

**MINUTES**  
**King City Council**  
**Called Budget Workshop**  
**May 6, 2022**

The King City Council met in a called session to conduct a budget workshop at King City Hall on Friday, May 06, 2022, at 9:00 am. Present were: Councilwoman Terri Fowler, Councilman Michael Lane, Councilwoman Jane Cole, Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw, Mayor Jack Warren, City Manager Homer Dearmin, City Clerk Nicole Branshaw, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Director of Finance & Personnel Susan O'Brien.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order.

Chaplain Hughes offered the invocation.

It was the consensus of the Council to add "Other City Business" to the agenda.

**FY 2021-22 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

A discussion was held concerning the Budget Ordinance 2022-03 Section 12 (b): *He may transfer appropriations up to fifteen thousand (\$15,000) between departments of the same fund fr each of the first three quarters of the fiscal year and up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) between departments of the same fund for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year with an official report on such transfers provided at the next regular meeting of the City Council.*

**MOTION**

Councilwoman Cole made a motion that Budget Ordinance 2022-03 Section 12 (b) language be changed to state: *He may transfer appropriations up to fifteen thousand (\$15,000) between departments of the same fund fr each of the first three quarters of the fiscal year, and up to **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** between departments of the same fund for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year with an official report on such transfers provided at the next regular meeting of the City Council. Councilwoman Fowler seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.*

At 9:25 am, Stokes County Sheriff's Office arrived and served Councilwoman Terri Fowler, Councilman Michael Lane, Councilwoman Jane Cole, Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw, Mayor Jack Warren, and City Manager Homer Dearmin a Civil Summons. An official copy signed by Mayor Warren was given to Clerk Nicole Branshaw to file.

The budget workshop continued with Manager Dearmin asking Council about a broken tractor at Central Park. It would cost seven thousand (\$7,000) to fix or around twenty-seven thousand (\$27,000) to purchase a new one. It was the consensus of the Council to purchase a new tractor with contingency money to be used.

A discussion was held concerning the FY 2022-2023 budget recommendations and motions that have been made at prior budget workshops.

City Attorney Ed Woltz joins the meeting.

**MOTION**

Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw made a motion to table all budget items until the next scheduled Budget Workshop meeting to be determined at a later date. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mayor Warren turned the meeting over the City Attorney Woltz, who read Resolution 2022-07.

**MOTION**

Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 as presented. Councilwoman Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. **\*\*DOCUMENT 1\*\***

Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw made a motion to appoint City Engineer Scott Barrow as Interim City Manager, who has all powers with all duties related to the office of City Manager. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**MOTION**

Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw made a motion to discuss the employee pay plan table at the June City Council meeting. Councilwoman Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

City Attorney Woltz asked the City Council for permission to hire a Litigator Attorney to represent the City and Council members on Civil Summons – Davis vs. City of King. Attorney Woltz also asked the Council for their permission to speak to Prior City Manager Dearmin concerning the case since he was also served the Civil Summons.

**MOTION**

Councilwoman Fowler made a motion to approve City Attorney Ed Woltz to hire a Litigator to represent the City and Council members for Civil Summons – Davis vs. City of King and authorized Attorney Woltz to speak to Prior City Manager Dearmin concerning the case. Councilwoman Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**RECESS**

Mayor Warren recessed the meeting until Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

Attest:

Approved by:

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Nicole Branshaw  
City Clerk

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Jack Warren  
Mayor

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

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RESOLUTION  
2022-07

WHEREAS, the City of King employed Homer T. Dearmin to serve in the capacity of its City Manager effective March 17, 2014;

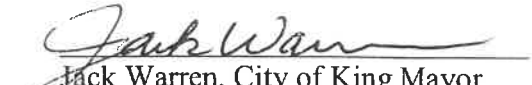
AND, WHEREAS, Mr. Dearmin fulfilled the many duties associated with the position of City Manager;


AND, WHEREAS, Mr. Dearmin served the City of King in a professional and workman like manner while exercising the powers and duties set forth in the NCGS 160A-148;

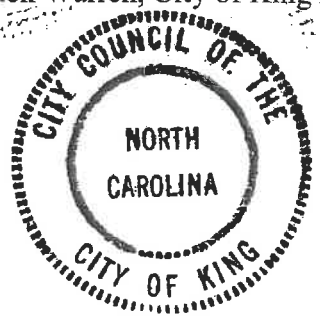
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Homer T. Dearmin is relieved from the terms and provisions of the Employment Agreement dated March 17, 2014 with the City of King.
2. Mr. Dearmin shall be paid a lump sum equal to six (6) months of his current salary and prorated fringe benefits, including, but not limited to medical/dental/health insurance. Additionally City shall pay required 401K deferred compensation and required contributions to the local government employees' retirement system.
3. The City of King shall pay to Homer T. Dearmin through this date professional dues and subscriptions related to his professional development as well as mileage reimbursements. Payment shall be on a prorated basis.
4. This termination and the referenced severance package is pursuant to Section 6 of the Employment Agreement between the City of King and Homer T. Dearmin dated March 17, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution is adopted the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

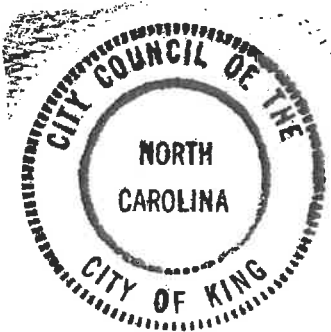
  
Jack Warren, City of King Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk



I, Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk for the City of King, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of King, North Carolina, at a meeting held the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022. Witness my hand and the corporate seal of the City of King affixed hereto this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

[SEAL]



*Nicole Branshaw*  
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Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk