

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Session
February 3, 2020

The King City Council met in regular session at the King Recreation Acres Community Building on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilman Charles Allen, Councilman Wesley Carter, Councilman Terri Fowler, Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw, Mayor Jack Warren, City Manager Homer Dearmin, City Clerk Tammy Hatley, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Director of Planning and Inspections Todd Cox, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Public Utilities Superintendent Robert Pettitt, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Lewis, Water Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Chief of Police Jordan Boyette, Senior Center Director Paula Hall, Parks and Recreation Director Olivia Smith, Battalion Chief Keith Handy, Captain Ian Tedder, Lt. Benny Haynes, Lt. Kenneth Gallimore, Corporal Todd Batterton, Officers Chase and Overby, Activities Coordinator Renee Smith, Maintenance Worker Dale Coleman, and Chaplain Scott Vernon.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order.

The invocation was offered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Warren noted the following announcements were listed on the agenda:

- To receive King NC Text Alerts to Code Red 99411
- King Chamber of Commerce, Business Before Hours: Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., King Public Library
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building
- King Planning Board, Regular Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m., King City Hall
- King Economic Development Advisory Board: Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 8:30 a.m., King City Hall

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

It was the consensus of the Council to remove item 3 *Evidentiary Hearing – Rezoning Request CU-R-MF-A-040 by AE Construction A, Inc. of King* at the request of the applicant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mr. Brandon Hooker, Stokes County Register of Deeds, of 1716 Clark Road, Lawsonville, NC; Robert Gray Southern of 105 Kirby Road, King, NC; Darrell Calloway of 108 Antique Drive, King, NC; Dwayne Bryant of 8301 NC 704, Madison, NC; E.A. "Buddy" Timm of 708 Summit Street, Walnut Cove, NC; Steven Hewett of 141 Willowbend Drive, King, NC; Andy Stevens of 157 Old Garner Drive, King, NC; Amos Elvis of 1250 Carson Watts Road, King, NC; and Mike Fulp of 1643 Stokesbury Road, Walnut Cove, NC addressed the Mayor and Council.

Being no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Warren closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Fowler moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Items approved were: (1) January 6, 2020, regular meeting minutes; (2) Set Public Hearings at King City Hall on Monday, March 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m. for: Financing Agreement of Street Paving, Request by FGM Development, LLC, and To Amend Chapter 32, Sec. 32-241 Table of Area, Height and Placement Regulations; and (3) Set Planning Workshop Date at King Recreation Acres Community Building on Friday, March 6, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES – ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR RENEE SMITH AND MAINTENANCE WORKER DALE COLEMAN

Activities Coordinator Renee Smith and Maintenance Worker Dale Coleman were introduced to the Mayor and Council.

SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTION RESOLUTION

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve Resolution 2020-02, a resolution protecting the Second Amendment rights of City of King citizens and declaring the City of King a Second Amendment Constitutional Rights Protection City which is incorporated within the body of the minutes below. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CITY OF KING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02

A RESOLUTION PROTECTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF CITY OF KING CITIZENS AND DECLARING THE CITY OF KING A SECOND AMENDMENT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS PROTECTION CITY

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that the right of individual citizens to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States of America by elected officials from many levels of Government; and

WHEREAS, it is further recognized that the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of the land, and the Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees individual citizens to have the right to keep and bear arms in a manner that shall not be infringed; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has, through multiple rulings, upheld an individual citizen's right to keep and bear arms when federal, state, and local laws have sought to restrict this right; and

WHEREAS, the right to bear arms is necessary for self-defense, the defense of others including family members, the protection of individual liberty, and for the preservation of our American Republic; and

WHEREAS, many Americans believe that Second Amendment rights are "God-given" rights, and it is a law of nature that every creature can defend their lives from threats; and

WHEREAS, the King City Council wishes to express its support in protecting the Second Amendment Rights of all City of King citizens who are legally authorized to own and possess a firearm; and

WHEREAS, the King City Council wishes to express opposition to any law, regulation, or other act that would infringe on the Second Amendment Rights of City of King citizens; and

WHEREAS, the King City Council expresses its intent for the City of King to stand as a Constitutional Rights Protection City for Second Amendment Rights by opposing any efforts by any entity to restrict these Rights. Opposition will include any means available under the U.S. Constitution and the laws of North Carolina including

the withholding of funds, direction of City employees, legal action, and other means as deemed necessary and legal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the King City Council declares the City of King a Second Amendment Constitutional Rights Protection City and declares that City of King Government will respect and defend the Second Amendment Rights of City of King citizens.

