



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council
November 12, 2014
Civic Building
06:30 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: Michael L. Alvarez

Council Members: David Cohn, Gordon B. Daniels, David W. Drehs, and Gary M. Savoie.

Absent Members: Christopher King

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alvarez called the meeting to order and asked VFW Member James Crump to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked everyone to remain standing and invited VFW member Bill Lane to say a Veterans Prayer in honor of Veterans Day. Mayor Alvarez announced there was a public hearing advertisement which appeared in the October 29, 2014 edition of the Charlotte Observer for CZ2014-003 Hanfield Village. At the

applicants request this item will not be heard tonight and will be rescheduled to a later Town Council meeting. Public hearing notifications will be issued once the meeting date is scheduled. Mayor Alvarez reminded everyone about the upcoming Christmas Parade and the Holiday Hero's donations.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

David Cohn made a motion to approve adding an update from the Public Safety Committee by Sherry Waddell as item 5a

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mayor Alvarez announced that Councilman King was not present.

Gary M. Savoie made a motion to approve removing item 10a Street Acceptance Policy.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Gary M. Savoie made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation and acceptance of annual financial statement for period ending June 30, 2014

Mr. Fivas introduced a representative from Tinsley & Terry Clair Meyer. Ms. Meyer presented the outcome of 3 different audits: the financial statement audit was issued an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance they can give; Internal Controls and Expenditures was issued no findings; and Powell Bill Fund was issued no findings, both the highest they can issue.

David Cohn made a motion to approve and accept the June 30, 2014 Financial Statements as submitted by Tinsley & Terry.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- b. Miracle League of Indian Trail Update

David Drehs yielded the floor Andy Matysek

Andy Matysek read the letter of acceptance of Resolution R1014-1 accepting the property at Crooked Creek Park to build the Miracle Field. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

David Cohn introduced Boy Scout Troop 97 stating they are here to earn a merit badge and learn how government works.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Faulkenberry, 519 Picketts Circle, Indian Trail, NC made the following suggestions: have a roll call before each meeting; the water drain & power line covers in the picnic area for Chestnut Park leaves an opportunity to get your foot stuck, the walking trail should have a fence to separate the property from homeowners, the park needs more lighting, lights not working along all purpose fields, speed limit signs are needed, banner advertising Christmas Parade needs to be moved so drivers are not distracted, and the workshop needs to be advertised more.

Shirley Howe, 6205 Clearwater Drive, Indian Trail, NC stated that since the second meeting in October was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items she asked the status on the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, when is the Public Information Request policy to be revised, has the search started for a new accounting firm, when will Municipal Code be updated, where are the wayfinding signs, what happened to the street sweeping, construction engineering inspection, suggesting we adjust the follow-up system for items introduced on the agenda or by Council to ensure they get done.

Steven Long, 1012 Cranston Crossing, Indian Trail, NC thanked everyone involved and attended the park opening, stating how terrific it was and how proud he is to be living in Indian Trail.

Art Spurr, 4100 Woodcreek Court, Indian Trail, NC thanked the Council for some of the work they do. Mr. Spurr presented, commented and explained a Risk Management Plan from the Bay Area suggesting that Council adopt it.

- a. **Update of Public Safety Committee by Sherry Waddell - this item was added as a result of a motion made in Additions and Deletions**

Ms. Waddell informed Council the committee has discussed several items of major concern which they feel should be addressed immediately: lighting in walking trails, playground and use area, parking for those wanting to use the playground area, it needs handicapped accessibility there as well suggesting it be added there, town events should have a safety check list, trip hazards with tent tie downs and electrical cords, vendor displays need to have a check list to set up their displays from danger. Ms. Waddell advised there is a vacant alternate seat available and a second member Robert Tosti only attended 2 meetings this year and they recommend that seat be made available to applicants. The Public Safety Committee will be meeting with the Town survey consultants. December 4th is the Public Safety Committee meeting for the month of December they have invited all other committees to join them, and invited Council as well; they plan to allow the committees to put out any items they are working on enabling them to work on that together.

Mayor requested that we put this on the next agenda. Council had a lengthy discussion pertaining to this. Mr. Fivas stated that if Council wants staff to look at it, give us direction to do so. Mayor Alvarez requested that the Council look into more lights. By consensus Council agreed to direct staff to look at the lighting and the policy and determine if there are resolutions needed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Coble addressed the park lighting stating that if events are going to be held there should be lights in the towers. He has concerns about the trails but feels no matter how many lights put out there will not prevent people from tripping. Lieutenant Coble provide the statistics for the month of October of the Deputy's, he also provided the arrests of certain individuals for crimes committed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of October 14, 2014 draft minutes
- b. Approval of Board of Adjustment Rules & Procedures changes **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**
- c. Set Public Hearing for November 25, 2014 @ 6:30 pm and possible action for Municipal Complex Master Plan & Architectural Design Options, and Preliminary Design
- d. Set Council Budget/Strategic Planning Workshop dates for December 19th@ 5:30-9:00pm and December 20th 11:30am-4:00pm
- e. Approval of Winter/Spring Chestnut Square Park hours of operation
- f. Approval of Letter of Intent for All American City Award **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

David Cohn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Council consideration of approval of Park Sponsorship & Naming Rights Policy

Mr. Fivas advised this sets up as framework of how the town goes about to get sponsorship

David Cohn made a motion to approve a. Council consideration of approval of Park Sponsorship & Naming Rights Policy **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Discussion of Street Acceptance Policy - *this matter was removed as a result of a motion made in Additions and Deletions.*
- b. Discussion for future resolution for truck weight restrictions on Chestnut Parkway

Mr. Fivas stated this matter was briefly discussed at the last meeting and he is seeking approval to create the ordinance/resolution to prevent tractor trailers from going on the parkway. Informing Council that staff will have that in front of you shortly but we wanted to hear any thoughts or concerns on that issue.

Mr. Drehs expressed concern once there is commercial business located on the parkway and that should come into consideration. Mr. Fivas replied that once the road is completed the policy will need to be change. Mr. Daniels agreed that it should be strong and the consequences should be known if restrictions broken.

STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Fivas stated that since the Council has set a Strategic Planning workshop in December we need to start thinking about making that workshop as productive as possible. We've presented this list for thought and request that if you would like to discuss additional items or not want to discuss something on this list, we would like to know so we can have the information available at that workshop. He requested Council contact him with any thoughts.

a. Pathway for Progress Initiative - town Infrastructure improvements

Mr. Fivas stated we need to have a plan for our Strategic Planning that was scheduled this evening. What we don't want to do is plan the meeting and not have the information available at that time. Mr. Fivas suggested that Council email him with their requests so staff is prepared at the meeting.

b. Municipal Complex Initiative - update on planning process

Mr. Fivas showed the Council and audience some plans and explained what the public's preference was as a result of the 2 public meetings we have held to get the residents input. There is another meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 20th and invited everyone to attend and provide input.

- c. Entertainment District/Old Monroe Road Corridor Plan
- d. Downtown/Chestnut Parkway Corridor Plan
- e. Town Beautification Initiative
- f. Additional Mayor and Council requested topics

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Fivas stated that the Park Grand Opening was a tremendous success, from planning to production. He thanked Council for their hard work to make it happen. He reminded everyone that the Christmas Parade is December 7th; it will be similar to last year, after the parade cookies with Santa at Crossing Paths Park. He thanked staff for their hard work on US74 meetings. He addressed some of the comments made during public comments. The Municipal Codes will be addressed within the next 6 months; wayfinding signs will start popping up early to mid December; street sweeping the original contractor did not work out and we're looking for another.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Daniels thanked everyone for coming out and asked them to get home safely.

Mr. Cohn had no comments

Mr. Savoie thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked staff for the Trunk or Treat and if you are not at the next meeting please have a safe holiday.

Mayor Alvarez advised there is a pot hole in front of Lilly’s; he congratulated the Sun Valley Middle School for winning the cheer leading championship; it concerns him that emails are not answered. Mayor Alvarez commented on the Bullying project advising there will be another workshop on Friday and invited everyone to come out.

Mr. Drehs thanked everyone for their support of the Miracle Field of Indian Trail.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Gordon B. Daniels made a motion to adjourn
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED:

Michael L. Alvarez, Mayor

Attest: _____
Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk