossing would not be closed until the new crossing had been completed*. Councilmen Allen and McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Officers Kenneth Gallimore, Robert Russell, and Chad Williams entered the meeting at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Chief May introduced Officers Jordan Roddy and Amanda Creed to the Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO CITY ORDINANCE REGARDING STREET CLOSINGS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing for *Consideration of Amendment to City Ordinance Regarding Street Closings for Special Events*.

Manager Dearmin informed the Mayor and Council that amendments to the City Code of Ordinances regarding street closings for special events was necessary due to new requirements by the NC Department of Transportation regarding the closure of state maintained streets.

The Council reviewed the proposed ordinance.

Being no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Warren closed the public hearing for *Consideration of Amendment to City Ordinance Regarding Street Closings for Special Events*.

Action

The Council agreed by consensus to add "The Chief of Police or City Manager shall notify the applicant without reasonable delay and keep a record of the attempt to notify if they aren't able to contact the applicant." to the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Carico moved to approve Text Amendment 2016-01 as presented with the addition wording approved by Council consensus. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Councilman Carico moved to approve Ordinance 2016-02, an ordinance declaring a road closure for special events co-sponsored by the King City Council, as presented. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

BUDGET AMENDMENT 2015-02.08

Finance Director O'Brien informed the Mayor and Council that this is a request to amend the FY 2015-2016 budget.

Action

Councilman Carico moved to approve Budget Amendment 2015-02.08 as presented. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

SANITARY SEWER ABANDONMENT FOR ONE CONNECTION AT 510 EAST KING STREET/KIRBY ROAD

City Engineer Barrow informed the Mayor and Council that this is a request by Mr. John Henry Spainhour to abandon an unused sanitary sewer connection at 510 East King Street. Mr. Spainhour has an apartment structure that has no power, no water, no tenant, and no plans to ever rent again. Mr. Spainhour also wants to demolish this structure with permission from the City. The account number is 16-00005-001.

Action

Councilman McCraw moved to approve the sanitary sewer abandonment request by John Henry Spainhour at 510 East King Street. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

CONSIDERATION OF EASEMENT REQUEST BY DUKE ENERGY AT MAINTENANCE SHOP

City Engineer Barrow informed the Mayor and Council that Duke Energy has determined that they need to enter the City's property in order to provide a power drop for the Verizon cell antenna project. The proposed easement agreement has been reviewed by City Attorney Woltz.

Action

Councilman Allen moved to approve the easement agreement with the caveat that the City Attorney approves the contract. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Carico moved to appoint Mrs. Cathy Loveday to the Community Appearance Commission. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Councilman Allen moved to appoint Mrs. Ashley Turner to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff put the Planning Board Vacancy back on social media and not to advertise in the newspaper again.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no questions regarding the department reports.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Allen: Nothing at this time.

Councilman McCraw:

- Commended staff for a good job on the snow removal, police and fire departments for their work during the recent snow storm.
- Stated he is proud to be sitting on the City Council serving the citizens.

Councilman Carico:

- Echoed Councilman McCraw’s comments regarding staff’s work during the recent snow storm and noted that this was not an easy job, it required staff to be away from their families, and that he appreciated our employees.

Mayor Warren:

- Agreed with Councilmen Carico and McCraw regarding their comments on staff’s work during the snow storm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LAND ACQUISITION PER N.C. GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (A) (5) AND TO PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PER N.C. GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11(A) (1)

Councilman McCraw moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of land acquisition per N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(A) (5) and to prevent the disclosure of confidential information per N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(A) (1). Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Mayor Warren reconvened the regular meeting and announced that no action had taken place during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Allen moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. The meeting stood adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Jack Warren
Mayor

Tamara H. Hatley, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk