



**TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE**  
**Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting (Teleconference)**  
**June 22, 2020 7:00PM (Rescheduled from the 15<sup>th</sup>)**  
**3003 North Main Street, Tarboro, NC 27886**

**Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner, Commissioners JoeRoam Myrick, Alvin Jones, and William Johnson**

**Staff: Town Manager Glenda Knight, Finance Officer Rahkiya Richardson, Public Works Director, Rydedrick Porter and Attorney Dana Jones**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (Silence Cell phones please. State the date for recording purposes)**
- II. Invocation by** Commissioner Linda Joyner
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** cited by all
- IV. Public Hearing (6:30pm)** Commissioner Alvin Jones voted to open the Public Hearing and Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick seconded. Mayor Bobbie Jones call the Hearing to order for the Budget. Calvin Adkins inquired about the town's ability to handle the difference in the revenue and expense with the garbage/recycle. Town Manager responded that the team recognized the difference and the recommendation before the Board would be to increase citizens fee in the interim of researching lower cost service prior to the expiration of the services in 2021. Mr. Adkins also inquired about classifications. Town Manager explained that each section has a heading, subheading, and grand total. She also explained that each heading has a breakdown of expenditures as the Town want to account for expenses with the day to day operations. Mr. Ed Bridgers asked the Board to budget for the stop light and police services. He said that he thought that the budget proposal was good and encouraged the Board to look for more funds. Commissioner Alvin Jones moved to close public hearing and Commissioner Joyner seconded. Public Hearing closed.
- V. Public Comments: (Limited to 2 minutes. Read by Clerk)** Mr. Ed Bridgers who was present requested that Commissioner William Johnson speak up about the need for a traffic light at Main and Walston Street. He provided the contact persons and numbers.

Town Manager shared that two surveys had been conducted but that there was not enough traffic. In addition, in the wake of the COVID-19, it may be ideal to revisit the request when the school is back in session where there will be more traffic.

**VI. Announcement**

- 1) Census update. The Mayor encouraged everyone to check in with citizens to complete the census. He shared that the town was at 38.9%.
- 2) COVID-19. The Mayor shared that the numbers were high in Edgecombe (specifically Tarboro and Princeville in the 70's). He also encouraged everyone to wash hands constantly, wear mask and stay at home as much as possible. Mayor also shared that testing is taking place at Freedom Hill, Walmart, and Health Department.

**VII. Adjustment to Agenda (Recommendation: Approve)** Adjust the agenda with the order of presentation, with Edgecombe County first, Terry Johnson second and Demetrius Deloatch 3<sup>rd</sup> (Move for vote by Commissioner Joyner and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, voted carried 4-0). Next with the Town Manager's report: remove Pioneer Court from Executive Session and make G, Heritage Park (moved for voted by Commissioner Joyner and second by Commissioner Myrick, voted carried 4-0). Under New Business: Change E to Down East Consortium Agreement (DECA) and F Proposed 2020-2021 Budget (moved to vote by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Myrick, voted carried 4-0). Executive Session: Add 88 acres as #1 (moved to vote by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Myrick, vote carried 4-0).

**VIII. Presentations (Limited 5-10 minutes. Ask presenters to speak from podium).**

**County Manager, Eric Evans and Chairman Leonard Wiggins** came before the Board to provide an update on recovery projects. County Manager shared that there are 4 projects: (1) HMGP is closed out with acquisition and with the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (separate) 48 homes have been assessed for elevation out of the 75 homes (50% completion). (2) 53 acres Phase I was complete with the preliminary work with S&ME and there reminds funds for the transition of the Fire Department and Public Works facilities. (3) CDBG-DR infrastructure funds remain at 4.8 million dollars where 1.6 million is allocated to the Town for eligible projects. (4) Floodgates: 3 floodgates would be repaired at about 700,000. He also shared that the County received infrastructure funding for Dst 6 which includes Princeville of 7 million dollars and that the funds would be used for meter replacements and water infrastructure. Both shared that they assumed the projects at

the request of the Town's administration at that time and would be willing to continue serving as Administrators but would support the Town in assuming authority and autonomy of the recovery projects anyway that the can. County Manager also offered recommendation that if the Town still desired to assume the recovery projects that the County is currently serving as administrators, then a smooth transition would be in Phase II of the projects. Commissioner Alvin Jones shared that he read the last request for the Town to assume all recovery projects that went to the County after the meeting in Raleigh from the Town Manager and saw that there was a breakdown in community. He asked if there could be weekly communication so that the Town Manager is kept up to breast in a timely manner. The County Manager responded that that could happen. Town Manager responded that she agreed with the transition of the projects and shared that the Town had signed the subrecipient agreement (SRA) with the State for the Floodgate project. Attorney Jones stated that the Town would take into consideration of the recommendation from the County and will respond in writing following the meeting with the Board's decision. Commissioner Joyner moved in vote that the Town stick with the vote in February to assume authority of all recovery projects and Commissioner Alvin Jones seconded the motion. Vote carried 4-0. **Terry Johnson** came before the Board to share that he would like to start a protest march in Princeville for the Black Lives matter initiative and end in Tarboro. The Board inquired to the starting location of the protest which Mr. Johnson stated would be Freedom Hill. There were no other questions presented by the Board. **Demetrius Deloatch** was not online for his presentation. The Mayor shared that there seem to be technical challenges.

#### **IX. Approval of the Agenda**

##### **A. Consent Agenda**

- 1) May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting minutes. Commissioner Linda Joyner moved to vote for approval, seconded by Commissioner Alvin Jones. Vote carried 4-0

**(Recommendation: Approve)**

#### **X. Department Reports (See attachments)**

- 1) Senior Center
- 2) Edgecombe County Sheriff Office
- 3) Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Chief shared that there would be additional bidding for the remaining work that needs to be completed at the Fire Station with the plumbing. He stated that him and Attorney Jones had been working together

to resolve the matter and that he would keep her abreast of the status. Attorney Jones replied "And subsequently, I will provide updates to the Town Manager."

- 4) Edgecombe County Disaster Recovery
- 5) Public Works Mr. Porter shared that the paving was complete, and that Barnhill would return to complete the project with stripping on Neville and leveling the dirt on the roads. He shared that the second phase would include 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, Geddie, Williams and Lynch. Commissioner Myrick inquired if the holes at the mailbox on Strickland could be filled. Town Manager recommended that some of the dirt be used to fill the holes. Commissioner Myrick and Mr. Porter agreed.  
Commissioner Jones inquired about the details of the Stormwater. Mr. Porter replied that it would involve reconstruction, regrading and replacement of basin, and collapsed pipes. Mr. Porter also updated that research on the camera system was still underway in communication with Pinetops Chief of Police and that the town hopes to host the Chief to assess the community for a system.
- 6) Ameri-Corp Town Manager shared that the goal for the Farmer's Market is to mirror Nash County's market. Also shared that the service member is gathering items for the gift shop while still collecting history on the Mayors of Princeville. Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick requested that history be collected on the Board of Commissioners as well. The Town Manager stated that she would include that with tasks.
- 7) Finance Reports (Expenditure & Profit vs Actual) Town Manager shared that the accounts are being cleaned up with the assistance of the Office of State Budget Management and the Profit vs Actual would be pending until such time that the cleanup process is complete. The cleanup process would look like catching the reconciling up from March to present (which is time consuming) to reflect an accurate balance sheet for the budget.
  - a. Expenditures

#### **XI. Town Managers Report:**

- 1) Recovery projects
  - a. Senior Center: Presented to the Board was a proposal from Oakley Collier to review and approve the Contract for Burney & Burney. Board approved the contract 4-0. Commissioner Myrick moved to vote for approval and Commissioner Linda Joyner seconded. Vote carried 4-0.

b. Museum: Digital picture shared with Board of the anticipated interior look. Town Manager shared that the contractors were still waiting to hear back from SHPO with any recommendations to the design before the project continues to move forward.

c. Town Hall: Factory built windows have been ordered, waiting on a delivery date. The project is ready for electricians with outside receptacles. Work is progressing. Board encouraged to stop in for a tour.

d. Levee: Teleconference held with the team (Army Corps of Engineers) to include the Mayor being on the call and they are now in the process of generating right to entry letters to citizens to initiate the surveying of the community in prep for construction of the Levee.

e. Matthewson House: Ameri-Corp service member is assess what can be reserved within the structure and researching preservation consultants to confirm items to be preserved and what that will look like.

f. Pioneer Court: According to the Winston Salem Housing Authority, there were about 12 person/organizations who submitted interest of the 54 units and there is a tour available at the end of the month for those who are interested. Then the Request for Quotes (RFQ) process by which the Town would support Pioneer Court Board and Winston Salem in generating.

g. Heritage Park: COVID-19 testing is still expected to occur once the planning is mutually finalized. In addition, a few citizens called requesting an update with the usage of the park for social events and gatherings, if not this month, the month of August. The request is to reserve dates for August. Town Manager's recommendation was to remain restricted amid the COVID-19 and continue to assess per month. Board agreed 4-0.

