

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021 IN THE
COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

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. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Greg Higgs, 1105 Bradley Avenue - Expressed concerns with the Police Department, he requested more community policing and better communication between police officers and citizens.

Doris Jones, 1007 E Saint John Street - Expressed concerns regarding the recent murder of an innocent person on Sherwood Avenue.

6. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Tate Mayo and Passed, Motion.

- (1) Approve minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular meeting.
- (2) Tax Collector's Report
- (3) Budget Transfers

Action Items

(4) Session Law 2021-56 (Senate Bill 722) Election Delay Procedures

Council voted to postpone the Mayor's At-Large election and authorized the Town Manager to notify the Edgecombe County Board of Elections of the decision by July 19, 2021.

Othar Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Clarence Brown and Passed, Motion.

(5) Budget Amendment - Part-Time Salaries

Council adopted a budget resolution amending the FY 2021-2022 Budget to increase the Town of Tarboro's minimum employee wage to \$8.50 per hour.

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

(6) NCDOT - Wilson Street Widening - Right-of-Way Acquisition

Council approved the purchase and donation of rights-of-way and easements necessary to widen NC 111 and install a multi-use trail to benefit the citizens of Tarboro. They also authorized the Mayor to execute the documents necessary to accomplish the same.

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

(7) NCDOT - Tarboro "Hometown Homecoming" Parade Ordinance

Council adopted ordinance 21-09 declaring the closure of N. Main Street from Granville Street to Johnston Street for the purpose of holding the 2021 "Hometown Homecoming" parade.

Ordinance 21-09

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR A "HOMETOWN HOMECOMING" PARADE

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

(8) Special Event - OkTarborofest - Request for Co-Sponsorship

Council agreed to co-sponsor the OKTarborofest Event scheduled for September 19, 2021 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm by providing in-kind services and equipment.

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

Motion.

(9) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Council approved a Resolution, Grant Project Ordinance and Grant Agreement for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Council also authorized the Town Manager and Finance Director to execute any necessary agreements.

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

(10) EPA Brownfields Award and Contract

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

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

(11) ESFRLP-19 Contract for Rehabilitation

Council accepted the bids from Evans Custom Builders and authorized the Town Manager and Finance Director to execute any necessary agreements.

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

(12) Resolution - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Council approved the Resolution of Just Compensation for the acquisition of the properties.

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

(13) Resolution-NCGHSP Region 4 Law Enforcement Liaison

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

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

(14) Appointment for July - Tarboro-Edgecombe Arts Commission

Council appointed Beverly Sessoms to the Tarboro-Edgecombe Arts Commission.

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

7. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

No report.

B. Town Attorney

No report.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - none.

Councilman Taylor - thanked the Electric Department for a quick response during a recent power outage. He also asked about neighborhood community crime watch groups. Councilman Taylor expressed concerns regarding commercial activity in residential areas and debris on Pine Street.

Councilman Mayo - none.

Councilmember Jordan - none.

Councilman Jenkins - none.

Councilmember Bynum - thanks for the lines painted on Fairview Circle.

Councilman Burnette - none.

Councilman Brown - requested an update on the dike project. Project is in progress.

8. CLOSED SESSION

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

Councilman Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Mayo and passed unanimously that Council enter into closed session.

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

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins and passed unanimously that Council extend the Town Manager's contract for another year and include a 2% merit raise in addition to the 3% cost of living increase.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

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