



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council
Special Meeting
September 16, 2014
Civic Building
5:30 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, Interim Planning Director Rox Burhans, Director of Engineering and Public Works Scott Kaufhold , and Director of Community & Economic Development Kelly Barnhardt.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Cohn called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that Mayor Alvarez and Council Member King were not in attendance.

THE RETENTION OF AN ATTORNEY RELATED TO THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Merritt advised that his firm represents Creech & Associates, creating a situation that the Town will need to retain an attorney in connection with contract negotiations. He handed out 2 recommendations, Martin White & Andy Culicerto. Both are attorneys his firm has worked with and feels either can represent the Town's interest.

Gordon B. Daniels made a motion to approve retaining Mr. White to represent the Town for contract negotiations with Creech & Associates
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mayor Po Tem Cohn announced that Mayor Alvarez entered the meeting and he passed the gavel to him.

DISCUSSION WITH NCDOT ON OLD MONROE ROAD WIDENING

Scott Cole from NCDOT stated they were here to try and resolve the Town's wishes for the widening of Old Monroe Road.

Carl Gibilaro, from Atkins stated that they were trying to get some input, guidance and preferences as we look at the project. They are ready to go into the design study phase of the project. He advised that they need to know which side the 10' multi use path is to be. It doesn't have to be all on the north or south, but they would prefer not have it zig-zag across the street. If there isn't a preference on which side they can look at what they feel is the best side for the multi-use path. Their goal is to get the environmental assessment and detailed impact study complete this year and start to have the public hearing in January and February. Once that is complete and the comments are evaluated they will begin the environmental assessment and then conduct an environmental impact statement. They do not expect any decisions made tonight to be the final decisions as many factors may cause changes. If that happens, they will come back to staff and inform them of those issues.

Mr. Savoie stated we want to make Old Monroe Road a parkway not a highway. We wanted to take the bike lanes off the road to minimize the impacts we see for businesses and residents. We are open to what side to put that on, as long as it remains on one side so we don't have people crossing, keeping safety in mind. We would prefer to have Brandon Oaks Parkway be a full movement intersection, so as not to impede the people coming out of Brandon Oaks. We would like a full

movement intersection at Wesley Chapel Stouts Road, we want to make sure that the crosswalks are enhanced with times to advise when to cross the street ensuring the safety of the students attending the several schools in that area. Mr. Savoie stated that the Town sent a memo to NCDOT that we consider predominantly the guideline and if you have any objections to these recommendations/requests we would like to hear them now. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

Mr. Gibilaro replied it's clear you don't want a high speed thruway like 74 and that's not our intention. We feel this facility needs to be user friendly with bicycle paths; we're looking at something in the 35 mph design speed. It's not meant to be a reliever to 74. A superstreet doesn't translate to high speed, it simply means more cars can get through and can get to their destination quicker. He provided the recommendations of NCDOT:

The town is requesting a 10' median we are proposing a 23' grass median with landscaping in the future, it will also provide access for growth; Chestnut Parkway Superstreet will have 3 lights acting as one, 2 will enable you to make u turns, left turns from Old Monroe Road onto Chestnut will be allowed. The U-turns are kept between 600-1000' from intersection; Waxhaw Indian Trail Road the Town requested full movement, we have added turn lanes to the approaches, it widens to the south each lane has both left and right turn lanes creating an 8 lane intersection, as it looks now the multi use path will be on the south side; Brandon Oaks Parkway we are proposing a Superstreet, allowing a left turn onto Brandon Oaks Parkway; Radiator Drive, left turns in but no left turns out; Wesley Chapel Stouts Road is a modified Michigan Left .

Mr. Fivas stated that the Town has collaborated with NCDOT using center of the road and requested that they take that into consideration and not impede on the businesses recently constructed on Old Monroe Road that complied with NCDOT standards.

There was a lengthy discussion with Council about Michigan left on Wesley Chapel Stouts Road, bus, truck and emergency vehicles turning, the size of the median and multiuse paths, the design year being 2035 is why the medians are so wide in preparation of having to add turning lanes in the future with growth and not disrupt businesses and residents again. Representatives from NCDOT explained the preliminary concepts under consideration they provided would likely change once they have public hearings and a better idea of where they are going with their grades. **(COPY CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICIAL PACKET IN CLERK'S OFFICE)**

Mr. Savoie stated that the Town has an urgent need for this widening and would like section C to be built with B. Mr. Cole replied they would like that too, but the funds that the town contributed did not advance it like he hoped it would in this round but is hopeful for the next round. Mr. Gibilaro stated that they need to go back and look at a couple of things and will get the information back to Mr. Kaufhold, requesting the town to review it expeditiously and get an answer back to them so

they can go through it. Mr. Savoie asked Council if they approved the changes in the memo with the addition of a Michigan Left on Wesley Chapel Stouts Road, by consensus Council approved

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Gary M. Savoie made a motion to adjourn
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED:

Michael L. Alvarez, Mayor

Attest:

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk