

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 IN
THE COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mayo
Councilman Woodard
Councilman Taylor
Councilman Burnette
Councilman Jenkins
Councilmember Jordan
Councilmember Bynum
Councilman Braxton

Councilman Brown - Phone

MEMBERS ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

Troy Lewis, Town Manager
Kim Whitehead, Assistant Town Clerk
Chad Hinton, Town Attorney

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

2. INVOCATION

Councilman Taylor.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL

Agenda approved as presented.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Alfred Braxton and Passed,
Motion.

5. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Liam Gilroy, 204 E Park Avenue - spoke in favor of the social district. He stated that a poll was taken asking people about socializing in Tarboro during the holidays, within 48 hours, he received over 200 yes'.

Gretchen Darnley, 206 W. Battle Avenue - spoke in favor of the social district. She also requested Council consider push button stoplights for pedestrian safety and additional sidewalks at Cedar and Creek Street.

Steve Redhage, 900 Saint Andrew Street - spoke in favor of the social district to help bring life back to the downtown area and encourage people to invest in the area.

Eleanor Gilroy, 204 E Park Avenue - spoke in favor of the social district. She stated that many other areas had already approved a social district plan and that little to no crime was reported.

Candice Winham, Church Street Tap & Deli, 3602 Old Dan Drive, Wilson, NC - spoke in favor of the social district. She stated that the City of Wilson had recently approved a social district plan and it was working well.

Brice Knight, 1112 Edmondson Avenue - spoke in favor of the social district. He also wanted to incorporate some of the same ideas for the East Tarboro area. Mr. Knight also requested information on the proposed Recreation Park by the M. A. Ray Center.

Phillip Lampron, 3005 Lansdowne Drive - spoke in favor of the social district. He stated that it would increase foot traffic in the downtown area to help the downtown businesses.

6. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Map Amendment #22-03 – A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Charles Ainsley to rezone 6.41 acres located on the north side of Daniel Street between Samuel Lane and Panola Street from (HI) to (GR-5).

The Mayor declared the public hearing open. Catherine Grimm, Planning Director, provided background information. No one spoke in favor of or against the Zoning Map Amendment. The Mayor declared the public hearing closed. Council adopted the resolution approving the Zoning Map Amendment and adopted Ordinance 22-15.

Ordinance 22-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO AND ITS ENVIRONS TO AMEND THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 6.41 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DANIEL STREET BETWEEN SAMUEL LANE AND PANOLA STREET FROM HI (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO GR-5 (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL-5).

Steve Burnette made a motion, which was seconded by Alfred Braxton and Passed, Motion.

7. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Othar Woodard and Passed, Motion.

(1) Approve minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular meeting.

(2) Tax Collector's Report

Action Items

(3) Freedom Org Community Garden Project

Council entered into a lease agreement with Freedom Org for use of identified, vacant Town-owned lots.
Othar Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

(4) Rural Opportunity Institute - Internship Program

Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Rural Opportunity Institute and authorized the Town Manager to execute the same.
Clarence Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Othar Woodard and Passed, Motion.

(5) Tarboro River Bandits Lease Agreement & Budget Amendment

Council authorized the Town Manager to execute the three (3) year Lease and Concession Agreement and adopted the budget resolution authorizing funds for capital improvement projects at Municipal Stadium.
John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

(6) Tarboro Downtown Social District

Council adopted the ordinance to allow for a Social District in Downtown Tarboro and approved the Downtown Tarboro Social District Management and Maintenance Plan.

ORDINANCE 22-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE II AND
CREATE ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF
TARBORO TO CREATE THE DOWNTOWN TARBORO SOCIAL
DISTRICT

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion. Ayes: Burnette, Bynum, Jenkins, Jordan, Taylor, Woodard; Nays: Braxton, Brown

(7) Amend Contract - Auditing Services

Council approved the amended audit contract with Joyce and Company, CPA.
Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by John Jenkins and Passed, Motion.

(8) Approve Contracts - Sanitation Trucks

Councilman Braxton made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard, and passed unanimously, that Council award the purchase contract to Amick Equipment Company, Inc and authorized appropriate staff to execute the necessary contracts and/or procurement documents.

Councilman Braxton made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan, and passed unanimously, that Council approve the resolution for financing and authorized staff to execute the necessary documents to complete the transaction.
Council also approved the budget amendment.

(9) Appointment for December - Citizens Advisory Recreation Committee

Council appointed Ryan Jones to fill the vacant two (2) year term for the Citizen Advisory Recreation Committee.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

(10) Appointment for December - Edgecombe County Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Council appointed Anthony Edwards to fill the expired term on the Edgecombe County Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

8. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

None.

B. Town Attorney

None.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - wished everyone a wonderful and safe holiday.

Councilman Taylor - followed-up on the citizen comment about cross-walks. He also congratulated Tarboro High School on a great season.

Councilman Burnette - none.

Councilman Brown - wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also recognized the Public Works Department for work on a water leak on Howard Avenue over the Thanksgiving holiday. He expressed concerns about the amount of overtime paid because of the holiday time, he requested Council review at the Council Retreat.

Councilman Jenkins - none.

Councilmember Jordan - see below

Councilmember Bynum - none.

Councilman Braxton - none.

(1) Councilwoman Deborah Jordan will discuss recognition of the Juneteenth Holiday

Councilmember Jordan discussed the recognition of the Juneteenth Holiday. Council approved the observance of Juneteenth.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Alfred Braxton and Passed, Motion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Othar Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.