# Town of Angier Board of Commissioners Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:30 P.M. Angier Municipal Building 28 North Raleigh Street Minutes

The Town of Angier convened during a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Smith

Mayor Pro-tem Loru Boyer Hawley Commissioner Jim Kazakavage Commissioner Alan Coats

**Members Excused:** 

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Elizabeth Krige

Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway Public Works Director Jimmy Cook

Planning Director Jeff Jones Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr.

Others Present:

**Call to Order:** Mayor Smith presided, calling the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

**Invocation:** Mayor Smith offered the invocation.

**Approval of the November 8, 2023 meeting agenda:** The Town Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion:** Commissioner Coats

Vote: 3-0: unanimous

#### **Public Comment**

June Badgley, 36 Kevin Troy Ct., shared concern with the traffic in the Whetstone subdivision and requested that more speed limit signs be installed.

Pamela Yanez, 49 North St., shared her concern with the conduct of Board members in public.

## **Consent Agenda**

## 1. Approval of Minutes

a. October 3, 2023 - Regular

b. October 17, 2023 - Workshop

## 2. Donation of Funds to Angier Food Pantry & Senior Citizen Center

a. Pertains to the donation of funds in the amount of \$1,000 going to the Angier Food Pantry and \$1,500 going to the Angier Senior Citizen Center.

**Board Action:** The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Motion:** Commissioner Coats

Vote: 3-0: unanimous

## **Public Hearing**

## 1. Ordinance Text Amendment - Residential Parking Standards

Planning Director Jeff Jones stated that staff is proposing an amendment to the Permitted Use Table, specifically the parking requirements for Multifamily and Single-Family parking. Staff has reviewed this section with potential applicants and have found that the current requirements require more parking than needed for residential projects.

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Multifamily residential, condominiums	2		р	P	Р		Р		4.2.10	5-5-gov bedroom plus 4-per-bedroom over ± 2 spaces/unit ± 10% for guest parking
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Single-family residential, detached	1	Р	P	Р	P					≟ 2 per dwelling
Temporary emergency residences	1	P	P	p	Р	p	P	Р	4.2.10	2 per dwelling
Two-family residential (duplexes)	1	Р	P	Р	Р				4.2.11	1 5-per lectrorm plus 1-per he-drom over 2 per dwelling

A 3-bedroom Townhome would be required four parking spaces under the current ordinance, whereas, the proposed language would require 2 parking spaces per unit plus 10% of the required amount of parking for the entire project to be provided for guest parking. The proposed language is consistent with other jurisdictions in the area, such as Holly Springs. The proposed amendment is the minimum requirement, developers can add more units of parking. These requirements would be placed on any new development.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of these Ordinance amendments as presented at their September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing.

The Board shared concern regarding townhomes that lack driveway and garage parking.

Bob Jusnes, 574 N. Broad St. E, stated that the way the ordinance is currently written, a four-bedroom condominium or townhome would require seven spaces which sounds excessive. It's hard navigating through neighborhoods with multiple vehicles and trash cans and suggested calculating spaces for a single-family home be one space per bedroom and one-off street parking. For multi-family he suggested one space per bedroom plus one for guest overflow.

Seeing no one, Mayor Smith closed the Public Hearing.

**Board Action:** The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the text amendment as it relates to the reduction of residential parking standards to include one space per bedroom plus one guest space for multifamily, single-family, and duplex dwellings; 2 spaces per dwelling for temporary emergency shelters.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 3-0; unanimous

#### **New Business**

#### 1. Pedestrian Plan Update

Planning Director Jeff Jones stated the Town of Angier has been awarded an NCDOT grant to update the Town's Pedestrian Plan. Most of the proposed pedestrian facilities from Angier's 2014 Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan have either been constructed or have secured funding. The Junny Road sidewalk project that connects sidewalks from Broad Street up Junny Road will be under construction soon. The NC HWY 210 sidewalk project which runs from the intersection of HWY 210 and Raleigh Street down to Fish Drive was approved by the Board of Commissioners on March 7, 2017. Sidewalks have also been extended to connect W Lillington Street and Park Street up to NC 210. The Town has also received LAPP funding to extend the sidewalk on McIver Street down to S Wilma Street, but construction has not yet begun.

The Planning Process will begin late this year or early next year with an anticipated 12-month timeline. NCDOT will select a planning consultant that the Town will work with to develop the update to the plan. The Town will be asked to form a steering committee that will assist the consultant and the Town with the planning process. In the past a steering committee consisted of Town staff, Board members, and other interested community members. Staff will come back to the Board with suggested steering committee members, once the planning process begins.

The goal of the update is to identify pedestrian linkage gaps between the core area of Town and newer developments that have been constructed since the 2014 plan. With gaps identified the plan will prioritize projects for the Town to consider.

The plan cost is \$45,000, NCDOT will fund 90% of the plan cost with the Town's portion of the plan cost being 10% or \$4,500.

