

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 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

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.

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

5. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Mayor Joe Pitt read a letter from Shirley Hill extending her appreciation to the Town for support during a mobile food service.

The following individuals spoke about current racial situations including the Confederate monument on the Town Commons.

Monica Fleming, 812 Saint Andrew Street
Jay Vick, 9642 NC Hwy 97 W
Lewis Ridgeway, 1009 Saint Andrew Street
Jay Cutler, 1008 Palmer Street
Bill Long, 301 Maryland Avenue
William Parker, 3826 McKendree Church Rd
Eddie Taylor, 611 S. Howard Circle

Viola Harris, 609 Saint David Street
Mary Ann Cumpata, 1812 Lake Drive
Doris Stith, 1816 Lake Drive
Rick Basil, 1410 Captains Road
J.O. Williams, 732 McMillan Drive
Martin Fleming, 812 Saint Andrew Street
Sherri Redhage, 900 Saint Andrew Street
Karen Andrus, 1008 N. Main Street
Alyssa Ruffing, 110 E. Park Avenue
Morris Mays, 802 E. Wilson Street
John Battle, 615 Clark Drive
Marc Ruffing, 110 E. Park Avenue
Stoney Roberson, 603 S. Howard Circle
Quincey Robinson, 1005 Martin Luther King Jr Drive
Marquetta Dickens, 913 Panola Street

6. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

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

- (1) Approve minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular meeting.
- (2) Budget Transfers
- (3) 2019 Tax Levy Adjustment
- (4) 2018 Tax Levy Adjustment
- (5) Taxes - Preliminary Report & Annual Settlement of Tax Collector
- (6) Tax Collector's Report

Action Items

(7) Confederate Monument Discussion

After much discussion, Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bynum, that Council vote to carefully and respectfully move the Confederate statue located in the Tarboro Town Common, once a more suitable location has been found where it still can be honored by those who wish to do so, subject to the Town Council's final approval of the location, the process and cost as determined by the Town Manager and his staff. Councilman Woodard agreed to table his motion until the August meeting, pending information presented by staff.

Council requested Town staff research a new location, cost related to relocating the monument, contact the State Historic Commission and the possibility of adding item to the November ballot.

No action was taken at this time.

(8) N.E.W. Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Council approved the resolution to adopt the 2020 N.E.W. Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

(9) Amendment to the Fee Schedule

Council approved the amendment to the 2020-2021 Fee Schedule regarding specific temporary uses.

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

(10) Resolution - NCGHSP Region 4 Law Enforcement Liaison

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

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

7. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

None.

B. Town Attorney

Chad Hinton stated that he was impressed with the conduct of Councilmembers and citizens during this meeting.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - stated that enjoyed working on this Council, he thanked everyone for conducting themselves in a respectful manner.

Councilman Taylor - stated that the meeting went well and that he was proud of Tarboro.

Councilman Mayo - thanked citizens for attending the meeting and participating in a respectful discussion.

Councilmember Jordan - stated that the meeting went well. She also thanked the Police Department for the service they provide when called.

Councilman Jenkins - stated that he was pleased with the meeting.

Councilmember Bynum - none.

Councilman Burnette - none.

Councilman Brown - stated that he enjoyed the July 4th firework display. He also stated that he was

proud of Council and citizens during the meeting.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan and passed unanimously that Council enter into Closed Session per NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6).

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Mayo and passed unanimously that Council enter into Open Session.

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

Council voted to renew the Town Manager's contract.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

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