

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

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 Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

5. ELECTION FOR WARD 8

- (1) Discussion and Approval of Procedure for Appointment of Council Person for Ward 8

Council voted to accept the applicants, Billy Anderson and Al Braxton.

Once accepted, each applicant had a chance to speak.

Billy Anderson received one vote (Councilman Brown)

Al Braxton received six votes (Councilmembers Woodard, Taylor, Burnette, Jenkins,
Jordan, Bynum)

- (2) Appointment of Council Person to Serve Ward 8 and Swearing in of Council Person

Al Braxton was appointed to fill the Ward 8 Council seat.

Oath administered by the Town Clerk.

6. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Brice Knight, 1112 Edmondson Avenue - expressed concerns regarding increased crime in his neighborhood, especially on July 4th. He also expressed concerns for the lack of Police presence in the area.

Johnny Mears, 801 Linden Street - expressed concerns regarding speeding in his neighborhood.

7. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Map Amendment #22-02 – A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Thomas M. Hudson II to rezone 2.26 acres located between Anaconda Road and Industrial Parkway off of Clearbrook Lane from HI (Heavy Industrial) to GR-3 (General Residential-3) with the modified recommendation from the Planning Board to rezone the entirety of the surrounding 12.7 acre residential area.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open. Catherine Grimm, Planning Director, provided background information. Mr. Tommy Hudson spoke in favor of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment. No one spoke against. The Mayor declared the public hearing closed. Council adopted the resolution approving the Zoning Map Amendment and adopted Ordinance 22-07.

Ordinance 22-07

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 12.7 ACRES LOCATED BETWEEN ANACONDA ROAD AND INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY OFF OF CLEARBROOK LANE FROM HI (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO GR-3 (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL-3)

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

8. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Steve Burnette and Passed, Motion.

- (1) Approve minutes of the June 13, 2022 regular meeting.
- (2) Tax Collector's Report
- (3) Budget Transfers

Action Items

- (4) American Heart Association - Twin Counties Heart Walk

Council adopted ordinance 22-08 requesting approval to close Main Street from Pitt Street to St James Street and agree to co-sponsor the Twin Counties Heart Walk on September 24, 2022.

ORDINANCE 22-08

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR A TWIN COUNTIES HEART WALK

Sabrina Bynum made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

(5) ECU Health Edgecombe Hospital - Fundraiser

Council authorized the use and installation of the Town's portable stage for ECU Health Edgecombe Hospital's "Oyster, Shrimp and Pig Roast" Fundraiser on September 24, 2022.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Othar Woodard and Passed, Motion.

(6) Award Contract - Splashpad and Related Facilities

Council awarded a contract to Bliss Products and authorized staff to negotiate the terms and to execute the necessary documents.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

(7) ESFRLP-19 Contract for Rehabilitation

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

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

(8) Resolution - NCGHSP Region 4 Law Enforcement Liaison

Council approved the Resolution in the amount of \$25,000.00 and authorized Town officials to execute all documents pertaining to this grant.

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

(9) Appointment for July - Historic District Commission

No action taken at this time.

9. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

(1) Reminder August Council Meeting - August 15, 2022

Troy Lewis reminded Council that the August Council meeting would be held on Monday, August 15, 2022. He also informed Council that ElectriCities information would be emailed within the week.

Troy Lewis suggested that Jesse Webb, Police Chief, hold a community meeting

with Brice Knight and report back to Council at a later meeting.

B. Town Attorney

None.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - requested that the Police Chief meet with Brice Knight to discuss his concerns with increased crime in his area.

Councilman Taylor - recommended adding the concerns from Brice Knight and Johnnie Mears to the August Council meeting agenda to discuss further.

Councilmember Jordan - asked to be involved in the community meeting with the Police Chief. She also encouraged citizens to help police the area and report crime anytime to the Police Department.

Councilman Jenkins - none.

Councilmember Bynum - asked to be involved in the community meeting with the Police Chief. She also stated that she did not receive any calls on July 4th.

Councilman Burnette - none.

Councilman Brown - none.

Councilman Braxton - none.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Taylor and passed unanimously that Council enter into closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

Councilman Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bynum and passed unanimously that Council resume open session.

Councilmember Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard and passed unanimously that Council extend the Town Manager's contract for another year and include a 2% merit raise.

(1) Closed Session as per NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Steve Burnette and Passed, Motion.