

**Town of Angier
Board of Commissioners
Workshop Session
Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 6:30 P.M.
Angier Municipal Building
28 North Raleigh Street
Minutes**

The Town of Angier convened during a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners Workshop Session meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2019, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor Lewis W. Weatherspoon
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Craig Honeycutt
Commissioner Loru Boyer Hawley
Commissioner Bob Smith
Commissioner Mike Hill

Staff Present: Town Manager Gerry Vincent
Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Finance Director John Ellis
Planning Director Sean Johnson
Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler
Officer Pollard
Downtown Manager Christy Adkins
Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr.

Others Present:

Call to Order: Mayor Weatherspoon presided, calling the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Weatherspoon led the pledge of allegiance.

Invocation: Commissioner Smith offered the invocation.

Approval of the March 26, 2019, meeting agenda: The Town Board approved the agenda as amended; removing Item E – Coble Farms; and Item H – Beer Garden.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously approved the March 26, 2019 meeting agenda as amended.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

A. Retention Wall Project/Ricky Temple

Town Manager Gerry Vincent has indicated that rip rap would take longer to install since each rock has to be placed by hand as well as causing a great deal of disturbance from having to dig. Rip rap would also have to be sprayed often to prevent vegetation from growing. The Parks & Recreation Director informed Mr. Vincent that the rip rap currently at the park gets thrown into the pond by children.

Ricky Temple explained to the Board rip rap would have to be maintained by spraying the area 2-3 times per year, and the rocks might cause children to fall. Mr. Temple informed the Board a block wall could take approximately 1 to 1.5 weeks to complete versus the 3 weeks to install rip rap. He stated not much of the wall will be seen and would be more sustainable.

The Board had discussion about the possibility of using rip rap and installing a fence.

It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the construction of a block retention wall and to place this item on the April Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hawley was opposed.

Mr. Temple conveyed to the Board that he will honor the original estimate given in November.

B. Flag Etiquette

Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr. presented the Board with a draft Flag Policy which incorporates the Federal Flag Code that would warrant a flag to be flown at half-staff. He also included an item that's not in the Federal Code which is giving the authority to the Board of Commissioners to lower the flag when appropriate upon a unanimous agreement. This would not require a vote but rather a simple agreement amongst members.

Much discussion was had regarding whether the Board authorizes the flag to be flown at half-staff upon a unanimous agreement or by a majority agreement.

Commissioner Hawley suggested to include a black streamer on the flag pole in honor of locals such as citizens and first responders.

The Town Attorney stated this policy can be amended at any time by the Board.

Brian Hawley, 49 Kerrylane Drive, addressed the Board and stated that US Army regulations allows the black streamer, it's historical. He conveyed he is in disagreement with what is being discussed about the United States Flag Code, there's many interpretations out there, however someone that has served in military service come home underneath the flag; that flag has significance of raising and lowering to honor those that have fallen. That is being diminished if we continuously allow people to use that whenever they want to at their beck and call. This is why he has offered the suggestion in using the black streamer to find a compromise or bridge that difference. The flag issue is something he believes should not be debated. He understands we are trying to unite the community and that's why he feels by using the black streamer it will help bridge that gap. The flag code is very specific and only speaks of the Mayor of DC, President,

Vice President, and Governor. This is an issue that will continuously be brought up throughout different municipalities across the country where the flag has been lowered without a proclamation by the President or Governor, and have received a great deal of heat over it.

Mayor Weatherspoon stated there was never an attempt or intent to diminish anyone's military service to our Country. We value the service every person that's ever served and thanked Mr. Hawley for his service.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to follow the Federal Flag Code and State Statute along with having the option to honor those who are local by flying a black streamer upon a majority agreement.

C. Downtown Advisory Board Appointments

Mayor Weatherspoon stated the Downtown Manager has provided a list of recommended members and indicated the Board would like to change three individuals.

Downtown Manager Christy Adkins reviewed the nine recommended members and explained they would serve a one year term. The Downtown Advisory Committee would follow the guidelines set by the Main Street Program. Members were selected according to those guidelines which include a variety of property owners, retail businesses, professional offices, ethnicity, and gender.

Commissioner Hawley recommended three alternate members to the list.

Mr. Vincent reminded the Board that information was previously distributed to them regarding member guidelines.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the Downtown Advisory Committee member list provided by staff.

D. Hwy 210 Sidewalk Extension Project

Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler reminded the Board that at their previous work session meeting, the sidewalk budget was discussed extensively. One of those items being \$35,000 to hire a consultant to expedite the process to complete the proper documentation for NCDOT to contact property owners and prepare easement papers. Mr. Dreitzler stated CAMPO has suggested to wait until bids are received prior to requesting additional funding. Three proposals were received from the following: Telics \$35,000; Right of Way Group \$39,000; and Southeastern Right of Way, LLC \$26,000. Based on those numbers Mr. Dreitzler recommended the Board to accept Southeastern Right of Way, LLC contract contingent upon a supplemental agreement from NCDOT.

It was the consensus of the Board to proceed and place this item on the April Consent Agenda.

E. Coble Farms – Item removed

F. Farmer's Market

Mayor Weatherspoon asked the Board if they would like to proceed with a Farmer's Market and if they desired to have the Town operate the event or the Fuquay-Varina group that spoke at the last work session meeting.

Downtown Manager Christy Adkins stated the Fuquay-Varina group would apply for grants to receive funds that would help operate the Farmer's Market as well as relieve the Town of any liability. Ms. Adkins stated that unfortunately it is too late to coordinate a Farmer's Market this year, but with Board approval plans can be made for next spring.

There was concern from the Board that it would turn into a Flea Market.

Ms. Adkins stated guidelines would be set by the Board to prevent a Flea Market from happening.

It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with coordinating a Farmer's Market next spring contingent upon guidelines set by the Board. Commissioner Hawley was opposed.

G. Murals

Ms. Adkins reviewed some mural examples to put on the library, Ed's Restaurant, and Ty Cobb buildings.

H. Beer Garden – Item removed

I. Other Items Discussed

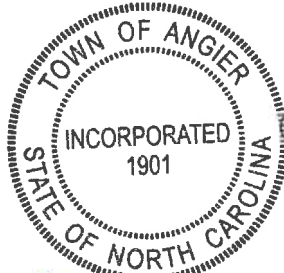
Mr. Vincent stated Christy has spoken to a group that is interested in renovating the caboose in Depot Square. He explained the Town would only have to purchase materials that the company is willing to waive labor fees. Ms. Adkins informed the Board the caboose would be open to the public to tour.

Mr. Vincent stated flags need to be purchased prior to Memorial Day and will be looking at pricing with different vendors.

Commissioner Smith thanked everyone for a good meeting. He asked the Board for their consensus on requesting the Town Manager to put together a committee to determine how the Town should proceed with starting to replace aging infrastructure. The Board agreed to move forward.

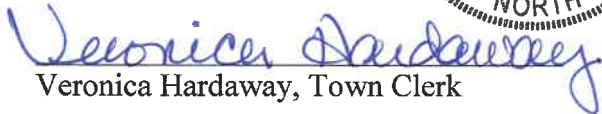
Adjournment: The Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley
Second: Commissioner Smith
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0




Lewis W. Weatherspoon, Mayor

Attest:


Veronica Hardaway, Town Clerk