



**Fort Mill Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday May 11, 2020
6:00 PM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Savage, Councilman Helms, Councilman Moody, Councilwoman Heemsoth, Councilman Shirey, Councilwoman Cook and Councilman Huntley were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Councilman Huntley provided the invocation.

MINUTES

Minutes of the April 14, 2020 Meeting

Councilman Huntley made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 Council Meeting. SECONDED by Councilwoman Heemsoth. Passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments may be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk via mail (200 Tom Hall Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715) or email (vburgess@fortmillsc.gov). When submitting a comment, please include your name and address for the record. All public comments received at least one hour prior to the start of the meeting will be presented to Town Council by staff during the Information/Discussion portion of the meeting.

There was one citizen comment:

Mr. Al Rogat, 1006 Cresthaven Lane, asked that Council open the walking trail around Walter Elisha Park.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation #1

Update on Events – *Chris Sardelli and Jacona Hester*

- Recap of virtual Strawberry Festival
- Information on upcoming Memorial Day event

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no Old Business Items

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

New Business Item #1

First Reading – an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article II, Requirements By District; Section 9, HC_Highway Commercial District; so as to establish requirements for hospitals as a conditional use within the HC District; and to provide other matters relating thereto – *Penelope G. Karagounis*

Councilman Shirey made a MOTION to approve First Reading of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article II, Requirements By District; Section 9, HC_Highway Commercial District; so as to establish requirements for hospitals as a conditional use within the HC District; and to provide other matters relating thereto. SECONDED by Councilwoman Heemsoth. Passed 7-0.

New Business Item #2

Amendment of agreement to fund Municipal Court Attorney for 2020-2021 FY – *Davy Broom*

Councilman Shirey made a MOTION to approve the amendment of agreement to fund Municipal Court Attorney for 2021 FY in the amount of \$10,229.00. SECONDED by Councilman Huntley. Passed 7-0.

New Business Item #3

Council to consider agreement with Fort Mill School District for purpose of participating in the State Funded School Resource Officer Program – *Davy Broom*

Councilman Shirey made a MOTION to approve the agreement with Fort Mill School District for the purpose of participating in the State funded School Resource Officer Program. SECONDED by Councilman Helms. Passed 6-0. Councilman Moody could not vote due to connectivity issues.

New Business Item #4

Consideration to award contract for Walter Y. Elisha Park Project – *Davy Broom*

Councilman Shirey made a MOTION to award the contract for the Walter Y Elisha Park Project to Simon & Watson of Fort Mill in the amount of \$3,298,509.89. SECONDED by Councilman Huntley. Passed 7-0.

New Business Item #5

Council to consider an extension of their emergency ordinance which allowed town council and other appointed board and commission members to participate in meetings electronically and also revised the town council public comment procedures during the COVID-19 emergency – *Chris Pettit*

Councilwoman Heemsoth made a MOTION to approve an extension of their emergency ordinance which allowed town council and other appointed board and commission members to participate in meetings electronically and also revised the town council public comment procedures during the COVID-19 emergency. SECONDED by Councilman Shirey. Passed 7-0.

New Business Item #6

Council to consider an extension of their emergency ordinance which temporarily closed all public parks and recreation facilities to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and visitors – *Chris Pettit*

Councilwoman Heemsoth made a MOTION to approve an extension of their emergency ordinance which temporarily closed all public parks and recreation facilities to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and visitors. SECONDED by Councilman Huntley. Failed 0-7.

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to open parks, greenspaces, tennis courts, fields and trails and keep closed the playground equipment and facilities until further advisement by the governor. SECONDED by Councilman Shirey. Passed 7-0.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Information/Discussion Item #1

Financial Update – *Chantay Bouler*

Information/Discussion Item #2

Introduction of the new Fort Mill Parks & Recreation Youth Sports Athletic Handbook – *Brown Simpson*

Information/Discussion Item #3

Banks Athletic Park Project Update – *Davy Broom*

Mayor Savage made a MOTION to move forward with the Bank Athletic Park project. SECONDED by Councilman Shirey. Passed 7-0.

Information/Discussion Item #4

Installation of Guard Rail for Fort Mill Community Center – *Davy Broom*

Mayor Savage made a MOTION to move forward with the installation of the guard rail at the Fort Mill Community Center. SECONDED by Councilwoman Heemsoth. Passed 6-0. Councilman Helms was not able to vote due to connectivity issues.

Information/Discussion Item #5

Tennis Court Resurfacing Project – Davy Broom

Councilwoman Cook stated that she would know the cost and timeline according to the consensual design provided by ESP before approving the resurfacing of the courts. She would also like to have a consultation of the Town's tennis pro for suggestions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report #1

Report of the Ad Hoc Appointments Committee consideration of appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals (2), Historic Review Board (2), and Planning Commission (2) – *Penelope G. Karagounis*

Councilman Shirey made a MOTION to appoint the following positions as follows:

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Seat 6: Reappointing Jim Thomas to a new three-year term, beginning 04/25/2020 and expiring 04/25/2023

Seat 7: Reappointing Amber Bryant to a new three-year term, beginning 04/25/2020 and expiring 04/25/2023.

Historic Review Committee:

Seat 6: Reappointing Louis Roman to a new three-year term, beginning 04/25/2020 and expiring 04/25/2023.

Seat 7: Reappointing Samantha Nifong to a new three-year term, beginning 04/25/2020 and expiring 04/25/2023

Planning Commission:

Seat 6: Reappointing Chris Wolfe to a new three-year term, beginning 04/25/2020 and expiring 04/25/2023.

Seat 7: Reappointing Hynek Lettang to a new three-year term, beginning 04/25/2020 and expiring 04/25/2023.

SECONDED by Councilwoman Cook. Passed 6-0. Councilman Helms was unable to vote due to connectivity issues.

Committee Report #2

Report from the Parks and Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Cook, chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, gave a report from their last meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Please Note: Council may take action on Executive Session Items listed on the agenda when they come back into Public Session.

There were no Executive Session items.

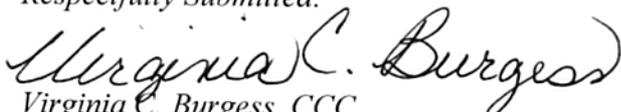
ADJOURN

Councilwoman Heemsoth made a MOTION to adjourn. SECONDED by Councilman Shirey. Passed 7-0.

Being no more business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

The following press was notified of the meeting by email or fax in accordance of the Freedom of Information Act: The Herald; CN2; WRHI; Fort Mill Times, Fort Mill Sun and WBTV. The agenda was also posted on the board outside of the entrance to Town Hall the required length of time and on the Town website.

Respectfully Submitted:


Virginia C. Burgess, CCC
Town Clerk

Approved by Council: *May 26, 2020*

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