

The Smithfield Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. T. Carter Williams, Mayor; Mr. Michael Smith, Vice Mayor; Mrs. Denise Tynes, Mrs. Valerie Butler, Mr. Randy Pack, Mr. Wayne Hall, and Ms. Beth Haywood. Staff members present were Mr. Brian S. Thrower, Town Manager; Mrs. Lesley King, Town Clerk; Mr. William G. Saunders IV, Director of Planning, Engineering and Public Works; Ms. Ellen Minga, Town Treasurer; Mr. William H. Riddick, III, Town Attorney; Mrs. Ashley Rogers; Director of Human Resources, Ms. Judy Winslow, Director of Tourism; Mr. Bill Davidson, Planning Commission member; and Mrs. Amy Novak, Director of Parks and Recreation. There were approximately ten (10) citizens present. The media was represented by Mr. Frederic Lee of the Smithfield Times.

Mayor Williams – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Smithfield Town Council meeting of May 7th, 2019. It is now 6:30 p.m. Thank you all for coming tonight. Would everyone join me and stand for the Pledge please?

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Williams –. The first order of business is our Informational Section starting with the Manager's Report with Mr. Brian Thrower.

Town Manager – Honorable Mayor and Council, the April Activity Report is in your packet. I just wanted to note a couple of things. Most of you are aware that VDOT has put signage out about the Cypress Creek Bridge rehab project. I wanted to let everyone know that staff and I are in contact with VDOT. We are trying to come up with solutions to make that an easier project, transportation wise, for getting around town. We are on top of that. We also became aware of a problem on Main Street. Late last week, the tar was coming up in the road. We have been in contact with Blair Brothers, Inc. on that. They put some sand down temporarily to see how that would possibly alleviate the situation. We are in the process of setting up meetings on how to deal with that situation over the long term. I should have some more information on that for you all shortly. I just wanted to bring you up to speed on a couple of items. The other items are attached in your packet.

Mayor Williams – Are there any questions for Mr. Thrower? Hearing none, we will now move to Public Comments. The public is invited to speak to Council on any matters except public hearings. We do not have any public hearings this evening. Comments

are limited to five minutes per person. Any required response from the town will be provided in writing if you so desire. Please state your name and address for the record when you come forward. Are there any signups, Mr. Thrower?

Town Manager – Yes; the first is Mrs. Betty Clark.

Mrs. Clark – I am sure you are wondering what I am going to fuss about tonight. We have had our differences and will probably have them again; but tonight congratulations are in order for nearing the completion of the restoration of Windsor Castle. It should be a shining jewel for Smithfield. I saw in the Smithfield Times a couple of weeks ago that the time has come for you all to start looking for furniture for Windsor Castle. When I go into a historic home, I expect to see things of the period of the house; not things that we can just make do with. I believe it was mentioned that you were thinking of putting empire furniture in the house which is really not correct for the period of the house. The proper periods for Windsor Castle would be Queen Anne and Georgian; dates of the early 1700's to 1820's and 1830's. I have been in the antique business since 1978. Although my expertise is art, I do know about furniture and I have some good connections for period furniture. If you are interested in my help, I would only ask for a 10% finder's fee which would be 10% of whatever the piece of furniture cost to cover my time and expenses. The furniture prices are beginning to rise again. Time should not be wasted. Let me know if I can be of help.

Town Manager – The next speaker is Natalie Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts – I am here with an attitude of gratitude and also a concern. I live on the hill by Clontz Way. Everything is coming along really nice for the boat ramp. I want to thank you all for finally moving the cats. Thank you for my "Children at Play" sign. I am very grateful for that. The guys that you all have had there have been great workers. They have been on point from day one. You are not wasting your money. You got a good group. I did not realize there would be so many lights down there. I am waiting to see what all of this will look like. Ever since all the digging and everything, I need you all to find me an exterminator. I think you have probably woken up different things. My daughter found a snake in my son's closet. We have had mice to deal with also. My husband and I have tried to get exterminators. If you all know somebody that could come out and do some work, it would be appreciated. We have spent enough money

killing rodents. If you all can help me out with that give me a call and it would be appreciated. Again, thanks for getting rid of the cats and the children's sign. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – Are the buzzard's gone now too since the cats are gone?

Ms. Roberts – They come every now and then but it is much better.

Mayor Williams – Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

Mr. Tommy Gehring – I live at 215 Cary Street. I want to thank you all for getting this ongoing project completed. Unfortunately, I have not seen it when it rains. The town usually flushes the system on Tuesdays. It was dry back there so they must not have done it today. I am looking forward to the rain this weekend to see what really happens with the flow of the water. It looks like it is going to be good. I have already seen magnolia leaves down in the ditch from a rain we had last week. They are not in my yard anymore. I appreciate that. Blair Brothers was very accommodating as far as working on my property. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – Would anyone else like to come forward for public comments?

Seeing none, we will move to a Briefing by Mr. Dick Grice, Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors, Smithfield District.

Supervisor Grice – Good evening. Since my last presentation to the Town Council on April 2nd, the Board of Supervisors has been rather busy with meetings on April 4th, April 11th, April 18th, April 25th, and May 2nd. We get to meet again this Thursday night. The central concern has been the county's Operating and Capital Budget for 2019/2020 and the Capital Improvements Plan for 2019 – 2029. Before reporting on our budgeting process, as reported in the Smithfield Times and other media, the Board voted 3 – 2 turning down the proposed DJJ terms for a facility in the county's Phase III section of the Intermodal Park. Unfortunately, this sets back development of the Phase III section for perhaps more than a decade. It eliminates the potential for 240 well compensated jobs here in the county. The eighteen months spent in preparation of this project was not only a personal disappointment; but, at times, became extremely nasty due to personal attacks. It is interesting how a small fraction of about 1% of the county's residents are hostile to even managed growth can carry so much influence in our county. That brings me back to the budget, fees, and tax rates which I am sure those same folks will be against. Following a Smithfield example, the county has not raised personal property or residential real estate tax rates for the past four years. Should the

Board approve the Operating and Capital Budget as it stands right now for 2019/2020, the county will make it for five years without a rate increase. I do not know if that has any influence on your prior meetings and discussion but it might be of interest. The proposed Operating Budget for 2019/2020 is \$78,800,000.00 with schools allocated \$27,500,000.00 or 33% of the budget. While the proposed budget represents a 5.75% year to year increase, the average for the last four years has been under 3%. This was done while rebuilding the Reserve Fund balance by over \$6,000,000.00, reducing outstanding debt by \$7,000,000.00, reducing the General Fund subsidy for water and sewer by \$1,800,000.00, and securing the county's strong AA Bond Rating. We actually had one give us an AA+. In the 2016 budget, the previous Board took \$1,600,000.00 from the rainy day fund to balance the budget. It, of course, was an election year. Since then, money has been added to and not taken from the reserve funds to the tune of \$6,000,000.00. The Capital Budget for 2019/2020 is proposed at \$6,000,000.00. It includes \$2,000,000.00 for schools and \$2,500,000.00 for public utilities. If the Operating and Capital Budgets are passed as proposed, the county will not only raise its tax rate but it will not be borrowing a dime for this budget. We will not raise rates and we will not borrow any more money. Since 2015 through this fiscal year, the county has budgeted \$38,400,000.00 in capital improvements. It borrowed \$8,000,000.00 for the new E911 Emergency Radio System and another \$8,000,000.00 to fund the school's CTE Program. By turning over rocks and restructuring the county's capital funds, we have managed to complete \$22,400,000.00 in capital projects without borrowing for these improvements. Refinancing and multiple bond issues have also saved the county over \$1,000,000.00 in debt interest. The good news is that we vote on these proposed budgets this evening and I hope they will pass as they stand; but I am only one vote. I found that out recently at the DJJ vote. Now, I have some troubling news. The schools have requested \$34,900,000.00 of the \$70,000,000.00 currently planned in the CIP that includes fire and rescue, Sheriff, utilities, and other county projects along with the schools. The school request is half of the monies for the next four years. To address this half, the Board has ordered a comprehensive engineering review of the Hardy Elementary School to determine its future. The question of which path to follow on new school facilities must be a sound business decision; not emotional. There is no question about continuing to properly house and prepare our most expensive county product; our

kids. We just need to do it smart. Speaking of school related projects; we have received bids on the Turner Drive right turn lane expansion. The bids are coming in at or below expectation. This project, along with the pressure reduction station for HRSD, will both be undertaken in June and are scheduled to be completed before school starts. The pressure reduction station should be a benefit to Smithfield's town residents. Are there any questions?

