

TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP  
April 6, 2010

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Alton Clements, Ardathy Spikes, Richard Hill, Buddy Albritton, Sammy Whitehurst; Manager Joe Albright

Absent: None

Meeting called to order.

Mayor Jackson led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Joyce Jones of 6941 Martin Luther King Drive came before the Board to discuss the barricade on Gordon Street. She stated that it is wreaking havoc on her business because everyone thinks she is closed and she would like to know when the evident drainage problem will be repaired.

Manager Albright told Mrs. Jones that work should begin on the project this week and we hope to have the area passable by Shad Festival weekend.

Commissioner Whitehurst mentioned maybe people could access Mrs. Jones' business from the back entrance. Manager Albright explained that people should still be able to get to Mrs. Jones' business by coming in on Main St.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Budget -- Schedule Workshops

Manager Albright asked for a special meeting to be scheduled to discuss the upcoming budget and for this item to be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting.

It was decided by the Board to schedule a special meeting for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:00p.m. This will be on the same day as the regular workshop meeting.

2. NC STEP Committee Update

- Streetscape Master Plan Presentation

George Russell and Greg Lambert of Withers & Ravenal presented an overview of the Downtown Conceptual Master Plan. They stated that the plan is basically broken down into 5 phases. Below would be the phases and their prioritization;

Phase 1 – Queen St. between Railroad Street & Church Street and then the two main entrances into Town. One focus on these streets would be traffic calming and adding more vegetation to make them more appealing.

Phase 2 – Gateways & Town Commons.

Phase 3 & 4- Improvements to Water Street & Main Street.

Phase 5 – Connecting all improvements down to the Water.

Maps of the stages of the process were provided to the Board for their viewing.

Mr. Russell & Mr. Lambert stated that Grifton needs to promote Civic Pride.

Manager Albright recommended that the Board adopt Resolution: 2010-03 approving the Downtown Conceptual Master Plan and for it to be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting.

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Spikes asked if we were having any opening ceremonies for the car wash.

Manager Albright responded by saying there was no interest from the owner.

Commissioner Spikes asked if we are going to do anything about the Beer Garden.

Manager Albright responded by stating there are no ordinances in place with respect to alcohol and the Shad Festival Ordinance that was passed gave this decision over to the Shad Festival Committee. He also stated that liability issues may arise if the decision was overturned at this point.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that the recreation committee meeting brought about 20 people out and he felt some headway was made. He also stated that recreation applications will be mailed out with the utility bills this month to give everyone a chance to participate. A recreation committee needs to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board before anything can be accomplished.

Commissioner Clements stated that he is formally giving his resignation to the CMSD Board as of the next Town Board meeting.

Manager Albright recommended that the Board appoint him to fill the vacant CMSD Board seat and for it to be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Angel Hudson  
Town Clerk