



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council Special Meeting
August 27, 2013
Civic Building
6:30 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: Michael L. Alvarez

Council Members: Robert Allen, David Cohn, Christopher King, Darlene Luther, and David Waddell.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Director of Community & Economic Development Kelly Barnhardt, Planning Director Shelley DeHart, Finance Director Marsha Sutton, Director of Engineering and Public Works Scott Kaufhold , and Senior Planner Rox Burhans .

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alvarez called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gordon Daniels, 1020 Woodkirk Lane, Indian Trail, NC asked Mr. Waddell what are 3 things that he dislikes about Indian Trail. Mr. Waddell stated that the public comment policy prevents him from answering that question, but he will be happy to do so in an email or at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of draft minutes for August 13, 2013
- b. Council consideration and approval of MOU Endorsement for Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES)**
- c. Council consideration and approval of position title modification

Christopher King made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan

Donald Simpson, a Representative of HNTB who is the consultant on this project provided Council with an update on the progress of the process and the changes they are suggesting. He advised that this matter is anticipated to go before the Planning Board in September and to Council after that. **(A COPY OF THE PRESENTATION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES)**

- b. Discussion of Law Enforcement Assessment RFP

Mr. Fivas advised that a Request for Price informs the consultants what we are looking for. They will submit their RFP's to the Town and then Council will determine who they want to bring in to discuss. This is simply to give staff an idea of specific objectives - no funds or decisions will be made tonight.

Mr. Fivas inquired what does the Council want to achieve with this Request for Proposal. Each Council Member replied:

Mr. King stated that honest questions that need to be answered. He provided the following: how many deputies do we need to hire? If we currently do not have enough, when do we need to hire now or span out over time? If we need to hire more, why? How do we pay for them, we will need a funding mechanism - either short or long term range - not to be delivered without this.

Mr. Waddell agreed with Mr. King on all points, but feels we need to have an assessment of current level of service and a recommended appropriate level of service for our town with our current environment and 10 years down the road.

Mr. Cohn also agreed with Mr. King but would like not only for Council to interview with our perspective companies but the Sheriff's Department as well to participate and have input. Not necessarily in choosing but for them to have influence in choosing. We don't want to choose a company that the Sheriff's Department rejects. So we won't have anyone saying it wasn't done right, we have one shot let's make it count.

Mr. Allen agreed with Mr. King but stated that if we're going to look at address our needs we should also put into the mix what the tipping point is with a real live comparison. Is there a point or time when it is time to have our own Police Department?

Ms. Luther agreed with all the other statements - what is it going to cost and she agrees what is the tipping point when it starts to become more effective to do it on our own. She suggested it would be beneficial to use Stallings as an example because they have the same demographics as us.

Council continued to have a lengthy discussion about this topic. Mr. Fivas recommended that staff create the questions, send them to Council prior to the September 10th meeting for further input and decision. By consensus Council agreed.

c. Discussion of street name for Chestnut Square Park area

Mr. Fivas explained there are 2 roads that do not have names and pointed them out to Council. He suggested that we ask the Park, Tree & Greenway Committee to provide some ideas and bring back to Council for a decision. By consensus Council agreed.

d. Discussion of Indian Trail Road Bridge Project

Mr. Fivas advised that next year NCDOT will be building the bridge on Indian Trail Road and has inquired if the Town would be interested in investing \$590,000 to extend the widening approximately 300 feet going towards the railroad tracks. He also advised that they will install a turn lane on Old Monroe Road @ South Fork, this is a separate project. Council had a discussion on this matter.

Darlene Luther made a motion to not invest these funds on this project and use them for a project that has already been discussed and is need of improvements.

Motion Failed 3 - 2 with Christopher King, David Cohn, and David Waddell opposing.

David Cohn made a motion to table this discussion of extending the Indian Trail Road Bridge Project until the September 10th meeting.

Motion Passed 4 - 1 with Robert Allen opposing.

e. Discussion of future funding and sponsorship of Town Parks

Ms. Barnhardt presented the status of both parks:

Chestnut Square @ Indian Trail is out to bid, the Council will review and award the contract in September with a construction start date of October. The next steps will consist of raising additional fund through sponsorships and donations. These efforts will commence after September 1st with the guidance and assistance of Mayor Pro Tem Cohn.

Crooked Creek Park @ Indian Trail will go out to bid next week, the Council will review and award the contract in October with construction starting in October and will occur over a multi-year process

hopefully to reach full build-out in 5 years. The next step is to apply for a PARTF Grant and staff is recommending to contract with a professional consultant for assistance, this proposal will be brought to Council at the September 10th meeting. With Public and Private grants, donations, sponsorships and additional revenues the Town hopes to have an addition \$3-4 million dollars above the bond funds over the next several years. Staff will start recreation planning by meeting with local athletic associations, other state/regional recreation facilities and develop a clear business plan for park use. We will need to add Parks/Recreation staff to look at future tournament options.

CLOSED SESSION

Christopher King made a motion to enter closed session under [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)] - [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)] - [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)] and [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)]
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Robert Allen made a motion to approve going back into Open Session.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURN

Christopher King made a motion to adjourn
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED:

Michael L. Alvarez

Attest:

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk