

## TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE

Special Call Meeting October 25, 2022, 6:00PM 201 S Main Street Princeville, NC 27886

Amid the COVID-19, the Board of Commissioners meeting will be open to 20 citizens, all other citizens can join via teleconference.

Board Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Commissioner Linda Joyner, Mayor Pro-Tem Alvin Jones (not present), Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick (not present), Commissioner Milton Bullock (not present)

Staff: Town Manager Glenda Knight, Town Clerk Jessica Rudd (not present)

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (Mute phones please. Presider, please state the date for recording purposes)- Mayor
- II. Invocation-Deacon Williams
- III. Pledge of Allegiance-N/A
- IV. Announcement (Read by Mayor Bobbie Jones)
  - 1) Optum Serv is no longer providing services at Heritage Park, however testing is still available at Freedom Hill and Vidant walk in clinic.
  - 2) Next Farmer's Market October 29, 2022, from 10:00am-2:00pm
  - 3) Christmas Tree Lighting on Freedom Hill on November 27, 2002
  - 4) Princeville Christmas Parade on December 3, 3033, at 1:00 pm
  - 5) Application deadline for Princeville Yard Decoration Contest is December 2, 2022 for by noon

## V. Special Call Meeting Items

- A. Concept Plan for 53 acres
  - Mayor and Commissioner Joyner introduced themselves to everyone. Cameron Pollard introduced her self and stated she was born and raised in Princeville and specialize in food and community and was here today to see how the Town may be able to bring those two together. Sheba Andrews stated she teaches food and nutrition and when she has spare time, she teaches baking. Clifton Smith stated he had the restaurant in Princeville called GG's and now owns a food truck. Laveda Lawrence stated she was born and raised in Princeville and is the owner of Veda's Tasty Foods. Clyde Williams stated his is the owner of C & M catering out of Scotland Neck. Rico Lynch stated he is the owner of Reek's Kitchen food truck. Jamais Brown stated he is the owner of JBs Catering.
  - Mayor stated he would go over a PowerPoint presentation of the Town's vision and wanted to get the input of the vendors of what works and what doesn't work. Mayor stated the ultimate goal is to have all the citizens needs within the city limits, whether it be gas, food, or hotels. Mayor asked the vendors what they

envision for the Town. One of the vendors stated it was past overdue for this meeting they are having today as far as the growth of Princeville he was interested in what the Town is proposing to offer. Jamais Brown stated many people don't want to come back to Princeville due to it being a flood prone area. He added that's a concern of many vendors. Commissioner Joyner stated that the Army Corp of Engineers will be at the next board meeting who will be able to give an update on the dike. She added that if the vendors chose to open a business in Princeville, it would be on the 53 acres which is out of the floodplain. Clifton Smith stated when he started his restaurant, he tried to bring the food to this side of the bridge to help build the Town back up. Jamais stated if the food is on the 53 acres, the money is not. He added that their businesses may not flood but if the citizens' homes flood, then there is no money to spend on the food. Mayor stated that's why the board is fighting so hard to make sure the Army Corp of Engineers are doing what they are responsible to do.

- Mayor went through the PowerPoint presentation and gave the vendors a chance to add their input. He stated on the 53 acres they want to have outside seating facilities and the 88 acres will be mostly housing. He added the goal is that citizens won't have to leave Town to get what they need. Mayor added that the Town is hoping what they can do is build the facilities and spoke about the entrepreneur's responsibilities if they were to partner with the Town. One vendor stated he doesn't understand how the vendors can operate one restaurant when you have 3 different types of cooks and have to operate on the Town's level. The vendors spoke of other options such as having a food court or a commissary and spoke about safety concerns. Commissioner Joyner encouraged the vendors to come to the community meeting held on Sunday where they will be discussing the safety of the community. Dr. Knight updated everyone of upcoming events happening in the Town and encouraged the vendors to attend the Christmas parade. Mayor stated the next meeting will be on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. No further questions.
- VI. Board Comments- Commissioner Joyner stated to remember this is a process and nothing will happen overnight. She added if you keep working that process and things will start coming into fruition.

Bobbie Jones, Mayor Date

Jessica Rudd, Clerk Date