

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL

December 2, 2019

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor G. R. Michael presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Chris Bramlett, Martha Sue Hall, Martha E. Hughes, Shirley Lowder, Dexter Townsend and Chris Whitley. Absent, Bill Aldridge.

Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

Mayor Michael gave the invocation.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the November 18 regular session, November 18 closed session, November 19 adjourned session and the November 20 adjourned session minutes.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

1. Add Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the agenda adjustment.

ANNOUNCED DELEGATIONS

Dr. Jeff James - Stanly County Schools

Dr. Jeff James had requested through the Mayor to be placed on the agenda. The City Manager noted that he followed up with Dr. James to see if there was

anything specific and he indicated the purpose of his visit is to share test data for schools including covering City schools plus the support and grants that are supporting work in the City schools.

Dr. James came forward and gave a PowerPoint Presentation and presented information on the RESTORE Grant from the US Department of Education.

Dr. James answered any questions that Council had.

Dr. James' attending staff introduced themselves to City Council. Dr. James stated that he appreciated the City Council's support.

Dr. James asked City Council to consider supporting additional stipends to help retain teachers at Albemarle Middle and Albemarle High Schools. He said the total cost would be around \$50,000.

Mayor Michael stated that Council will consider his proposal during their budget work sessions.

Mayor Michael thanked Dr. James and his staff for all that they do for our children.

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

The Mayor stated that Council had a copy of the municipal calendar in their agenda packets and asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilmember Bramlett noted that the March 2020 regular session meetings should state March 2 and March 16.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Call for Public Hearing to Modify Incentive Agreement

It was noted that this is a call for a public hearing to modify the Enforce Incentive Agreement to coordinate with NC Department of Commerce One North Carolina Grant. This grant allows the City's investment incentive to be used as a match.

The terms of the NC One Grant provide that the City's match be made at the same time as the State funding. According to Economic Development Director Mark Donham, the amount committed previously by the City is unchanged. A public hearing can be set for December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Donham noted that this will require approximately \$22,000 budget amendment advancing funding from the City's Economic Development Grant that was approved in Resolution 18-15 to match the State One Grant.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Lowder, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved setting a public hearing for Monday, December 16 to consider modifying the Enforce Incentive Agreement to coordinate with the NC Department of Commerce One North Carolina Grant.

2 Request to Remove Handicapped Parking Space on North 3rd Street

Mr. Clegg Mabry, Attorney, has requested the handicapped parking space in front of his office/residence at 120 N. Third St be removed. It is the City's understanding that this space was adopted by City Council many years ago when the physical address was used as a restaurant. The City Manager noted that if Council would like to move forward with this request, an Ordinance will be drafted for Council consideration. If Council would like to remove this designated space and create a space elsewhere on the block, staff can review the parking and make a recommendation for a new location and one Ordinance making all the needed changes can be considered

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Lowder, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved removing a handicapped parking space in front of 120 N. Third Street with an ordinance being drafted and brought back before Council at the next meeting for approval.

3 Consider Appointments to City Boards & Commissions

HISTORIC RESOURCE COMMISSION

- Seat 1 - Christy Stoner, Second Term Expired, 7.1.19 - ineligible for re-appointment, need replacement
- Seat 2 - Marvin Smith, Partial Term Expired 7.1.19 – eligible and interested in reappointment

- Seat 3 - John Williams, Second Term Expired, 7.1.19 - ineligible for re-appointment, need replacement
- PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
- Seat 1 - VACANT, needs to be filled
 - Seat 4 - Randy Shank, Partial Term Expired 7.1.19 – eligible and interested in reappointment
 - Seat 7 - Tym Scott, Partial Term Expired 7.1.19 – eligible and interested in reappointment
 - Alternate 1 - Michelle Cumming, Partial Term Expired 7.1.19 - eligible and interested in reappointment
 - Alternate 3 - Vacant, needs to be filled
- PARKS & REC ADVISORY
- Tanner Denton - At Large - No term limits for this board
 - Peter Ascitutto - District 4 - No term limits for this board
 - Jennifer Winkler - East Albemarle Elementary - No term limits for this board
- TREE COMMISSION
- Patti Furr- No term limits for this board

Historic Resources Commission

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Lowder, and unanimously carried, City Council reappointed the following member to Seat 2 on the Historic Resources Commission.