The King City Council implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress to preserve, uphold, and protect the rights of all citizens to keep and bear arms under the United States Constitution; and further implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress to reject any provision, law, or regulation that may infringe, have the tendency to infringe, or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms.

The King City Government will not authorize or appropriate government funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers, or offices for the purpose of enforcing or assisting in the enforcement of any acts, laws, orders, mandates, rules, regulations, or gun confiscation or other restrictions that infringe on the right of the people to keep and bear arms as set forth in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The King City Government will utilize all legal means necessary to protect the Second Amendment Rights of City of King citizens including, but not limited to, legal action.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February 2020.

STOKES COUNTY 0.25% SALES TAX INCREASE REFERENDUM RESOLUTION

Stokes County Manager, Jake Oakley, informed the Mayor and Council that Stokes County will have a 0.25% sales tax increase referendum on the election ballot in the March Primary election and asked that each municipality in Stokes County to support this effort by adoption of a resolution expressing support for this ballot initiative.

Action

Councilman Carter moved to table this request indefinitely. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

FORSYTH COUNTY 0.25% SALES TAX INCREASE REFERENDUM RESOLUTION

Forsyth County will have a 0.25% sales tax increase referendum on the election ballot in the March Primary election. Lewisville Mayor Mike Horn is leading the effort to get each of the municipalities in Forsyth County to support this effort and to adopt a resolution expressing support for this ballot initiative.

Action

Councilman Carter moved to table this request indefinitely. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

ROAD CLOSURE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve Ordinance 2020-01, an ordinance declaring a road closure for special events co-sponsored by the King City Council as presented, which is incorporated within the body of the minutes below. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CITY OF KING ORDINANCE 2020-01

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS CO-SPONSORED BY THE KING CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of King acknowledges a long tradition of co-sponsoring events that raise money to benefit charities and non-profit organizations throughout the City of King and Stokes County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of King acknowledges its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding community events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of King pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portions of a State Highway System route:

- (1) FEED STOKES 5-K & HALF MARATHON: Saturday, March 14, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Rain date Saturday, March 21, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) Route description: Felts Drive, Pulliam Street, Dalton Road, East King, Mountainview Road, Dalton Road, Maple Street.
- (2) MEET ME ON MAIN: Saturday, April 25, 2020, (Rain Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019) 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Route Description: Dalton Road from Pulliam Street to Maple Street, South Main Street from Felts Drive to King Street
- (3) RUN FOR ROE ROE: Saturday, May 30, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Route description: Felts Drive, Pulliam Street, Dalton Road, East King, Mountainview Road, Dalton Road, Maple Street.
- (4) WEST STOKES HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE: Friday, October 9, 2020, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Route Description: Dalton Road from West School Street to White Road
- (5) DOWNTOWN SAFE TRICK OR TREATING: Saturday, October 31, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Route Description: Dalton Road from Pulliam Street to Maple Street, South Main Street from Felts Drive to King Street
- (6) KING CHRISTMAS PARADE: Saturday, December 5, 2020, 1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Route Description: East School Street, East Dalton Road from East School Street to Main Street, and Main Street from Dalton Road to Jefferson Church Road.

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the event, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the event route.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February, 2020.

APPOINTMENT TO SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Councilman Fowler moved to appoint Mrs. Fran Newsome to the King Senior Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES WITH FORSYTH COUNTY

Councilman Fowler moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement regarding fire protection and rescue services with Forsyth County as presented, which incorporated within the minutes as Attachment "A". Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT 2019-02.04

Councilman Fowler moved to approve Budget Amendment 2019-02.04 as presented. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no questions concerning the departmental reports.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Allen: Nothing at this time

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Stated that he was glad that Stokes County was a Second Amendment County and that King was now a Second Amendment City
- Read the following quote from President George Washington: *“When government takes away citizens’ right to bear arms it becomes citizens’ duty to take away government’s right to govern.”*

Councilman Fowler: Nothing at this time

Councilman Carter: Nothing at this time

Mayor Warren: Thanked everyone who attended the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. The meeting stood adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Jack Warren
Mayor

Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk