Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting * PD Community Room Tuesday, July 23, 2024 @ 6:30 PM



The Board of Commissioners held a regularly called meeting at the Police Department Community Room located at 3620 Providence Road South. The following Board members attended this meeting:

Present: Mayor Robert Murray, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda McMillon, Commissioner Jason Hall,

Commissioner Susanna Wedra, Commissioner Richard Daunt and Commissioner

Tracy Wesolek

Absent: None

Staff: Town Manager Jeffrey Wells, Town Attorney Cindy Reid and Town Clerk Barbara

Bruce

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. A quorum was established as all board members were present.

CEREMONIAL OPENING

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited. Everyone remained standing for a moment of silence.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem McMillon to adopt the agenda, as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

• Jeff Carroll - a resident at 3304 Collins Road, he is representing 7 parcels that would be affected by the proposed alignment of the Waxhaw Parkway. He expressed support of the Waxhaw Parkway but not the alignment going through his property.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of BOC Meeting Minutes

- Special Meeting March 12, 2024
- Special Meeting March 26, 2024
- Special Meeting May 1, 2024
- Special Meeting May 14, 2024
- Regular Meeting May 14, 2024
- Regular Meeting May 28, 2024

Approval of Enhancing Efficiencies and Maximizing Resources Policy (EEMR)

MOTION was made by Commissioner Daunt to adopt the consent agenda, as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

RECOGNITIONS

Planning and Inspections Department: 5 Year Service Award

Ms. Lisa Thompson, Planning & Inspections Director recognized Blair Israel for his 5 years of service with the Town of Waxhaw and honored with a service award. Congratulations Blair!

PRESENTATIONS

Waxhaw Parkway - Additional Alternatives

The Board of Commissioners received as information a presentation regarding additional alternatives for the proposed Waxhaw Parkway.

Mr. James Kelly, Traffic-Transportation Project Manager, provided an overview of the information that included Alt 7A and Alt 7B as additional alternative routes to alleviate traffic congestion in the downtown area.

Mr. Kelly explained both Alt 7A and 7B as additional alternatives that could be considered:

- Alt 7A would connect NC-16 to NC-75 with a 3-lane section from existing tie in with Waxhaw Parkway to a single lane roundabout at Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd. Widen existing Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd to a single lane roundabout at the Pleasant Grove intersection, widen Pleasant Grove/McNeely to Collins Rd intersection, and widen Collins Rd to NC-75.
- Alt 7B would connect NC-16 to NC-75 with a 3-lane section from existing tie in with Waxhaw Parkway to a single lane roundabout at Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd. Widen existing Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd to a single lane roundabout at the Pleasant Grove intersection, widen Pleasant Grove to a single land roundabout at the S Potter Rd intersection, widen S Potter Rd to NC-75.

Discussion

 Mayor Murray clarified that multi-jurisdictional meetings were being scheduled to discuss the various alternatives and develop a plan that would be presented to the Board on the Waxhaw Parkway.

- Commissioner Wesolek questioned who developed the alternative scenarios presented at the last meeting and tonight, staff or a third party consultant. Mr. Kelly answered a third party consultant Kimley Horne was hired to developed the conceptual layouts.
- Commissioner Wesolek questioned the cost of the work. Mr. Kelly answered approximately \$20,000.
- Commissioner Wesolek questioned who directed staff to conduct the work. Mr. Kelly answered it was a request from the Board to review various alternatives.
- Mayor Murray verified that he requested staff to research with Kimley Horne other alternatives when Union County rejected the proposed alignment.
- Mayor Pro Tem McMillon confirmed the request came from Mayor and not from the Board as a whole. Mayor Murray answered it came from members of the Board and himself.
- Commissioner Wesolek questioned Town Manager Wells if the \$20,000 was to be approved by the Board. Mr. Wells answered no. The funds were in the engineering budget under professional services to cover the cost.
- Commissioner Wesolek confirmed this was a request by the Mayor. Mr. Wells answered yes.
- Commissioner Wesolek questioned if Union County would reimburse the Town for the cost of the alternatives for their lack of cooperation. Mayor Murray answered no.
- Mayor Pro Tem McMillon requested the Traffic Engineer, Engineering Department along with staff work and with the Town Attorney's guidance draft a resolution in support of the CRTPO Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the Northeast and Southeast Quadrants of the Waxhaw Parkway to be brought back to the Board for discussion and feedback.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem McMillon for the Traffic Engineer, Engineering Department, along with staff and with the Town Attorney's guidance draft a resolution in support of the CRTPO Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the Northeast and Southeast Quadrants of the Waxhaw Parkway to be brough back to the Board and CRTPO. **MOTION** carried a vote of 3:2 with Commissioner Wedra and Commissioner Daunt in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval to Award Contract to Trull Contracting for the Waxhaw 2024 Asphalt Repair/Resurfacing

