

**Town of Mount Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall – Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, February 1, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Troy W. Barnhardt
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Del Eudy
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt
Commissioner Rick Burleyson
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Town Administrator Adrian Cox
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt
Public Works Director David Fargo

Also Present: Dr. Michael Mock, Buddy Parlakos, Jim Senecal, Sharon Senecal, James White, Debbie Bost, Marvin Bost, Samantha Moose, Marc Morgan, Philip Moxley,

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order and stated that members of the NCDOT were available for a question and answer period before the meeting on the Highway 73 Project.

INVOCATION

Rev. James White led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barnhardt led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Barnhart stated that a quaroum was in attendance but the Attorney was not present.

Town Administrator Adrian Cox introduced Marc Morgan and Philip Moxley with the NCDOT. Town Administrator Adrian Cox wanted to make a correction that the planter boxes were not funded by the NCDOT. It was recommended to pour the sidewalks the then cut them for the planters.

Philip Moxley, District Engineer, requested a resolution from the Town in support of the project. He stated that they were to the point now that they needed the resolution. Philip Moxley stated that the project would be a total reconstruction from the first driveway at Fifth Third Bank through the square. The total time frame for the project will be about 6 weeks. The roads will be closed no more than 4 weeks. The Main Street intersection will be impacted with milling. The milling will go to the driveway at Buddy's on South Main Street. The businesses will still have access by back access or around barricades.

The sidewalk traffic was discussed and the sidewalks will set up in about 24 hours and be able to be walked on. The planters were discussed and they will cost between \$600-\$1000 each. They were allotted for but they are trying not to drive up the price for this project. Commissioner Barringer had a question about fast setting concrete.

Commissioner Burleyson asked about the waterline replacement, he wanted to know what side of the road it would be on. It will be on the side of Moose Drug Store. There will be new sidewalks on both sides of the road. Their theme is to rebuild, enhance, but not change. It is proposed to close the driveway entrance at Moose Drug Store and Highway 73. Commissioner Eberhardt asked about a major fire if the water line replacement was going on downtown. Marc Morgan stated that the old line would stay live until the new one was ready to go live.

Commissioner Chapman asked about deliveries to Marvin's and What A Burger while the roads are closed. Marc Morgan replied that is where good communication comes into effect. The businesses will have business cards with the NCDOT's information on it and the NCDOT does want to have a pre-construction meeting with the businesses. The NCDOT will work with the businesses while the construction is going on. Commissioner Eudy asked about the Independence Day Celebration. Marc Morgan stated that they would accommodate for Independence Day by putting down plywood for people to walk on if the sidewalks were not completed and to make sure that the roads were passable. They would make sure that the contractors knew what was planned for the celebration. Depending on the timeframe it may not have started by then or it may be finished. Commissioner Burleyson stated that residents might not know that the entrance to the parking lot is closed at Moose Drug Store at Highway 73. There was discussion as to what could be done to the entrance, maybe put planters there so residence would know that it was closed.

Dr. Michael Mock asked why the driveway at Moose Drug Store was being closed if there has been only one accident there. Marc Morgan explained that the accident was at the driveway on South Main Street not at this driveway. He explained that by doing the construction now they will have to follow regulations and that driveway would not be allowed.

James Senecal asked if the driveway at Moose Drug Store and Highway 73 could be made into an entrance only. There would need to be major changes to do this and there is not room to make it happen. Also who would be there to enforce the entrance only to prohibit anyone from coming out on Highway 73? Commissioner Eudy asked about coming out of the parking lot turning onto South Main, he asked if the vehicles would be able to turn both ways.

Debbie Bost stated that John Andrews and Jeff Bowers told them in Marvin's restaurant that the road would not be closed down totally. She asked how their delivery trucks and the trucks for their waste would be able to get into their business. She stated that these trucks come on a daily basis. Marc Morgan stated that they would work with them to make sure that their truck got through. The NCDOT needed to know when these trucks were coming. Debbie Bost also wanted to know how people would know that they were still open during this construction. She stated that it was important for a new business. Marc Morgan stated that they could put it on the barricades that the businesses were still open and how to get to them. Debbie Bost asked if the Town would waive the Sign Ordinance for this period of time so they could put up a sign saying that they were open.

Fire Chief Honeycutt asked about a traffic signal for the Fire Department. Marc Morgan stated that it would probably be a split phase. He stated they would look at it after about a week. Fire Chief Honeycutt also asked about a Preemption signal. This signal would make the traffic lights all flash red for the fire truck, police and EMS to have safe travel through the intersection. Marc Morgan stated that he would check on that and get back with Fire Chief Honeycutt.

Marvin Bost asked about the dirt that would be taken out of this project. There is a hole that needs to be filled and Marvin and the Town Administrator Adrian Cox thought some of it could be used for this purpose. Marc Morgan stated that the contractor was responsible for hauling the dirt and there needed to be some communication with him.

Mayor Barnhardt thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Marc Morgan and Philip Moxley left their business cards and said if anyone had any other questions to please give them a call, they were just down the road in Albemarle.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dr. Michael Mock stated that he was all for the downtown area being redone. He stated that now we were going to some place that we know, that's been there forever, to something that's going to cause confusion and a lot more congestion. He stated that a study had been done and only one accident had happened at the entrance at Moose Drug Store and would the board reconsider closing this entrance. Mayor Barnhardt asked if he could correct Dr. Mock, the study was done at the entrance at his business, not at the entrance at Moose Drug Store.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Eudy made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISIONS

No public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the January 4, 2010 Board Meeting minutes and a Resolution -100th Anniversary Boy Scout Proclamation.

Commissioner Eberhardt made a *motion to postpone the minutes until the March 1, 2010 meeting*. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Burleyson made a *motion to approve the amended consent agenda with only the 100th Anniversary Boy Scout Proclamation*. Commissioner Eudy seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

- (1) Police – Written report
- (2) Fire Chief- Fire Chief Honeycutt reported that there was a 99% chance that the Fire Department had received a FEMA Grant. He reported that the upfit for the radios had caught them by surprise. The ISO went great and it will help with insurance cost for the community. The calls for the fire department have gone up.
- (3) Town Administrator-Town Administrator Adrian Cox submitted his report and commented on the (1) CMAQ Sidewalk project which the Town has received construction authorization for the project. Staff has requested letters of interest for Construction, Engineering and Inspection. Many of the milestones of the project are contingent upon NCDOT. (2) Public Works uniforms-Staff is in the process of acquiring quotes, and reviewing contracts for uniform rental. The estimated cost for uniform rental is expected to be

- between \$2,500 and \$3,000 annually, which includes purchased boots and coats. (3) McAllister Concession Stand-Staff met with Mount Pleasant Youth Athletics to discuss facility maintenance and determine ways to eliminate safety risks. Staff continues to seek grants for the repairs. (4) Carolina Thread Trail- Staff submitted a letter of interest to The Catawba Land Conservancy requesting consideration for grant funding to acquire right of way for future greenway along the Carolina Thread Tread Corridor. (5) Budget Retreat FY 10-11-The annual budget and goal setting retreat has been scheduled for 8:00 am, February 13, 2010 at the Kannapolis Train Station. Commissioner Barringer asked about the CMAQ sidewalk project. He stated that someone had asked him about sidewalks on the other side of the creek to Franklin Street. He also asked about future grants to extend the sidewalks. Commissioner Eberhardt asked about a foot bridge. Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated that might be something that the Town could do. Town Administrator Adrian Cox reported that the Mini Park repair would begin as soon as the ground conditions became suitable.
- (4) Finance- Written report
 - (5) Public Works- Dave Fargo, Public Works Director, reported that they have purchased surveying equipment that will help with the problem on College Street. Dave Fargo also reported that they had installed right curve ahead signs for Eastover Street and they are repairing pump stations
 - (6) Town Attorney- Not present.

OLD BUSINESS

1. North Carolina 401K Supplemental Retirement

During the Personnel Policy revision, the Board discussed the North Carolina Supplemental 401K. This is an optional supplement to state retirement that employees could add to help save for retirement. This option is only available for employees that are members of the North Carolina Local Government Retirement System. The plan is governed by a member Board of Trustees, and administered by Prudential Retirement. The North Carolina 401K is the largest governmental supplemental plan in the United States. Members of the plan have a wide range of investment options in both stocks and bonds. Pre-defined, self-defined, and automatically adjusting portfolios are available for employees that elect to participate.

Although many local governments choose to make contributions as a part of compensation, adopting the supplemental 401K does not dedicate any contributions by the Town at this time. The Board could decide to make contributions in the future.

Commissioner Eberhardt asked if the remittance would be each week since payroll is weekly and Commissioner Burleyson asked if this could be set up on payroll. The answer to each of the questions is yes.

With no other discussion, Commissioner Barringer made a *motion to adopt the Resolution Adopting The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan of North Carolina*. Commissioner Eudy seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0) This will be strictly voluntarily, no matching funds will be given.

2. Golf Carts on Public Streets

Commissioner Eberhardt made a *motion to postpone the golf carts on public streets indefinitely until NCDOT develops a model ordinance, and then take another look at it*. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

3. Technology and Communications Policy

At the January meeting, the Board of Commissioners requested that staff research and develops an email and communication policy. Staff has submitted a policy that defines the use of email and other electronic information. The policy included instructions for using town systems in regard to efficient use, appropriate use, and public record retention. If adopted, employees will receive a copy and training on the policy.

There was discussion on page 3, paragraph 4, about blogs, social networking sites, personal webpages and other types of internet postings which can be accessed by the public. It was recommended that this be removed from the policy.

Commissioner Burleyson made a *motion to approve the Mount Pleasant Technology and Communication Policy* as amended. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution in Support of Evaluating and Revising the North Carolina Transportation Equity Formula

In 1989, The North Carolina General Assembly adopted legislation establishing the Transportation Equity Formula. The formula dictates how Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funds are distributed across the state. The distribution prescribed by the Equity Formula is based on 50% of a region's population, 25% on the number of interstate highway miles left to be completed in the region, and 25% is distributed equally among all of the regions.

The current equity formula hinders the State's ability to address congestion and stifles the economy of North Carolina. As a result of these concerns, the Cabarrus/Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization, and several municipalities in the region are considering resolutions requesting the evaluation of the Equity Formula. The City of Concord has already adopted such a resolution.

Mayor Barnhardt received a call from Mayor Padgett asking Mt. Pleasant to support this resolution. The MPO is also supporting the resolution.

Commissioner Eudy made a *motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Evaluating and Revising the North Carolina Transportation Equity Formula*. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Barnhardt reported that the Ethic Schools that he and Commissioner Chapman were suppose to attend had been rescheduled due to the weather.

Mayor Barnhardt submitted a Resolution Adopting the 2010 Mount Pleasant Legislative Agenda. This was for information only. He asked that the Commissioner take a look at it and bring any suggestions back to Town Administrator Adrian Cox.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Barringer stated that he had been contacted about outside water rates. He also suggested that the information for agenda packets be copied front and back to save paper.

Commissioner Eberhardt stated that he had been approached about the cars behind Hop's and in people's yards. Town Administrator Adrian Cox asked Commissioner Eberhardt to send him an email with the information.

Commissioner Eudy stated that he had also been contacted about outside water rates.

Commissioner Burleyson stated that he was voted Vice Chair in the MPO. Commissioner Burleyson also attended the Interact Club at MPHS with the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eudy seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Troy Barnhardt

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