## **XII. Attorney Report**

- 1) 88 acres: closed on 6/8
- 2) Mutual Blvd: 425/429 work is underway with appraisals
- 3) Aurora Mortgage Bankruptcy: Working to acquire on 507 Beasley and 52 Center.
- 4) Realtor compensation: Explained to the Board that the Realtor could not be paid 6% because it would exceed the appraisal amount and therefore was approved for 3% through the Office of State Budget Management (OSBM) which would leave a balance. Question: Could the Town pay the balance and assess how reimbursement could look



with the legislative funds? Commissioner Linda Joyner moved to pay the balance to the realtor and Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick seconded. Vote carried 4-0.

- XIII. Old Business:** Mr. Spruell would like to move forward with using his additional property for a cemetery. Mr. Porter described to the Board where the property was located. Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick inquired if the Town could make any money and would he be charging. The understanding was that Mr. Spruell would charge for the cemetery. There was ongoing discussion about the private owners of various locations throughout the cemetery and how the Town was charged with maintenance of the entire cemetery that is privately owned. The Mayor explained that if the Town did not, it would not get done and would be an eyesore for the community. Commissioner Alvin Jones shared that the public works is doing a great job maintaining the properties within the cemetery. Attorney Jones asked if the matter could be tabled again until further research is done like taking pictures of the area being requested. Board agreed 4-0.

**XIV. New Business**

- a. Speed bumps/humps: Board agreed to assess Newton, King, Neville and Strickland for the size and appropriate number. Commissioner Joyner moved for approval and Commissioner William Johnson seconded, vote carried 4-0.
- b. Mobile speed device: From review of pictures and descriptions, the Board agreed on the recommendation to use speed alert 18b in the community using the solar option. Commissioner Linda Joyner moved for approval and Commissioner Alvin Jones seconded, vote carried 4-0.
- c. COVID-19 Relief Fund agreement (County). The Board agreed to pursue the funds for the Town if it is not in conflict with current pursuits and or which would be best before the two deadlines with the County in June and July. Commissioner Myrick moved for approval, Commissioner Joyner seconded, vote carried 4-0.
- d. Fire Department needs request. Chief Antwan Brown submitted a itemized listing of unmet needs for the fire department for the Board's consideration to be included with the expansion of the scope of work with the legislative funds in the amount of \$30,000. Commissioner Joyner moved for approval; Commissioner Johnson seconded. Vote carried 4-0.
- e. Down East Home Consortium (DEHC): The agreement explained to the Board to include the advantages, specifically with the possibility of receiving a percentage of the overall funds for project coverage in addition to resource collaboration with

several other municipalities. Commissioner Joyner moved for approval; Commissioner Alvin Jones seconded. Vote carried 4-0.

- f. Proposed 2020-2021 Budget and Ordinance to include a \$1.00 increase on garbage/recycle (per GFL processing fee increase) in the interim of searching for a lower cost service vendor with consideration that the contract renewal is 2021. Commissioner Linda Joyner moved for approval, Commissioner Alvin Jones seconded, voted carried 4-0.

**XV. Executive Session:** Commissioner Linda Joyner voted, seconded by Commissioner William Johnson, vote carried 4-0.

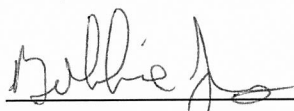
- N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) To discuss relating to location or expansion of industries agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment.
- *N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of the Chapter 132 of the General Statutes*

- 1) 88 acres Board agreed to create a land usage RFQ if and when the time is appropriate. Commissioner Alvin Jones moved for approval, Commissioner Johnson seconded, voted carried 4-0
- 2) Unemployment claim: Attorney Jones provided a recent update. No questions from the Board
- 3) Personnel: Town Manager provided the Board with an employment update via documentations. All questions addressed from the Board.

Commissioner Linda Joyner voted, seconded by Commissioner Alvin Jones, vote carried 4-0 to end closed session.

**XV. Board Comments:** Commissioner Alvin Jones expressed his appreciation to the Town Manager and team for the great work that is being done in the Town. Commissioner Linda Joyner said that she too appreciates all the hard work.

**XVI. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned 11:00pm. Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick moved to vote, Commissioner Alvin Jones, seconded. Vote carried 4-0.

 07/20/2020  
Bobbie Jones, Mayor Date

 6/22/2020  
Glenda L Knight, Town Manager Date

