

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING of May 30, 2007, with Mayor Don Mullen and Commissioners Alan Marsh, Amy Patterson, Hank Ross, H. N. James, and Dennis DeWolf present.

Also present were Richard Betz, Lamar Nix, Kim Lewicki, Jim Lewicki, Hillrie Quin, and Geoff Slade.

I. Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Reports.

1. The Mayor reminded the Board that the Organizational Review Committee had planned to interview Town staff as agreed at the recent retreat. He also thought that the Public Works Committee should meet and discuss stormwater projects and funding. The Committee agreed to meet on Monday, June 4, at 8:00 a.m.

He reported that an accident had occurred at the intersection of Main and Third Street over the weekend, and he felt the D.O.T. should be asked to install a traffic signal; he offered to contact the D.O.T. Division Engineer.

The Town Administrator noted that the June 13 Budget Work Session scheduled at the previous meeting conflicted with the Zoning Board meeting the same evening. The Board agreed by consensus to re-schedule the work session to Thursday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m.

III. Business.

1. The Treasurer then presented the FY 07-08 line item budget and budget message in some detail. The items highlighted included a summary of general fund revenues; a proposed "revenue-neutral" tax rate of 12.5% generating \$2,200,000 in revenue after the revaluation; an 0.008% Fire Tax approved by the County; no change in utility rates; discussion of the Harris Lake Sewer Project; and discussion of the Water Remediation Project. Although the latter had been placed in the Capital Improvement Program for FY 08-09, it was agreed that \$50,000 should be budgeted this year for dredging of silt around the lower water intake in Big Creek. Hillrie Quin was present to discuss a requested \$300,000 in the budget from the Greenways Committee, which the Board had decided not to approve for budget pending specific projects; he explained that the funds would be used for possible right-of-way or land acquisition during the coming fiscal year, and the Board agreed to consider the request.

2. **MOVED BY COMM. ROSS, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO G. S. §143-318.11(A)(6) TO CONSIDER PERSONNEL MATTERS.** Those present left the meeting room.

The Board briefly discussed a candidate for the Planning Director position with the Town Administrator.

THE BOARD AGREED BY CONSENSUS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION.

IV. The Board agreed by consensus to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared by the Mayor to be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Richard Betz, Town Clerk