

**Town of Angier
Special-Called Informational/
Economic Development – Finance Session
Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Angier Municipal Building**

The Town of Angier Board of Commissioners convened during a Special-Called Informational/Economic Development Session Tuesday, September 22, 2015, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor R.H. Ellington
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Bob Smith
Commissioner Craig Honeycutt
Commissioner Lew Weatherspoon
Commissioner Alvis McKoy

Staff Present: Town Manager Coley B. Price
Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Interim Finance Director Vanessa Young
Town Clerk Kim Lambert

Others Present: Planning Board Chair Ken Edwards
Planning Board Member Paul Strohmeyer
Planning Board Member Wayne Oakes
Guest Presenter, Charles Archer, Account Director
from Freese and Nichols
No one represented *The Daily Record*

2. Mayor R.H. Ellington presided, calling the Special-Called Informational/Economic Development – Finance Session to order at 6:30 p.m.
3. Mayor Ellington led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Smith offered the invocation.
5. Town Manager Coley Price provided the Board with background information regarding efforts to foster Economic Development including a revised Land Use Plan; an amended Comprehensive Transportation Plan; efforts to blend with Harnett County Economic Development; fostering relationships with CAMPO, NCDOT, Division 6, PARTF, the USDA and the NC Department of Commerce. Among potential projects he listed included a satellite ball park, a Bike Master Plan and ongoing sidewalk projects throughout the Town.
6. Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler summarized much-needed infrastructure upgrades in the Town, highlighting how officials have benefitted from grants in recent

years. He identified an approximate \$ 5 million in imminent need of infrastructure projects including two, 250,000-gallon elevated water tanks and a booster pump station at \$ 3.1 million; the replacement of core water distribution lines at \$1.9 million and potential acquisition of Harnett County water lines within the Town's ETJ at \$ 1.25 million.

Planning Board member Wayne Oakes reported that numerous neighbors inside Johnson's Landing had complained that their water pressure was extremely low. Mr. Dreitzler said that Johnson's Landing was found to have 45-50 pounds of pressure, above the state minimal requirement of 20 pounds. Mr. Oakes said that residents had been experiencing low pressure for some time, particularly those with two-story homes. Mr. Dreitzler suggested, as a short-term remedy, to install a booster pump.

7. **Presenting the Economic Development Information:** Angier Town Manager Coley Price introduced Charles Archer to the Board and audience.

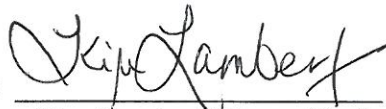
Mr. Archer stated that municipalities are more financially challenged than in recent years, citing that infrastructure problems have become universal. Unlike the 1970s when the Federal Government funded nearly all of the infrastructure, he said that municipalities and rate payers are now forced to pay debt service. He said the state of North Carolina is currently struggling with \$450 million of infrastructure needs. Mr. Archer said that Angier was at an advantage in that both Harnett and Johnston Counties have both large water and wastewater system capabilities and that – due to its proximity to Wake County – the Town of Angier should benefit in the years to come. Mr. Archer applauded the Town Boards, saying that they had proactively spearheaded great planning initiatives to position themselves for future growth.

8. **Board Action:** The Board of Commissioners discussed the Town's current infrastructure needs. The Board unanimously agreed the Town should move forward in upgrading its water system – voting to look into the feasibility of new elevated water tanks, upgrading its core system and presenting rate study findings to the Board.

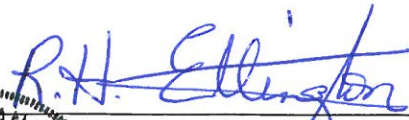
Motion: Commissioner Smith
Seconded: Commissioner Weatherspoon
Vote: Unanimous, 4~0

9. After suggesting that a feasibility study of a potential booster pump at Johnson's Landing be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, the September 22, 2015, Special-Called Economic Development - Finance Session was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Attest:


Kim Lambert, Town Clerk




R.H. Ellington, Mayor