

SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL

August 12, 2021

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a special session to discuss an easement agreement and a property donation, as well as a closed session for a personnel item, on Thursday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Ronnie Michael and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall and Councilmembers Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend, Christopher Whitley, Shirley D. Lowder, Benton Dry, and Bill Aldridge.

Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

TEK Development Easement Agreement

This is the same entity as Earnhardt Exchange LLC, as the owner has changed the name. Back in the November 2, 2020 Council meeting, Council agreed in principal to a sidewalk easement in order for the developer to install window wells which meets code. However, a formal agreement is necessary. The City Attorney has drafted an agreement for an encroachment easement along the side of the building where the wells will be placed.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Whitley and unanimously carried, Council approved the encroachment agreement as specified above.

Property Donation from American Legion

At the Carolina Avenue/Don Montgomery Park, there is a free standing building which has served as a concession stand. Due to COVID, American Legion baseball games have not been played as in past years. The American Legion wishes to donate the building to the City of Albemarle.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Dry and unanimously carried, Council authorized the donation of the building from American Legion to the City of Albemarle.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, unanimously carried, Council approved moving into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel.

In the August 2, 2021 meeting upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, unanimously carried, Council had approved Councilmember Hughes as acting clerk every time City staff are excused from closed session deliberations.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Lowder and unanimously carried, Council returned to open session. The Mayor stated that a closed session was held pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall to move forward with contracting Sorenson Consulting, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, the motion passed with a vote of 6 Council members for the motion, and 1 against. Council members voting in favor of the motion included: Hall, Hughes, Townsend, Whitley, Aldridge, and Dry. Councilmember Lowder voted against the motion.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Whitley, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall.