

Town of Spring Lake
Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
Municipal Building
300 Ruth Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390

November 9, 2015

MINUTES

7:05 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Chris V. Rey presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra
Alderwoman Densie Lucas
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderman James Christian was absent.

Others Present:

Tad Davis, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Director of Water Resources	John Kleinert, Director of Streets, Grounds and Sanitation
Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Officer	Paul Hoover, Director of Public Works
Troy McDuffie, Chief of Police	T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Alderwoman Lucas gave a non-sectarian invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment one.)

6. Approval of Consent Items

The Board approved the consent items:

- a. Minutes of the October 26, 2015 Regular Meeting
- b. Proclamation, America Recycles Day/Fall Litter Sweep 2015

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes for October 26, 2015 Regular Meeting and America Recycles Day/Fall Litter Sweep 2015 Proclamation.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Bishop Marshall, 125 N. Main Street announced a Community Thanksgiving Service that will be hosted by the Spring Lake Ministerial Alliance at Living Waters Church at 7 p.m. on November 18, 2015. He also announced the MLK Breakfast scheduled for January 5, 2016 and asked if the Town will help sponsor this event.

8. Public Hearing

a. Case P15-51: Initial Zoning of 1.20 +/- Acres to C(P) Commercial or to a More Restrictive Zoning District

Mr. Johnny Scott announced the property under consideration is located at 1543 N. Bragg Boulevard and is a request for initial zoning to C(P) Planned Commercial. Mayor Rey opened the Public Hearing.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by: Alderwoman Lucas

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Case P15-55: Initial Zoning of 57.39 +/- Acres to CD Conservancy or to a More Restrictive Zoning District

Mr. Johnny Scott announced the property under consideration is located north of SR 116-1 (Chapel Hill Road) and east of NC Hwy 87 (N Bragg Boulevard) and is a request for initial zoning to CD Conservancy. Mayor Rey opened the Public Hearing.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. Case P15-56: Removal of 1.58 +/- Acres from the MSOD (Main Street Overlay District) zoned O&I Office and Institutional

Mr. Johnny Scott announced the property under consideration is A/G New Vision Mission Church, located at 405 N. Main Street and is a request to be removed from the Main Street Overlay District. Mayor Rey opened the Public Hearing.

Diane Becker, attorney for the church, spoke for the case and advised they purchased the property without knowing that their desired use of a church is not permitted in the area. She stated that the County Planning Board approved the case and also advised the church has been in the community for more than 20 years and they are involved in the community. She believes the church will add stability to the community and bring some economic growth to the community. She provided the Board with a booklet of activity that showcases things they have done in and for the community. She provided the hours they will utilize the building and stated they have plans to renovate the façade of the building.

Anna Lee, a church member, provided a history of the church. The church is formally known as the Full Gospel Zion Church. She stated she understand the goals of the Town with the Overlay District and assured the Board that there will be no other group of people who will be more passionate and devoted to being in the building and working to see it grow and be a contributing part of the community and the vibrancy of Main Street.

Alderwoman Sutherland stated that she appreciates them wanting to serve God and stated she does not want to be the

reason they have to stop having services and believes their property should be taken off the Overlay District.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by: Alderwoman Lucas

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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9. Presentation

a. Yard of the Month

Mayor Rey and Ms. Hash presented certificates to the Yard of the Month recipients who were in attendance. The following people won the award for November:

Carolinas Dentist, 620 Lillington Highway, Suite A

Sarah Cedeno, 3321 Redfox Road

Clarence & Aja Pino, 106 Kristin Avenue

Mary Taylor, 201 Scarborough Street

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b. NCDOT U-5605 Manchester Road (Odell Road) Update

Joseph Miller advised the NCDOT has created an alternate route in addition to the Odell Road route for consideration for a new access control point for Fort Bragg. Anne Redmond provided the Board with an overview of the new proposed access control point on Manchester Road. She stated the alternate route crosses wetlands and waterways and stated there is concern with proceeding with this alternate which is why they are still considering the widening of Odell Road. They anticipate completing the environmental study by the Fall of 2016, holding a public hearing in early 2017 with final environmental documents available by the Fall of 2017. Right of Ways will be obtained in 2018 and construction would begin in 2020. This timeline remains the same for either option they decide to go with. She stated it is very important for the Town to provide comments of support for the new route which will help NCDOT navigate the regulatory agencies. The more the Town and its citizens express their concerns (costs and homes lost) the more it helps them with the alternative route.

Alderwoman Sutherland and Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra both expressed a strong desire for the Manchester Road route to be the chosen route.

(A copy of the agenda memo and PowerPoint Presentation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

c. POW/MIA Chair Proposal

Mr. Davis requested the Board approve placing a "POW/MIA Chair of Honor" in Town Hall. He stated the Spring Lake Chapter of the Rolling Thunder would provide the chair, associated flags, plaques, etc. at no cost to the Town. Mr. Craig Hardy, the Spring Lake Chapter president, stated it will cost approximately \$650 to make this happen and they have a sponsor who wants to pay for it so that the Town will not incur any expenses.

Alderwoman Sutherland advised Sergeant Donald Stewart was a POW/MIA who finally made it home after 50 years. Mr. Hardy advised that 5 of their members drove up and escorted Mr. Stewart to the funeral home.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the display request to place a Chair of Honor in Town Hall.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

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d. Manager's Update

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- State audit is ongoing.
- Annual audit is also ongoing.
- We had a positive public forum on the U-4444B project which was well attended and we received excellent feedback. We met last week with the landscaping team.
- This week on Wednesday we will host the Town's Veterans Day Program at 10 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Friday the Senior Enrichment Center will host their annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Friday, November 14, 2015 is the Town's Fall Litter Sweep and America Recycles Day at the Recreation Center from 9 a.m. until noon.

Alderwoman Sutherland asked if employees will be involved and Mr. Davis advised employees from the Street Department will help with the Litter Sweep and will receive comp time for the time spent working.

10. New Business

a. Case P15-51: Initial Zoning of 1.20 +/- Acres to C(P) Commercial or to a More Restrictive Zoning District

Mr. Scott presented Case P15-51 to zone .97 acres located on the southeast side of SR 1451 (W. Manchester Road) and southwest of NC Highway 87 (N. Bragg Boulevard). He stated there is a large amount of commercial property around the subject area. He stated the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board recommends approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case P15-51.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department Action Memorandum and Site Profile is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

b. Case P15-55: Initial Zoning of 57.39 +/- Acres to CD Conservancy or to a More Restrictive Zoning District

Mr. Scott presented Case P15-55 to zone 57.39 acres located north of SR 1601 (Chapel Hill Road) and east of NC Hwy 87 (Bragg Boulevard). He stated the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board recommends approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case P15-55.

Motion by: Alderwoman Lucas

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department Action Memorandum and Site Profile is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

c. Case P15-56: Removal of 1.58 +/- Acres from the MSOD (Main Street Overlay District) zoned O&I Office and Institutional

Mr. Scott presented Case P15-56 to remove 1.58 +/- acres from the MSOD (Main Street Overlay District). Mayor Rey stated it is unfortunate that the real estate broker did not do their due diligence with the church and putting them through

what they went through. He stated that he looks forward to them being in the community and working to help improve the community.

- Action:** The Board approved a motion to remove the property located at 405 N. Main Street from the MSOD.
- Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland
- Second by:** Alderwoman Lucas
- Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department Action Memorandum and Site Profile is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment ten.)

d. Approval of Policies

Mr. Davis advised the policies presented have the Board’s desired changes have been incorporated and requested approval. Alderwoman Sutherland stated she would like to delete the insurance clause in the Use of Town Recreation Facilities and Special Event Permitting policy. She expressed a concern about citizens being asked to get insurance when they already pay for the insurance on the building. Mr. Buzzard stated the insurance clause is only for special event permitting (150 persons or more) and allows the Board the discretion of requiring additional insurance but does not make it mandatory. The insurance is not required.

- Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the policies.
- Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem O’Garra
- Second by:** Alderwoman Lucas
- Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and policies is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eleven.)

II. Adjournment.

- Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.
- Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem O’Garra
- Second by:** Alderwoman Lucas
- Vote:** Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

James P. O'Garra
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Mayor Pro Tem