Mayor Williams – Will it be a double turn lane?

Supervisor Grice – It is the one coming out from the school. I think the other one is just being expanded. I did not even pay attention to the drawing for that. I was looking at the Turner Drive turn lane.

Mayor Williams – Thank you Mr. Grice. As always, we appreciate you coming out tonight and giving us a briefing on what the county is doing for us. Thank you. We will now move to Council Comments. As you know, for the last several months, I have been introducing Miss Anika Eng as the future President of the United States. I sincerely say that because she is so interested in government and so forth. I would hate to tear her away from her studies since she is sitting there studying and listening to us at the same time. Miss Eng, I would like for you to come up to the podium and tell us a bit about yourself and what you are doing and where you are going. We would like to hear from you.

Miss Eng – Good evening. My name is Annie Eng. I have been sitting in on Town Council meetings over the last several months. I have been fascinated with how our community functions from a local perspective. Mayor Williams asked me to tell you a little about myself this evening. I am a tenth grader at Smithfield High School. I also attend the Governor's School for the Arts where I study jazz piano. While I love learning music and building my piano skills, I am most interested about politics and how to help improve the world. At school, I am an officer in the Beta Club which focuses on community service. In addition, I started a club called the Social Justice Club which helps students learn about issues from guest speakers and ways to help improve our problems. I also enjoy volunteering at the Isle of Wight County Animal Shelter when I have free time. My goal is to attend either the College of William and Mary or the University of Virginia and then go to law school. I hope to help make the world a better place. I know that change is most powerful at the local level. It is why I am so grateful to

have the opportunity to learn from you each month. Thank you for answering the call to serve the public and welcoming me to your meetings. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – The other thing I have for Council comments is that I talked to Deanie Stallings today and he is ready to start planting in the next couple of weeks at Windsor Castle Park. He is going to plant sunflowers, cotton, and sorghum. Once they start coming up, he is going to cut paths through it so people can walk in and pick what they want. They will be able to walk from one area to the other as they want to. He will be starting that very soon at no cost to the town. I want to take this opportunity to thank him very much for doing that for us.

Director of Parks and Recreation – Mr. Mayor, what does that mean for when they bloom?

Mayor Williams – It means you are going to have to put up some soft parking signs. It will probably be July or August before they bloom. Are there any other Council members with comments?

Councilwoman Tynes – I would like to make an announcement to the Council. If you need to email me, please email me at dtynesmfd@gmail.com. With my technology, if it comes in from a foreign source it goes to my junk and it is gone. I will get your email if you send it to my other address. I have not been receiving some emails. Thank you.

Councilwoman Butler – I would like to say something. I would like to thank Smithfield VA Events and congratulate them on the fine job they have done giving back to our community. I attended the function last Thursday. I was supposed to bring one guest but brought two. My sister was very impressed and did not know about it. I want to thank Mr. Pack and Smithfield VA Events, especially Gina Ippolito, for contributing to our unique town and giving back to the community and allowing organizations to volunteer their services as well. I was very impressed with it.

Mayor Williams – They have given back to the community to the tune of \$1,000,000.00 in the last eight years. Are there any other Council comments? Hearing none, we will move to our Summary of the Consent Agenda Items. We have seven items on the agenda tonight. Would any Council member like to pull any item for further discussion? Hearing none, we will move to our Water and Sewer Committee Chairman, Vice Mayor Smith.

Vice Mayor Smith – Water and Sewer Committee Summary. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We have an ordinance to amend Town Code Section 82-39 for the water conservation plan. This addresses the best interest of public health, safety, and welfare of town citizens. The next item is a motion to approve proposals for force main valves with budgeted reallocation funds. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – Next, we have our Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – Finance Committee Summary. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We have two invoices tonight in excess of \$10,000.00 requiring Council authorization. The first is Xylem which is for work at our Lakeside Pump Station for \$64,114.20. The other invoice is to Sydnor Hydro for replacement pumps at James and Main Streets for \$41,776.00. We also have a motion to approve the quote from the Smithfield Rotary Club. They presented at one of our committee meetings to improve the playground in Jersey Park as part of a project for one of the kids they are mentoring at a greatly reduced cost to the town. We would like to recommend all of these for approval tonight.

Mayor Williams – Now, we will move to our Public Works Committee Chair, Ms. Beth Haywood.

Councilwoman Haywood – Public Works Committee Summary. We have a motion tonight to approve the street paving proposal from Blair Brothers for Canteberry Lane, Winchester Place, and Field Drive. I am sure they will make sure that those manhole covers are properly done.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to our Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Chair, Mrs. Valerie Butler.

Councilwoman Butler – Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Summary. Item C6 is a motion to approve the amended lease with Charter Communications. This is actually our fourth term lease with Charter Communications. The amendment involves reconfiguring the fence in the corner of this lease area to allow the town to have temporary access to work on a drainage area. The last item is a resolution to develop and submit the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application for 208 Great Springs Road. At our last committee meeting, we had a request from a resident there for us to adopt a resolution to allow the elevation of his house through Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Our Town Manager has prepared a resolution for us to accept that request

that includes a request to allow another resident on Great Springs Road to also participate if she qualifies. Thank you.

Councilman Pack – Mr. Mayor, I would like to make a motion to approve the seven consent agenda items as presented.

C1. Ordinance to Amend Town Code Section 82 – 39 – Water Conservation Plan.

C2. Motion to Approve Proposals for Force Main Valves with Budgeted Reallocation Funds.

C3. Invoices Over \$10,000.00 Requiring Council Authorization:

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| a. Xylem | \$ 64,114.20 |
| b. Sydnor Hydro | \$ 41,776.00 |

C4. Motion to Approve Quote from Smithfield Rotary Club for Playground Equipment.

C5. Motion to Approve Street Paving Proposals from Blair Brothers for Canterbury Lane, Winchester Place, and Field Drive.

C6. Motion to Approve Amended Lease with Charter Communications.

C7. Resolution to Develop and Submit Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application for 208 Great Springs Road.

Councilman Hall – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to the Action Section of the agenda with our Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – We have Additional Invoices Received Over \$10,000.00 Requiring Council Authorization since our Finance Committee: Docks of the Bay for \$163,395.25, REW Corporation for \$15,847.48, and REW Corporation for \$34,950.00.

The Docks of the Bay invoice is for a progress payment. The first REW invoice is for the Lakeside Pump Station for flood damages. The second is for a bypass pump at Morris

Creek. I would like to make a motion that we approve these three invoices as presented.

Vice Mayor Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? I have a question for Mr. Thrower. Where are we on the Clontz Park Boat Ramp?

Councilman Pack – The report says 80% complete. They are ready to go on June 3rd as a completion date.

Town Manager – As far as I am aware, they are still on schedule to be completed.

Mayor Williams – I was out there the other day. They need to get moving. There is a lot to do. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilman Pack voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – Our next item is a Motion to Approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 2nd, 2019.

Town Attorney – Mr. Mayor and members of Council, I recommend the minutes be approved as presented.

Councilman Hall – So moved.

Councilman Pack – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – The next item is a Motion to Appoint a Nominating Committee to Fill the Expiring Term of Robert Briggs (June 30th, 2019) on the Board of Zoning Appeals. I have picked Councilwoman Tynes and Vice Mayor Smith for that. We will now move to New Business. We have the Council's Vision Statement from the March 2019 Retreat. Everyone has it in front of them.