Reappointment

Marvin Smith 3 yr. term to expire July 2022

City Council decided to wait until next meeting to appoint new members to Seat 1 and Seat 3 which are vacant positions.

Planning and Zoning Board

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, City Council reappointed the following members to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Reappointment

Seat 4	Randy Shank	Regular Member	(3 yr. term expiring July 2022)
Seat 7	Tym Scott	Regular Member	(3 yr. term expiring July 2022)

City Council decided to table the decision of appointments for Seat 1, Alternate 1, and Alternate 3 positions until next meeting.

PARKS & REC ADVISORY

Councilmember Hall moved to reappoint Tanner Denton, Peter Ascitutto, and Jennifer Winkler to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Councilmember Whitley seconded the motion.

Upon discussion of attendance records, Council decided to table the decision of appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board until further review of attendance is completed.

Councilmember Hall and Councilmember Whitley withdrew their motions.

TREE COMMISSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Lowder, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the reappointment of Patti Furr to the Tree Commission.

Reappointment

Patti Furr

(3 yr. term expiring July 2022)

4 Information on City Employee Service Day

Lisa Kiser, Parks & Recreation Director and Dana Chaney, Human Resources Director reviewed information with Council on the upcoming City Employee Service Day. Ms. Kiser stated that the event will be January 17, 2020 from 9-1 pm. Employees will be able to register to volunteer at a local non-profit organization. She said they contacted 12 agencies for our employees to volunteer with.

Ms. Chaney stated the Employee Action Group met on November 22. They brainstormed a list of agencies to contact and then help Ms. Kiser contact these agencies.

Ms. Kiser and Ms. Chaney answered any questions that Council had.

5 Reminder - Fire Station #3 and EE Waddell Community Center will be used as 2020 Polling Locations

The City Manager noted that Fire Station #3 and the EE Waddell Community Center will be used as polling locations for the 2020 Primary and General

elections. State law allow the Board of Elections to use any public facility of their choosing as a polling location. In the case of these City facilities, they have been used as polling locations numerous times in the past.

Primary - March 3

General - November 3

Councilmember Hall stated that there was a meeting concerning the Christmas parade at City Hall earlier this evening. She said that it is still open for anyone to bring enter an entry or float until Friday, December 6. She asked that they contact Main Street Manager Joy Almond at 704.984.9415.

The Mayor stated the parade is Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 am.

Councilmember Hall stated that Grand Marshals for the parade will be children who have survived or are undergoing treatment for pediatric cancer.

Councilmember Townsend stated that when there is a heavy rain, there are large puddles of water in the road on East Main Street. He said that it seems to be worse since NCDOT resurfaced it recently. The City Manager and Public Works Director Ross Holshouser both indicated this has been reported to the NCDOT.

Councilmember Townsend stated that we may want to think about and consider when Pfeiffer's programs begin downtown, having a public Bike Share Program positioned throughout the downtown for students.

Councilmember Whitley asked about the repairs to the retaining wall at the greenway damaged in Hurricane Florence. Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Kiser stated that she is looking into having an engineer take a look and analyze this issue.

Upon questioning, Ms. Kiser stated that they are doing more grading at the ball field at Montgomery Park.

Councilmember Bramlett spoke about the possibility of having a large falcon placed at Five Points intersection for the new Pfeiffer building.

Councilmember Bramlett stated that he had asked some time ago about the possibility of NCDOT super imposing the name of Pfeiffer Parkway on US Hwy. 52 N.

Councilmember Lowder stated that if Council does not feel good about the parade and the number of entries, they may want to call it off.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council adjourned to a Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6)– Personnel.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Whitley, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council reconvened to open session. Mayor Michael stated that a Closed Session was held Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) – Personnel and there was nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Michael stated that the City ran into issues concerning seismic requirements at the new police building. The City needs to make sure the building is earthquake proof. Currently, we are addressing how to move forward concerning this. The monies in the contingency fund will probably all be needed to handle this issue.

Mayor Michael stated that if down the road we have other issues, we will probably have to come back before City Council asking for a change order.

Mayor Michael stated that the parade is Saturday, December 14 at 10:0 am and City Council will be riding on the fire truck. Also, if Council wants to distribute candy, each member is to bring their own supply of candy.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Whitley, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.