Town of Woodfin
Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
5:00 pm

ACTION MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present
Mayor Jim McAllister
Council Member Philip Cohen
Council Member Ken Kahn
Council Member Johanna Young
Vice Mayor Elisabeth Ervin
Council Member Eric Edgerton
Council Member Hazel Thornton

Council Members Absent
None

Town Staff Present
Shannon Tuch, Town Manager
Kevin Pressley, Acting Police Chief
Ricky Hurley, Planning Director
Sheri Powers, Finance & Budget Director
John Henning, Town Attorney
Gena Powers, Town Clerk / PIO

The meeting video can be seen in its entirety at: https://youtu.be/CtT4GtYujpg .

Mayor McAllister called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

A. Approval of the Agenda (0:10)
Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Kahn seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 6-0.

B. Consent Agenda (1:01)
1. Approval of the May 7, 2024, budget work session meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the period ending March 2024.
3. Approval of a lease with Friends-Montessori School of real property located at 23 Community Rd.
4. Approval of reappointment of Coral Darby and Gerald Green to the PGAC.
5. Approval of Budget Amendment Ordinance #2024-011 – To amend the General Fund (10) and the Parks & Recreation Capital Projects Fund (41) budgets.

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Kahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 6-0.

C. Public Comment (1:30) – The public is invited to attend this meeting in person or view this meeting on Facebook Live: https://www.facebook.com/townofwoodfin. All documents related to agenda items not published on the website may be viewed in advance of the meetings in person at Town Hall, 90 Elk Mountain Rd, Woodfin.

There was no public comment.

Citizens may address the Board concerning various topics after being recognized by the mayor and are limited to 3 (three) minutes speaking time.

D. Presentations & Reports (2:00)
1. ABC Board Update - Tom Spradling, Board Chair

2. Presentation on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure – Ian Baillie, Regional Planner, Land of Sky Regional Council
3. Town Manager Report – Shannon Tuch, Town Manager
4. Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2025 and Establish Public Hearing Date – Shannon Tuch & Sheri Powers

E. New Business (1:25)

F. Public Hearing – Ordinance #2024-010 - A request to rezone 1.45 acres located at 99999 Old Marshall from Transitional District (TR) to R-21 Residential District (R-21). The property is identified in the Buncombe County tax record as PIN 9731-54-0323. The property owner is the Town of Woodfin. Staff member presenting – Ricky Hurley.

Mayor McAllister opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm.

There was no public comment at the public hearing.

Mayor McAllister closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 pm.

Council Member Kahn made a motion to approve Ordinance #2024-010 the rezoning of 1.45 acres as shown on Exhibits A & B from Transitional District to R-21 Residential District and find that the request is reasonable, is in the public interest, is consistent with the Woodfin Together Comprehensive Plan, and meets the development needs of the community in that the request: 1. Uses the Future Land Use Map to guide development decisions that promotes fiscal responsibility by encouraging growth in areas with existing services (1.1.1, 1.2.6), 2. Protects steep slopes and other environmentally sensitive areas (5.1.1). Council Member Cohen seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 6-0.

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to adjourn into closed session consistent with North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11 (a)(3): To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged; Council Member Cohen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 6-0.

G. Executive Session (1:34:47) – The Town Council may adjourn to private chambers to discuss legal, personnel, contractual or similar matters protected by the NCGS §143-318.11. (a) including subsections:

1. (3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

H. Adjournment-

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Thornton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 6-0.

Mayor McAllister adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

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James C. McAllister/Mayor

Attest: Gena Powers
Gena Powers/Town Clerk