Town Manager – Honorable Mayor and Council, attached you have the Vision Statement that the Mayor just referenced. We developed that at your retreat that was held March 15th – 17th. Your vision was developed by thinking about the Town of Smithfield and its most ideal state that it could be twenty years from now in 2039. Staff will be conducting a strategic work session on May 15th and 16th to review your vision and priorities. We will then develop a strategic work plan since the work session is aimed at implementing your priorities. After that, I will bring the work plan back to you for your endorsement. I will also align future budgets and processes with the strategic work plan and priorities as appropriate. A means of reporting on the progress of your vision will also be developed. In terms of communicating your vision, I will be moving forward on the following in the coming months: creating a quality publication to be shared with citizens, businesses, and community groups, mailing out the publication to constituents, putting the publication on the town website, and creating a PowerPoint presentation that can be used to present the vision and your priorities to community groups. I am recommending that you adopt this attached Vision Statement for the Town of Smithfield but, prior to doing so, I left the finalized version at each of your seats. I think it would be a good idea if each of you could read your section that I have given you to present it to the public. I will turn it over to Councilman Pack and Councilwoman Haywood to present the preamble.

Councilman Pack – Thank you, Mr. Thrower. As Brian said, we did a retreat this spring and this is kind of what came out of it. It kind of gives us a road map to the future as this Council sees it. It states: Smithfield is a charming, Colonial-era seaport town on the banks of the Pagan River in Coastal Virginia. Although those salt-cured, world-famous hams bearing our name put us on the map, that's just one enticing taste of all Smithfield offers. Many of our town's historical storefronts and homes, along with our turn-of-the-century Main Street, have been preserved. When you visit Smithfield's quaint downtown, you will find a thriving community of shops, boutiques, and restaurants anchored by a Fortune 200 company. Smithfield is a safe, friendly town, a place where folks wave or chat with passersby and shopkeepers are genuinely interested in pleasing their customers. While our community is rural, we are just 20 minutes from metropolitan areas that offer big box retailers, large hospitals and other services needed by residents. Don't let the size of our community fool you. We are a

progressive small town and home to a multitude of cultural, historical, and recreational quality-of-life amenities. Our 200 acre Windsor Castle Park sits squarely in the middle of town and offers walking trails, boutique festivals, kayaking, bird watching and many other recreational activities. Tourism is one of our most lucrative industries and our hotels and myriad restaurants cater to our guests' needs. With a museum and several galleries in our downtown, our arts community is diverse and thriving.

Councilwoman Haywood – There is a special sense of community and volunteerism in Smithfield. Citizens have a genuine interest in people, evident by our many active civic groups and their community projects. Putting people first is an overriding theme from everyone – residents, elected officials, and town staff in our town. The Town of Smithfield has a vision for the future – a vision that celebrates our past, expresses excitement about our future, and maintains a balance that keeps citizens involved in the successes of our unique community. We have identified seven core areas to communicate this vision to our citizenry and serve as a guideline for future Town Councils. They are as follows:

Councilwoman Butler – Economic Development. Welcome to the Ham Capital of the world. We are the home and namesake of the world's largest pork producer. However, you do not have to be a Fortune 200 company to thrive and succeed in this charming town. Smithfield is a community that is open for business and welcomes entrepreneurs with open arms. Not only do we want you here, but the Town of Smithfield will do everything within its power to help you be successful in your endeavors. Smithfield is not only a friendly place, but a place friendly to business. The town and its staff members are committed to maintaining a climate conducive to success. Just look around and you will see why tourists flock to Smithfield. From activity-based tourism to shopping and world class boutique festivals, Smithfield offers a little something for everyone. If you think you can add to this experience, we encourage you to make your dream a reality in Smithfield.

Councilman Hall – Managed Growth and Beauty. No matter which way you enter Smithfield; all roads lead you to a place of incomparable natural beauty. This well-preserved historic Colonial seaport exudes a charm like no other. It is clear that Smithfield's historic district was well-thought out in its conception and that those that have followed maintain that vision. Today's upscale restaurants and modern shopping

opportunities present a desirable community enhanced by the surrounding rivers, marshes, and forests that complement well-thought out residential and commercial districts. Recreational facilities and opportunities abound and are easily accessed by its citizens and multitudes of visitors.

Mayor Williams – Historic Preservation. Smithfield is a real place that has evolved as our country has evolved and developed. A visitor walking the streets of Smithfield can see the history of America reflected in the architecture of its homes and shops. From its early Colonial days through the Federal period, the Victorian age, and turn of the century, there are pristine examples of structures which best represent these periods. This eclectic mix of style gives Smithfield a charisma and feel of a genuine small southern town. It is abundantly clear that its citizens revere and treasure these architectural gems. There are countless examples of the Town of Smithfield's commitment to history. From the restoration of Windsor Castle, the home of the town's founder, Arthur Smith, to the 1750 Courthouse, to the Schoolhouse Museum, history is not lost but preserved for all to see.

Councilwoman Tynes – Cultural Amenities. Smithfield is committed to protecting and preserving its natural setting, well maintained parks, and scenic vistas. Parents feel free to have their children ride their bikes everywhere. We are proud of our bikeways and walkways that provide connectivity throughout the town. We host a broad assortment of recreational activities for citizens of every age. Our world class sporting venue with state of the art athletic fields attracts athletes from all over the state. Our cultural experience is heightened by the wide variety of events and programs offered. Whether your interests lie in the arts, music, or theater, Smithfield embraces them all.

Councilwoman Haywood – Community Pride and Inclusion. The true spirit of Smithfield lies in its dedicated citizens who give freely of their time and resources for the betterment of the entire community. These engaged, caring citizens appreciate Smithfield's unique identity and shared sense of community. Our dynamic town is held in high regard by many because of our ability to recognize ideas and beliefs held by our diverse community. All citizens feel included and are proud to say, "I live in Smithfield!"

Vice Mayor Smith – Public Services and Infrastructure. The Town of Smithfield is a progressive community strengthened by the efficient and effective delivery of public services and highlighted by our accredited Police and Public Works Departments. The

town staff provides exceptional customer service and utilizes modern user-friendly processes to enhance the experience of our residents, visitors, and businesses. Our public facilities, roads, and water and sewer infrastructure are well planned and adequately addresses the present and future needs of the town. Town Council recognizes the contributions of its skilled and knowledgeable employees through competitive salaries and benefits.

Councilman Pack – Stewardship and Governance. The Town of Smithfield has a highly functioning governance structure operating under the Council-Manager form of government. Town Council's agenda setting and policy-making process reflects a high degree of efficiency and effectiveness. The town prides itself on financial stewardship through responsible financial policies and procedures. Staff members work with the town's financial advisor to develop long term fiscal strategies and plans to support identified capital projects and needs. Revenues adequately support the current and future service and infrastructure needs of the town. With the help of our cooperate citizens, the town continues to provide well-planned and vibrant quality of life amenities for our residents and visitors.

Mayor Williams – I would like to say a big thank you to all the Town Council members and staff that went on the retreat. When you say you are going on a retreat, it sounds like a lot of fun. It was a lot of fun; but I can tell you it was wrapped up in a whole lot of hard work. We did a lot of planning. I commend our Town Manager for coming up with this idea and guiding us through all of this with our mediator. It was very well thought out and very well planned and very well received by this Council and the staff that was there. Again, I want to thank everyone involved. Councilman Pack and Councilwoman Haywood really followed this through even more than the rest of us. They carried it a step further by putting this vision together. We thank you for doing that. Are there any other comments from Council members?

Councilwoman Butler – With being new, I was really excited about the retreat. It was worth every bit of it. I, also, want to thank the Town Manager for setting this up; but I am most excited about getting the report back from staff. In addition to this, we also came up with a three year road map. It will give me the opportunity to measure my success for the next three years based on what we put in place.

Mayor Williams – Is there anyone else? Hearing none, is there any other new business?

Vice Mayor Smith – Mr. Mayor, I would like to make a motion to adopt the Smithfield Town Council Vision.

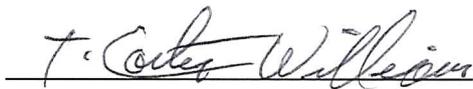
Councilman Hall – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

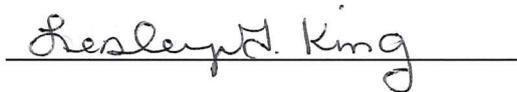
On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to Old Business. Is there any old business? Hearing none, we do not have a closed session tonight. Thank you all for coming out. We stand adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Mr. T. Carter Williams
Mayor



Mrs. Lesley King
Town Clerk