

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 IN THE
COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Woodard, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Taylor
Councilman Burnette
Councilman Brown
Councilman Jenkins
Councilmember Jordan
Councilmember Bynum
Councilman Mayo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Pitt

ALSO PRESENT

Troy Lewis, Town Manager
Leslie Lunsford, 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.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

5. PRESENTATION BY COUNCIL

(1) Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Woodard presented a Proclamation declaring April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day in the Town of Tarboro. All citizens are urged to celebrate the 150th year anniversary of Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

(2) Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Woodard presented a Proclamation declaring April 2022 in Tarboro, NC as Fair Housing Month.

(3) Autism Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Woodard presented a Proclamation declaring April 2022 as National

Autism Awareness Month in the Town of Tarboro and urged all residents to better understand the subject of autism spectrum disorders.

(4) National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Woodard presented a Proclamation declaring May 5, 2022 as a Day of Prayer throughout the Town of Tarboro.

6. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Bobby Gaston, 1012 E Saint John Street - expressed concerns with flooding in East Tarboro. He requested an update from the Army Core of Engineers. Troy Lewis had no update at the time. Mr. Gaston also expressed concerns about trespassing issues at abandoned houses in his neighborhood.

7. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(1) The Planning Director will present the Planning Board Report.

Catherine Grimm, Planning Director, presented the Planning Board and Zoning Commission report. Council called for a public hearing at the May 2022 meeting to consider Zoning Map Amendment #22-01 - GR-3 to RD-C1 and UDO Text Amendment #22-01.

Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

8. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

Tate Mayo made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

- (1) Approve minutes of the March 14, 2022 regular meeting.
- (2) 2021 Tax Levy Adjustment
- (3) 2020 Tax Levy Adjustment
- (4) Budget Transfers
- (5) Tax Collector's Report

Action Items

(6) Budget Amendment - ESFRLP-19

Council approved and adopted the ESFRLP-19 budget amendment.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Tate Mayo and Passed, Motion.

(7) ESFRLP-19 Contract for Services

Council voted to accept the bid from Evans Custom Builders for Cases 25, 26; and Strickland Construction for Cases 19, 22; and CMB Construction for Cases 28, 31.

Council also authorized the Town Manager and Finance Director to execute any necessary agreements.

Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

(8) Award Contract - Auditing Services

Council awarded the audit contract for the fiscal year 2021-2022 to Joyce and Company, CPAs at the proposal cost of \$35,000, with the understanding that contracts for future years may be subject to negotiation and require future Council approval.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Leo Taylor and Passed, Motion.

(9) Conterra Networks Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreements

Council authorized execution of the Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreements to install fiber optic cable within the Town rights-of-way.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Leo Taylor and Passed, Motion.

(10) Appointment for April - Planning Board & Zoning Commission

Council appointed Brice Thomas Knight to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board and Zoning Commission to represent Ward 7 at the April Council meeting.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Clarence Brown and Passed, Motion.

9. OTHER REPORTS

Memo Number 22-25 - Rural Transformation Grant

Council authorized staff to make application to the NC Department of Commerce for Rural Transformation funds to improve Riverfront Park and access to the same from Main Street.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Clarence Brown and Passed, Motion.

A. Town Manager

None.

B. Town Attorney

None.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - none.

Councilman Taylor - requested an update on InfinityLink progress. Troy Lewis, Town Manager, stated that they were hoping to start running fiber connections soon.

Councilman Mayo - none.

Councilmember Jordan - reminded Council of the Map Our Future meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

Councilman Jenkins - none.

Councilmember Bynum - expressed concerns with a garbage issue behind Mama's Pizza and Auto Zone. Troy Lewis stated that the business does not qualify for Town garbage collection due to the volume of garbage produced, as it exceeds the towns two can per pick up limit. Code Enforcement will follow up.

Councilman Burnette - none.

Councilman Brown - acknowledged that Councilman Woodard had done a great job as Mayor Pro Tem. He also stated that he enjoyed the recent Springfest event.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned.

Clarence Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Leo Taylor and Passed, Motion.