**Board Action:** The Town Board voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Pedestrian Plan Agreement with NCDOT.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 3-0; unanimous

## 2. Angier Chamber of Commerce Road Closure Requests

Executive Director Shelby Blackmon announced that the Angier Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual Christmas on the Square event on Friday, December 1, 2023. The proposed road closure is to allow safe access to the hayride loading/unloading area and the family activity overflow area from 4pm to 9pm. Road closure area consists of W. Lillington Street behind Depot Square to the intersection of S. Broad St. E and Lillington St.

The second road closure request is for the annual Christmas Parade event on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The proposed road closure is to allow safe parade access from 7am to 11am. The parade route starts at Angier Baptist Church parking lot and Angier Elementary School parking lot along the parade route to the Angier Depot. A detour by the Angier Police Department will be in place during this timeframe.

**Board Action:** The Town Board voted unanimously to approve the Angier Chamber of Commerce proposed road closures for their upcoming Christmas events.

**Motion:** Commissioner Coats

Vote: 3-0; unanimous

## 3. November Workshop Meeting

Town Manager Elizabeth Krige requested to cancel the November workshop due to being the same week as Thanksgiving.

**Board Action:** The Town Board voted unanimously to approve the cancellation of the November workshop meeting.

**Motion:** Commissioner Kazakavage

Vote: 3-0: unanimous

## 4. NCDOT Layout for Hwy 210/East Depot and Willow Street

Public Works Director Jimmy Cook reviewed NCDOT's proposal in regards to the turn lanes at the intersection of HWY 210/East Depot and Willow Street. The proposal is to create a left turn lane onto North Willow Street to prevent traffic backups. This would also include the loss of on street parking along HWY 210/East Depot at the Red Barn and Truist Bank. There will also be an option of a right turn lane down Dunn Street to help with traffic overflow. NCDOT will monitor the proposed changes for any issues and Mr. Cook will consult with them regarding temporary striping.

**Board Action:** The Town Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed NCDOT changes to HWY 210/East Depot and Willow Street.

Motion: Commissioner Kazakavage

Vote: 3-0; unanimous

# 5. NCDOT Layout for NC 55 & Hwy 210

Mr. Cook reviewed NCDOT's proposal in regards to turn lanes at the intersection of NC55 and HWY 210. The proposal is to create left and right turn lanes to help with traffic flow going North along NC55/North Raleigh Street. This would also include loss of on street parking along HWY 210 at First Citizens Bank and the businesses across the street. The on-street parking would begin at the Depot near the RH Ellington Sign. NCDOT will provide temporary striping in this area to monitor the area.

There was discussion in regards to the traffic flow in front of the Depot. It was suggested adding a turn lane and eliminate on street parking in front of the Depot. Mr. Cook will consult with NCDOT.

**Board Action:** The Town Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed NCDOT changes to NC 55/HWY 210 with the following amendment: eliminating on street parking in front of the Depot and making a left turn lane onto Broad Street.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 3-0: unanimous

## 6. Mid-Block Crossing at East Depot & Ed's Restaurant

Mr. Cook presented a mid-block crossing next to Ed's Restaurant and the Lillington Street alleyway. This would necessitate the removal of four parking spaces on each side of the crossing to improve sight distance for pedestrians and drivers. If the Board recommends approval of this proposal, we will still need approval from NCDOT.

There was discussion about traffic backups due to having to stop for pedestrians and the loss of parking spaces.

**Board Action:** The Town Board voted to deny the proposed mid-block crossing at East Depot and Ed's Restaurant.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

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Opposed: Commissioner Kazakavage

Vote: 2-1; motion carried

## Manager's Report

Ms. Krige updated the Board on various items:

- Audit The Town's audit was submitted on time for the first time in 4 years. On-time submittal to the Local Government Commission is crucial when seeking financing for capital projects.
- Trunk or Treat was a great success. I especially want to recognize Crissy Porter, Derek McLean, Austin Yarbrough, Lee Thompson and the Police Department. Community events like this are not possible without a dedicated and knowledgeable team working together.
- Ting The agreement with Ting has been finalized. Ting met with Public Works for a preconstruction meeting, and they plan to break ground this week.
- Recruitment The Town is seeking a new Finance Director. Details about the opening have been sent to both the ASU and ECU MPA directors for circulation to their alumni. The job as has been posted to several sites. Due to the resignation of the Utility Billing Clerk, Cecelia Stephenson has been promoted to Utility Billing Supervisor effective November 13.
- Facilities There were a few items that needed repair at the Town Hall Annex (32 W. Williams Street). We are removing the carpet due to age and poor air quality as well as painting. There were a few places in the roof needing repair. Lights will be placed on the building to match the Depot.

Mr. Cook informed the Board that trees have been installed in planters around Town with lights and Christmas decorations will be going up next week.

# Mayor & Town Board Reports

Commissioner Coats suggested there be a crosswalk near Napper Tandy's to which Mr. Cook stated a crosswalk will be installed near Thanks a Latte. He also shared a concern with the last parking space in front of Thanks a Latte butts up right against the corner of the street making it difficult to see.

Mr. Cook gave an update regarding Hwy 55 and Old Buies Creek Road. The district engineer researching to see how many crashes have occurred and are looking at options.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 3-0; unanimous

Attest:

Robert K. Smith, Mayor

