

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Session
July 5, 2022

The King City Council met in regular session at City Hall in the Council Chamber, 229 S. Main St, on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were: Councilwoman Jane Cole, Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw, Mayor Jack Warren, Councilwoman Terri Fowler, Councilman Michael Lane, City Engineer/Interim Manager Scott Barrow, City Clerk Nicole Branshaw, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Senior Center Director Paula Hall, Water Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Superintendent of Public Utilities Robert Pettitt, Supervisor of Public Works Ricky Lewis, Police Chief Jordan Boyette, Police Lieutenant Benny Haynes, and Parks/Rec Director Olivia Calloway. Absent from the meeting was Planning Director Keith Handy.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order.

Chaplain Tracey Collins offered an invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CANCELED: Economic Development Committee, Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 8:30 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers
- Senior Services Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 3 p.m., King Senior Center
- Parks/Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2022, 7 p.m., Parks/Rec Community Building Parlor Room, 107 White Road
- Community Appearance Committee, Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2022, 3:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers
- King Planning Board, Regular Meeting: Monday, July 25, 2022, 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers
- King City Council, Regular Meeting: Monday, August 1, 2022, 6 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers
- TIME CHANGE: Economic Development Committee, Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 6 p.m., Rec Acres Community Building, 107 White Road

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

No adjustments were made by Council or Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

1. Dan Corder, Village Administrator, Village of Tobaccoville, 2063 Covington Road, King, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the recent Interlocal Agreement between the Village of Tobaccoville and the City of King to assist the village with picking up the bulk items from their residents. Mr. Corder, Councilman Baker, and Councilman Shore came to extend their gratitude for our services.
2. Randy Griffin, PO Box 215, King, NC, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning sewer and water rates, Police support and apologized for misspeaking at the last Council meeting.
3. Nichole Rose, 3508 NC 66 Hwy N., Westfield, NC, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning supporting our Police Department. She thanked the Council for the two officer positions given to the Police Department but was concerned about the needed equipment and vehicle for those two officers.

Being no one else gave written or verbal requests wishing to speak, Mayor Warren closed the meeting's public comment portion. ****SEE DOCUMENT #1****

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Cole made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Consent agenda items were:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. June 2, 2022, Called City Council Meeting**
- 2. June 6, 2022, Regular Meeting**
- 3. June 30, 2022, Called City Council Meeting**

APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MOTION

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to appoint Mrs. Jeannie Smith to the Community Appearance Commission for a term of four years ending December 2025. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

APPOINTMENT TO PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MOTION

Councilwoman Fowler moved to appoint Mr. Thomas Newsom III to the King Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term of four years ending December 2025. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

ABC REFERENDUM RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

Council members Cole and Fowler requested the City Clerk to add discussion of the ABC referendum to January 3, 2022, City Council meeting agenda. Resolution No. 2022-01 was approved to add the referendum to the November 2022 election ballots to allow citizens to vote on this matter.

Per Jason Perry, Director of Stokes County Board of Elections, NC General Statute 18B-602 (h) has been updated. The terminology used in Resolution No. 2022-01 needs to be revised to reflect the NC General Statute changes. As previously stated in January 2022, the City Council's approval of this referendum does not imply endorsement but instead puts the matter in the hands of the voters.

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2022-09 with updated NC General Statutes language, which will override previously approved Resolution No. 2022-01.

MOTION

Councilwoman Fowler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-09 ABC referendum with updated NC General Statutes language overriding Resolution No. 2022-01. Councilwoman Cole seconded the motion. The motion was carried out with a vote of 3-1. (Y -Cole, Fowler, McCraw, N - Lane)

PREVIOUS ITEMS OF CONCERN

The following was directed to Olivia Calloway, Director of Parks/Rec:

- Light poles for the baseball fields at Rec Acres – Mrs. Calloway is still waiting on the PARTF Grant to announce the PARTF award winners. We will not know the results until September 2022.
- Disc Golf course is getting great reviews within the disc golf community. On a popular disc golf app, our course is rated 3.7 out of 4.

- Veterans Memorial – there is a leak that is hopefully covered under warranty. The representative with the company we used is doing some research. We have a contract but will need to see if it specifically states that it will cover this leak.
- Story Walk – Stokes Partnership for Children has asked us to wait until the inserts are ready before installing the stands to hold the inserts.
- Grills at Central Park - Darrell Calloway said that all 3 grills are in such bad condition that it would not be worth it to only fix the lower half of the grills. But if that is what the Council prefers for him to do, the cost would be \$300 per grill. Mr. Calloway also said that he could replace the entire unit for \$600 per grill.
- Central Park playground – rubber mulch has been put down. There is a small corner where more mulch must be purchased to complete the job.
- Posts at Central Park playground – Central Parks Maintenance Worker Tyler can fix the posts that need to be repaired.
- BurgerFest – the burgerfest was a success. They sold out of their tickets to sample the burgers. This event raised over five thousand dollars.
- 4th of July Fireworks – there was an issue with a fuse used to set the fireworks off, and the company had to relight it, which interrupted the grand finale.

Questions directed towards other staff:

- Trail repair – Interim Manager Barrow stated that this was measured and would be submitted when the Streets repair request was completed.
- Veterans Pavers – Director of Planning/Inspections Handy stated he was still waiting for a response from the paver company.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No questions concerning departmental reports.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Council thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work and for putting on a wonderful cook-out for staff and their families.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS PER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 143-318.11 (A) (6)

Councilwoman Fowler moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters per NC General Statute 143-318.11 (A) (6). Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mayor Warren reconvened the meeting and stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Attest:

Approved by:

Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk

Jack Warren, Mayor

*****Clerks Note: See Document 1 for supporting documents. *****

Date: July 5, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

All persons who wish to speak MUST sign up for the Public Comment period unless you wish to speak during a public hearing, in which case you must sign up for the Public Hearing. ALL SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME	ORGANIZATION (if Any)	ADDRESS	PHONE	SUBJECT	City Resident?
1. Dan Corber	Village of Tobaccoville	2063 Covington Road King, N.C.	336-994-1006	Tobacco - 1 Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
2. Mark Baker		Rhodes Drive Tobaccoville N.C.			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
3. Boyle Stone		Rolling Hill Drive Tobaccoville N.C.			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
4. Raddy Grzefan	TAXPAYERS	P.O. BOX 215 KING	953-2370	VARIOUS	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
5. Nichole Rose		Wassfield	336-414-		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
6.					<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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In many cases, the City Council will receive your comments but take no action at the meeting.

A staff member will contact you to follow up on your concerns.