The Board of Commissioners considered for approval to award the contract to Trull Contracting for the 2024 Asphalt Repair/Resurfacing project.

Mr. James Kelly, Traffic-Transportation Project Manager provided an overview of the project. He noted a formal bid opening was held on July 16, 2024, to receive proposals for the 2024 Asphalt Repair/Resurfacing project. The Town received five (5) bids for the asphalt repair and resurfacing. The lowest responsible/responsive bidder was Trull in the amount of \$449,600.00. Staff requested approval from the Board of Commissioners to award the contract to Trull Contracting and authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hall to award the Waxhaw 2024 Asphalt Repair/Resurfacing contract to Trull Contracting in the amount of \$449,600.00 and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

Consideration of Appointments to the Organization Advisory Board (OAB)

The Board of Commissioners considered the appointments to the Organization Advisory Board (OAB) to fill the four (4) vacant Chair or Vice-Chair seats for Parks, Cultural & Recreation, Historic Preservation Commission, Public Art Committee, and Planning Board.

Ms. Barbie Bruce, Town Clerk provided an overview of the role of the OAB and appointment process. She noted that the review process would begin in August and completed in September to ensure that all appointments were in place by October 1st.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wesolek to appoint Michael Evola, PCR; Brendan Thoms, HPC; Sarah Klapprodt, PAC; and John Gemignani - PB/BOA Alternate to serve on the Organization Advisory Board. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

<u>First Reading of Proposed Changes to the Town Code of Ordinances for Commercial Vehicle Updates</u>

The Board of Commissioners received as information the first reading of proposed ordinance (ORD2024020) Section 66:21 Amending Commercial Vehicle exceptions and definitions related to trucks, tractors, trailers, motorcoaches and the like.

Mr. Mattison Miller, Senior Planner provided an overview of the changes. This was a request by the Waxhaw Code Enforcement Department to allow residents greater flexibility when residing inside Town limits with a commercial vehicle.

Discussion:

• Commissioner Hall questioned if the updates overreach HOA regulations. Mr. Miller answered the HOAs had stricter regulations related to commercial vehicles.

TOWN LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Town Manager Jeffrey Wells

- Staff is working on Cabarrus Mitigation Plan Update
- He provided an update on the Town Campus.
- Reminded the Board that Music in The Park is on July 26, 2024.
- Union County would be charged with collecting the Town's taxes August 23, 2024.

Traffic/Transportation Project Manager James Kelly

Provided an update on engineering projects.

Planning & Inspections Director Lisa Thompson

• Provided an update on planning projects.

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- Commissioner Hall read into the record a section as stated in Resolution (RES2024015) to Implore Union County Board of commissioners to Cooperate with Waxhaw to Develop Transportation Solutions, "WHEREAS, the recent actions of Union County Board of County Commissioners are another example, in a long history of examples, of delaying the implementation of crucial infrastructure investments by deferring needed road and utility investments which will significantly burden future citizens and Commissions;".
- Commissioner Hall also read into the record a statement that was made by the Union County Board of Commissioner's Vice-Chairman Brian Helms: "To be clear, according to state law, the County does not have a duty to provide increase sewer capacity." Commissioner Hall disagrees with this statement. Commissioner Hall, then went on to state: "If an increase is needed, then they are legal require to provide that increase". The comments are irresponsible and not forward thinking that benefits the region and the citizens of Waxhaw.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to review and approve closed session minutes related to personnel matters.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wedra to go recess into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to review and approve closed session minutes related to personnel matters. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wesolek to reconvene into Open Session. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

ADJOURNMENT

Being no additional business, Mayor Murray entertained a motion to adjourn. **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem McMillon to adjourn the regular meeting. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert /. Murray, III, Mayor

Barbara Bruce, Town Clerk