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TOWN COUNCIL
Gordon B. Daniels
David W. Drehs
Christopher M. King
Gary M. Savoie

Indian Trail Town Council Meeting
May 26, 2015
Civic Building
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation on Proposal for Construction of a Community Garden

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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- a. Approval of May 12th, 2015 draft minutes
b. Approval of Budget Amendments
c. Approval of Community Garden Project

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

action

– Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- *Proceed to the podium, and state your name and address clearly;*
- *Be concise; avoid repetition; limit comments to three (3) minutes or less;*
- *Designate a spokesperson for large groups*

- a. Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

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action

15. ADJOURN

action

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Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council
May 26, 2015
Civic Building
6:30 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: Michael L. Alvarez

Council Members: David Cohn, David W. Drehs, Christopher King, and Gary Savoie

Absent: Gordon B. Daniels

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Director of Community & Economic Development Kelly Barnhardt, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Jason Tryon, and Communications Coordinator Lindsey Edmonds

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alvarez called the meeting to order and asked Eagle Scout nominee Robert Stratton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Alvarez asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in honor of Memorial Day and those who have fought and paid the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

Mayor Alvarez noted that Gordon Daniels was not present for the meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Mr. Fivas noted that Lieutenant Coble had asked that the Law Enforcement Update be removed from the agenda as he could not be present for the meeting.

Mr. King made a motion to remove the Law Enforcement Update from the agenda.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Savoie made a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation on Proposal for Construction of a Community Garden

Mr. Stratton explained that the proposal for the community garden is his Eagle Scout project. The garden will consist of six plots for growing vegetables and will be located near the Civic Building. He noted that community gardens allow families and individuals to grow their own food. Surplus food from the garden will be donated to Loaves and Fishes. Local Boy Scout Troops will construct the garden. He gave an overview of the project's timeline.

Mr. King stated that he liked Mr. Stratton's idea.

Mayor Alvarez inquired if the Council needed to approve the project.

Mr. Fivas explained that the specifics on the approval of the community garden are on the Consent Agenda and outline the project as described by Mr. Stratton. Council's approval would allow the Scouts to use the land. The Town would supply water and oversight after the garden is completed.

Mr. King inquired about who would manage the garden once it is completed.

Mr. Fivas explained that the Town will lease out the garden plots for \$30 each. These funds will be used for maintaining the garden. The lessees will sign an agreement stating that they will take care of their plot. There will be criteria for garden users.

Mr. Savoie inquired about who would maintain un-leased garden plots.

Mr. Fivas explained that local nonprofits would be willing to maintain the plots. The PARC Committee will assist in identifying groups that will help with maintenance.

Mr. Stratton added that other Eagle Scout nominees would be able to assist with plot maintenance.

Mr. Drehs complimented Mr. Stratton on his presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Alvarez opened Public Comments.

Michael Faulkenberry, 519 Picketts Circle, Indian Trail NC, expressed concern about the community park near Indian Trail-Matthews Road. He stated that telling the public they will receive a 51 acre park as part of an \$8.5 million bond and later telling the public they will receive only a 30 acre park is committing fraud to voters and taxpayers. He noted that the Council's vote on a new Town Hall will affect future projects. He inquired if the \$2 million remaining for the park bond could be used for a Miracle League project.

Mayor Alvarez closed Public Comments.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE - *This item was removed as result of a motion made in Additions and Deletions.*

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of May 12, 2015 draft minutes
- b. Approval of Budget Amendments
- c. Approval of Community Garden Project

Mr. Savoie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget

Mayor Alvarez opened and closed the Public Hearing as no one had signed up to speak.

Mr. Savoie stated that the budget looks good and since a public hearing on the budget was also held at the Council's last meeting, he would like to approve it.

Mayor Alvarez inquired if approving the budget at this time would be within the guidelines.

Mr. Merritt noted there is only an outside limit on approving the budget before the end of the fiscal year. It is up to the Council to decide if it wants to vote on the budget at this time.

Mr. Cohn noted that in the past Council Members have objected to voting without the full Council present.

Mr. Savoie made a motion to suspend the rules and add Approval of the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget to the agenda.

The motion passed on a vote of three to one with Mr. Drehs, Mr. King, and Mr. Savoie voting in favor, and Mr. Cohn voting in opposition.

Mr. Cohn expressed concern about voting on an item that was not originally on the agenda.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Approval of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget – *This item was added as a result of a motion made during Public Hearings.*

Mr. Savoie made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget.

The motion failed on a vote of two to three with Mr. King and Mr. Savoie voting in favor, and Mayor Alvarez, Mr. Cohn, and Mr. Drehs voting in opposition.

Mayor Alvarez noted that the item will be placed on the June 9, 2015 Town Council meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Fivas noted that a pavilion and Veterans' memorial town square will be added to the community park Mr. Faulkenberry referenced during Public Comments. The grand opening of Crooked Creek Park begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and will include a ribbon-cutting and softball games.

Mr. Cohn inquired about details of the softball games.

Mr. Tryon explained that four softball teams - Indian Trail, Stallings, Waxhaw, and Union County - have committed to playing. The Indian Trail team consists of Council Members and Town staff. The games will begin at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. A kickball game will also be held.

Mr. Drehs noted that during Saturday's event, the Miracle League Adult Wheelchair Softball Team will hold a game in the parking lot near Sardis Elementary School and will allow attendees to practice batting from wheelchairs.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. King had no comments.

Mayor Alvarez thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked everyone to remember veterans as yesterday was Memorial Day.

Mr. Cohn encouraged everyone to attend the Miracle League Golf Tournament at 1:00 p.m. on June 6 at Emerald Lake Golf Club.

Mr. Drehs noted Bunyan Price, Jr.'s plane was shot down during the Vietnam War. His remains were returned to his family in Monroe two weeks ago.

Mr. Savoie thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked staff for their hard work. He stated that he looks forward to the opening of the park.

CLOSED SESSION

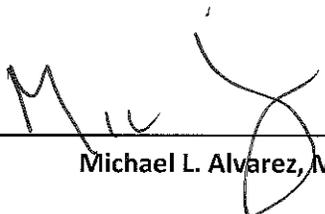
None

ADJOURN

Mr. Savoie made a motion to adjourn.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED:



Michael L. Alvarez, Mayor

Attest: 