



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council
September 9, 2014
Civic Building
6:30 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, Christopher King, and Gary M. Savoie.

Absent Members: Interim Planning Director Rox Burhans.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Director of Engineering and Public Works Scott Kaufhold , Finance Director Marsha Sutton, Director of Community & Economic Development Kelly Barnhardt, Jason Tryon, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation , and Lindsey Edmonds, Communications Coordinator.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. Cohn explained the video to be played is a tribute to all those who have served and are currently serving in the military and thanked them for their service.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Gordon B. Daniels made a motion to approve adding Sun Valley Junior Naval ROTC donation request to 10a and move item 10a to 10b

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

David W. Drehs made a motion to approve removing item 10b.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

David Cohn made a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation for Constitution Week

Mayor Alvarez read the Proclamation. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

b. Certificate of Recognition for Sun Valley High School Girls Softball Team

Mayor Alvarez read and presented the Certificate of Recognition to the Sun Valley High School Ladies Softball Team. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

c. Proclamation for 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance

Mayor Alvarez read the Proclamation **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

d. Presentation on local Charter School application

Mayor Alvarez announced he is on Board of Trustees of this school and if a tie vote is necessary he will have to recuse himself.

Rosalie Green presented a Power Point on the Union Preparatory Academy at Indian Trail, explaining that there is a need for this school in Union County and Indian Trail is the perfect location. Ms. Green read the mission statement and explained the anticipated study body, facility and what a Charter Schools is, their staffing, curriculum design, scheduling and financial administration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cathi Higgins, 3004 Clover Hill Road, Indian Trail expressed her appreciation on Council voting to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement on Saturday. Ms. Higgins advised she had concerns that the Town Manager had the document in July and it could have been approved some time ago. She advised she would love to see a New Town Hall but feels this should not be done until all other matters have been paid for.

Michael Faulkenberry, 519 Pickett Circle, Indian Trail feels the new Town Hall should be built on Chestnut Parkway and explained the benefits of having it there. Mr. Faulkenberry inquired if Council has asked the residents that live on Old Monroe Road how they feel about it being widened. He advised he sent an email to the Town Manager and is waiting for an answer.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Coble reminded everyone that school has started and addressed the traffic change as a result of the redistricting. USCO is using Total Traffic in Charlotte to enable them to advise the local radio and television channels of traffic issues. Lieutenant Coble provided the statistics of calls for the month. He made reference to a recent shooting and advised that he has been working with authorities on the geese issues. Lieutenant Coble provided information on several additional arrests conducted by the deputy's.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of August 12, 2014 draft minutes
- b. Approval of Waste Pro Time Extension Request

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Approval of Special Town Council Meeting on September 16, 2014

Mr. Fivas explained that North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDO) and Atkins Consulting Group requested to meet with the Towns of Stallings, Mathews and Indian Trail on September 16th. The time that we drew is at 5:30 pm that evening. We don't necessarily have to have a special meeting, just a spokesperson, but if 3 or more Council Members will be showing up, we need to advertise it as a special meeting to discuss the Town's recommendation for Old Monroe Road which is the next step for them to get some feedback.

Mr. Cohn asked would residents (property owners that are affected by this) be able to ask questions. Mr. Fivas advised that if you make that request, advertise it NCDOT would be willing to do that. This is a very small part of the process and they still need to go through a public comment process with the State and local residents. There are a number of opportunities we can have public comments, and his concern is a week may not be enough notice. Council continued to have a discussion on this topic.

David Cohn made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting on September 16, 2014.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Donation of funds to Sun Valley ROTC

Mr. Daniels requested that the staff create a procedure on distributing donations to charities to include the IRS exemption paperwork.

Gordon B. Daniels made a motion to approve directing staff to draw up a procedure on how to distribute funds to a charitable organization.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

b. Discussion of Old Monroe Road widening project

Mr. Fivas presented some draft recommendations for Council's consideration, advising that they use the Town's adopted Four Lane Village Center Boulevard Cross Section which is in our Comprehensive Plan, with the following exceptions: remove the 4-foot bike lane throughout the cross-section; narrow the center median to 10 feet, or less, from South Fork Road through Indian Trail intersection and add vertical landscaping in center median to some agreed upon sections of this road. **(A COPY OF THE FOUR LANE VILLAGE CENTER BOULEVARD CROSS SECTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

Mr. Fivas stated that staff recommends the following additional requests: NCDOT pay for full 10 foot side walk, municipal agreement to take over landscaping in some of these areas, no impact to Sun Valley Commons parcels on north side of Old Monroe Road due to restraints to losing established viable commercial property, shift Old Monroe Road at Indian Trail Road to meet with existing curb and gutter cross-section at the new Family Dollar location, the goal is no impact on this recent development, do everything possible to minimize impact on business owner from South Fork Road through Indian Trail Road intersections. All intersections will provide pedestrian access and landscaping, the Town would reduce the sidewalks section at Indian Trail Road and Wesley Chapel Road intersection areas to 6 feet, the entire section must have curb and gutter, NCDOT would determine the speed limit.

Intersection treatments:

Wesley Chapel Stouts Road would have 4 way signalized intersections, if NCDOT would like to review additional designs the Town's second preference would be a Michigan Left intersection.

Brandon Oaks Parkway: depending on future traffic volume and current demand, the Town is open to reviewing a super street design in this area.

South Fork Road: The Town would like to make sure that this intersection is designed to meet the potential future demand 20 years from now for Downtown Indian Trail development.

Indian Trail Road: The Town is requesting this intersection to remain a four way signalized intersection; we do not support a super-street in his area.

Chestnut Parkway: The Town is comfortable with a super street design for this intersection.

The Town also will make a statement that everything possible be done to minimize the impact on the businesses located on Old Monroe Road.

Council discussed these recommendations and made the following comments: Mr. Drehs on Wesley Chapel Stouts feels Michigan Left is the better solution and our letter should remind them that there is a Middle School and High School at that intersection and NCDOT needs to pay attention to that. Mr. Savoie said to have section C built concurrently with B and focus on Chestnut Parkway.

David W. Drehs made a motion to approve a letter be sent to NCDOT with the changes indicated and provide Mr. Savoie the authority to make minor changes as he sees fit.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

b. Discussion and update of Chestnut Square Park and Crooked Creek Park - *this matter was removed as a result of a motion made in Additions and Deletions.*

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Fivas announced that there is an event scheduled on Thursday 8:00 in remembrance of 9/11, the Cultural Arts Festival is coming up on Saturday September 27th, the Grand Opening of Chestnut Square Park is scheduled for October 24th, Friday after the Trunk or Treat event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Alvarez asked everyone to be here for 9/11 event, requested a possible budget for Committees for our events like candy for trunk or treat, PIR requests are still out there and we need to get these items pushed through, need parking ordinances for safety vehicles to get through, way finding signs update, anti bullying campaigned for Mayors he has signed up for and would appreciate any comments from Council and residents. He was challenged to the ice bucket, changed the rules he sent a donation to ALS and challenged Indian Trail to dump water on me if they make a donation to ALS. If you are out on Thursday, thank those that serve to protect us.

Savoie thanked everyone for being here and the staff.

Mr. Daniels commented on this evenings Public Comments and stated he's old fashioned he doesn't text, he calls people and tries to meet with them. He does not believe the residents are being ignored, but how does that resident want the response, writing, phone call, text and if you truly want an answer to your question, accommodated the person who will be providing the answer in the method in which they prefer to give it to you. As for the resident who addressed the timing of the law enforcement contract, he recalls that an answer was needed by October 1st when they would be acting on it. If the timing jeopardized the start date then I feel the resident would have a legitimate concern, but it has been submitted and approved and October 1st is not even here yet. He thanked everyone for coming and asks that they get home safely.

Mr. King had no comments.

Mr. Cohn congratulated the Sun Valley Softball team, he was glad they could come tonight stating winning the State Championship is a big accomplishment. The Grand opening for the park is October the 24th it is my birthday.

Mr. Drehs discussed the Miracle Field pin and he will be briefing the Town Council at the October 14th meeting; he has invited Mayor Raines from Mauldin, SC to the meeting to tell everyone the benefits of having a Miracle Field. The committee meets here 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and invited all to attend.

CLOSED SESSION

Gary M. Savoie made a motion to enter closed session NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Gordon B. Daniels made a motion to approve coming 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, Mayor

Attest: _____

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk