

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
AGENDA WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010
W. CHARLES BARRETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
305 WEST CHURCH STREET
LAURINBURG, NC
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held an agenda meeting September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the W. Charles Barrett Administration Building with the Honorable Matthew Block, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Joy Ellison, Curtis B. Leak, Thomas W. Parker, III, Kenton Spencer, and Herbert M. Rainer, Jr.

Also present were Edward F. Burchins, City Manager, Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk and Charles L. Hicks, Jr., Assistant City Attorney.

Mayor Block called the meeting to order. Councilmember Leak gave the invocation.

The City Manager reviewed the upcoming agenda for the September 21, 2010 regular meeting.

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from the meetings of March 8, 9, 16, and 18, 2010 meetings; March 18, 2010 citizen input session; April 13 and 20, 2010 meetings; May 11, 18, and 25, 2010 meetings; and May 26, 2010 joint meeting with Scotland County
- b. Ordinance No. O-2010-21 which directs the housing inspector to repair or demolish the property located at 1009 Raleigh Street

2. Consider Ordinance No. O-2010-18 which rezones from Residential-6 to General Business property located at 112 Tucker St. and 928 and 932 South Main St.

A discussion ensued concerning the need for Council to consider all uses that would be allowed in the General Business Zoning District and that it should not make a decision based on the petitioner's proposed uses. Upon question by Councilmember Leak, Mr. Peele stated that the petitioner had been apprised of options available including rezoning or conditional use, but she had chosen straight rezoning.

3. Consider Ordinance No. O-2010-19 which extends the corporate limits of the City of Laurinburg as requested by petition to annex property located on Wagram Road (St. John's Holiness Church)

Discussion about what property in the area of the request is in the City limits and the availability of water and sewer services.

4. Order to Collect, Tax Collector

No discussion.

5. Mayor Block to present graduates of the Citizens Police Academy with Certificates of Completion

No discussion.

6. Laurinburg Maxton Airport - Umicore Indemnification Agreement

The Assistant City Attorney explained that the Indemnification Agreement provides that if there are any environmental issues identified, Umicore will indemnify and hold the City and the Town of Maxton harmless and take responsibility for them.

7. Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation – Mary Robinson

No discussion.

8. Literacy Council Representative

Mayor Block explained that the representative wanted to appear before Council to report on the organization's financial status and possibly to request funds from the City.

9. Consider accepting piggyback bid from Amick Equipment to purchase a model 600 Street Sweeper in the

amount of \$154,192.00

The City Manager explained that the proposal is to piggyback on a bid from the City of Columbia, SC. He explained that \$180,000.00 was budgeted for the street sweeper. He added that staff has looked at three (3) different sweepers and this one best meets the needs of the City.

10. Consider accepting piggyback bid for roll-out carts for recycling of Schaefer Systems, International, Inc. in the amount of \$267,900.00
Discussion ensued concerning the grant awarded to purchase roll-out recycling carts and the need to submit an amendment to the grant for propose financing for the maximum of three (3) years. Discussion also ensued concerning recycling participation and the cost of recycling.
11. Consider Ordinance No. O-2010-20 which amends the Budget Appropriations Ordinance (O-2010-12) to transfer funds from Contingency (992-509900) to Water Distribution (814-707400) Equipment for the purchase of meters
The City Manager explained that annually the City budgets \$45,000.00 for changing out water meters. He added that this figure was accidentally removed from the budget when the funds budgeted for the Datamatic meters were removed from the budget. He then provided a brief update on the status of discussions with Datamatic.
12. Designate voting delegate and alternate voting delegate for the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) business meeting to be held at the NCLM Annual Conference
The City Manager explained that he was the voting delegate and Councilmember Leak was the alternate voting delegate at the NCLM business meeting last year.
13. Consider applying for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative
The City Manager explained that the State had \$2.4 million available for pedestrian and bicycle pathways with no match required, so he was proposing that the City apply for a grant. Councilmember Parker suggested that the Wal-Mart area needed such improvements.
14. Community Covenant
Councilmember Spencer explained that the Resolution for the Armed Forces Covenant had been passed by Council; however, a signing ceremony needs to be scheduled to include the National Guard and the Veterans Association. He further added that perhaps at the Retreat, Council could look at some projects that are veteran friendly.

The City Manager stated that he wanted to discuss an item that was not on the agenda. He explained that a Police Department employee is very sick, had been in the hospital and had used up all of his sick and vacation time. He further explained that some of the police officers would like to donate sick time to get this individual through his illness. He added that he would like Council to consider adding voluntary donation of sick time to the City's Personnel Policy. A brief discussion ensued, and more research by the Human Resources Director was requested by Council.

15. City of Laurinburg Youth Council
Councilmember Spencer provided a brief update on progress with the Youth Council.
16. Discussion regarding items for the Council's upcoming strategic planning session to begin Friday, September 24, 2010
A discussion ensued concerning structure, topics, timing and location of the Retreat. The City Manager explained that he would provide Council with a list of items discussed at the previous retreat and items that need to be discussed further so that Council can prioritize.

Councilmember Parker stated that the Chamber Expo would be held the same day and officials were invited between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He stated that he felt Council needed to attend and participate as a group to show unity to the Chamber and economic development efforts.

A discussion ensued concerning the need to monitor the State and how other municipalities are dealing with the economic recovery in North Carolina.

Motion was made by Councilmember Leak, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Matthew Block, Mayor

Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk