

TOWN OF ROLESVILLE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
TOWN BOARD

FEBRUARY 3, 2014
MINUTES

PRESENT: Frank Eagles, Mayor
Gil Hartis, Commissioner
Frank Hodge, Mayor Pro Tem
Bryan Hicks, Town Manager
David York, Town Attorney
Matt Anderson, Chief of Police
JG Ferguson, Parks& Rec Director
Ron Laxton

Ronnie Currin, Commissioner
Betty Whitaker, Commissioner
Shannon Whitley, Commissioner
Thomas Lloyd, Planning Director
Clellie Allen, The Wake Weekly
Bobby Langston, Police Captain
Herbert Eddins

Call to Order

Mayor Frank Eagles called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mayor Eagles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ronnie Currin gave the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

With no changes noted to the agenda, Commissioner Betty Whitaker made the motion for approval. Commissioner Shannon Whitley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Frank Hodge asked for clarification on item 5-A, a call for a public hearing for case TA 14-02, an amendment to the Open Space and Greenway Plan.

Town Manager Bryan Hicks explained the proposed amendment would designate natural waterfalls in town as points of interest as well as to realign plans for greenway expansions near the future bypass and Rolesville High School.

Commissioner Whitaker made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Public Hearing for case TA 13-07: Amendment to the UDO to Revise Sign Standards (Article 11)

Planning Director Thomas Lloyd briefed the board on staff's proposal to amend the current sign ordinance, including the most recent changes that were discussed at the previous Town Board meeting, which included grandfathering in all existing billboards in town and informing business owners of these changes.

Commissioner Hodge asked for clarification on the definition of temporary signs. Mr. Lloyd explained the definition of temporary signs and how the proposed amortization process impacts that. Once the ordinance is in active enforcement, he said, businesses not

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in compliance have 45 days to take down any nonconforming signs or face a fine. But, Mr. Lloyd added that staff would actively work with businesses to bring them into compliance before issuing fines.

Commissioner Hodge asked about the difference between temporary signs for businesses and those used by civic organizations.

Mr. Lloyd stated that there is a clause that permits non-profits to use temporary signs for things such as a fish fry or other event. Commissioner Whitley noted that this is something that is already on the books but is not currently being enforced. Mr. Lloyd added that the proposed revised sign ordinance is less restrictive by allowing temporary signs to be used by businesses three times a year.

Mayor Eagles opened the public hearing.

Business owner Herbert Eddins shared concerns for the impact these revisions could have on business owners.

Mayor Eagles closed the public hearing.

After discussion over the potential impact the ordinance could have on local businesses, and to help aid business owners to comply with the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Whitaker suggested that Mr. Hicks and Mr. Lloyd meet with Mr. Eddins to review his business's signs and make recommendations on how the signs could be utilized while conforming to town code.

Town Attorney David York recommended further delaying the effective date for amortization by an additional 30 days in addition to staff's recommendation that the overall effective date being moved to the end of April.

Commissioner Whitley made the motion to approve the amended sign ordinance, with an effective date of April 30, 2014 and that staff notify businesses in adequate time. Commissioner Gil Hartis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Hearing for case TA 14-04: Amendment to the UDO to comply with NC General Assembly Law 2013-126 pertaining to Board of Adjustment procedure

Mr. Lloyd briefed the board on the recommendation to revise the town's UDO to reflect recent change in state law regarding the standards and procedures of the Board of Adjustments.

Town Attorney David York expanded on the recommendation, explaining that the state General Assembly made changes to the law late last year that further defined these boards' standard procedures, including revisions such as replacing *may* with *shall* so that the law now reads "the Board of Adjustment shall grant a variance." Changes were also made to deciding what cases require a super majority vote; when members have to recuse themselves for a vote; revisions to the hardship provision; and clarifying other points to ensure impartiality.

Mayor Eagles opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Eagles closed the public hearing.

With no other comments from the board, Commissioner Whitaker made the motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Currin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Hearing for case TA 14-01: Amendment to the Town Code and UDO to increase the ETJ representation on the Town of Rolesville Planning Board

Mr. Hicks briefed the board on the request, which would expand the Planning Board from six to seven members, adding an additional seat for further representation from the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Mayor Eagles opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Eagles closed the public hearing.

With no further comments, Commissioner Currin made the motion to approve the text amendment. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consideration of the Agenda for the February 18, 2014 Town Board Meeting

Commissioner Whitley asked that proclamations for Black History Month and for American Heart Month be added to the agenda.

With no other items of business on the agenda, Mayor Eagles said he will notify the board at a later date if the meeting needs to be cancelled.

Mayor and Commissioners' Reports

Mayor Eagles reported that he attended the recent Wake County Board of Commissioners meeting. He also visited the new Ace Hardware store for its soft opening. Mayor Eagles also reported that the dedicated left turn signal light at Main Street and Redford Place Drive is now operational.

Commissioner Whitley asked about the status of repaving part of Redford Place Drive. Mr. Hicks said the projected is in the proposed 2014-15 Capital Improvements Projects list.

Commissioner Whitley also announced that there will be a rabies and micro-chip clinic on May 3.

Mr. Hicks reported that the town will host a shred-a-thon on March 22.

Closed Session

Commissioner Hodge made the motion to go into closed session to discuss matters protected under attorney-client privilege, pursuant NC GS § 143-318.11-3. Commissioner Currin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Whitley made the motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Adjournment

With no other business, Commissioner Whitley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Leslie Rudd, Town Clerk

C. Frank Eagles, Mayor