

The Smithfield Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. T. Carter Williams, Mayor; Mr. Andrew Gregory, Vice Mayor; Ms. Connie Chapman, Dr. Milton Cook, Mr. Michael Smith, Mr. Randolph Pack, and Mrs. Denise Tynes. Staff members present were Mr. Peter M. Stephenson, Town Manager; Ms. Ellen Minga, Town Treasurer; Mr. Steven Bowman, Chief of Police; Mr. William H. Riddick, III, Town Attorney; Mrs. Lesley King, Town Clerk; Mr. William Saunders, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Mr. Jesse Snead, Public Works Superintendent; Mr. Jeff Smith, Public Works; Ms. Sonja Eubanks, Office Manager; Ms. Judy Winslow, and Director of Tourism. Also in attendance were Delegate Rick Morris, Mr. Rick Bodson, Mr. Dick Grice, Ms. Kim Stephenson, Mrs. LuAnn Hopkins, Miss Rachel Hopkins, Mr. John Hopkins, and Ms. Nancy Hopkins. There were approximately thirty-five (35) citizens present. The media was represented by Ms. Abby Proch of The Smithfield Times.

Mayor Williams – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Smithfield Town Council meeting of June 2nd, 2015. We will open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Williams – We will start with the Informational Section with our Manager's Report from Mr. Peter Stephenson.

Town Manager – Thank you, Your Honor. Welcome everyone. The May Activity Report was included in the electronic posting and on the town's website. I hope everyone was able to access it. Regarding meetings for the month of June we have a Planning Commission meeting on June 9th at 6:30 p.m. We have a Board of Historic and Architectural Review meeting on June 16th. There will not be a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting this month. The Council Committee meetings will commence at 4:00 p.m. on June 22nd and 23rd. Olden Days will be the last weekend of June. We will get notices out about street closures. It is always a fun weekend. I am going to make just a couple of comments and leave the balance under the public comments sign ups. We have our esteemed delegate with us this evening. Many of you may not have known all the facts about Bill Hopkins. He was a Japanese Maple lover. At Windsor Castle Park during the Community Clean Up Day I took a picture of one of the two Japanese Maple trees that he had grown from seedlings. They are very smart looking trees. There is one on each

side of the kayak shed with some other landscaping. There is a plaque that will be going up on each side. The wording is on the paper located next to Chief Bowman where Bill used to always sit. I thank the family and everyone for that attractive planting. It is a nice way to honor Bill. His wife Louanne, daughter Rachel, brother John, and his sister-in-law Nancy are here tonight.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to Public Comments. The public is invited to speak to Council on any matter except for scheduled public hearings. We have three tonight. There is a sign-up sheet for public hearings. Please use the appropriate sign-up sheet and include your preferred method of contact. Comments are limited to five minutes per person. Any required response from the town will be provided in writing following the meeting. We move to a Resolution of Respect Presented to Bill Hopkins Family by Delegate Rick Morris.

Delegate Rick Morris – Mayor and members of Council, thank you for the opportunity to be here tonight. I would like to ask the family of Mr. Hopkins to come forward. There are times in our Commonwealth that we recognize contributions of certain citizens and what they mean to our community. When they pass, whether suddenly or not, it is important that we recognize their memory in our historical records so that he may be preserved. We do that by a Memorial Resolution from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the General Assembly. Celebrating the life of William Trenholm Hopkins III. Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 30, 2015

WHEREAS, William Trenholm Hopkins III, of Franklin, a dedicated municipal employee whose unflappable temperament and ability to work with people were appreciated by friends and coworkers alike, an outdoors enthusiast, and a devoted husband and father, died on January 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Trenholm Hopkins had been Director of Planning, Engineering, and Public works for the Town of Smithfield for almost two decades and often was sought out by town officials and residents for advice and guidance; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Southampton Academy and Ferrum College and a member of High Street United Methodist Church, Bill Hopkins was involved in many organizations; he was a member of the Hunterdale Ruritan Club and served on the Board of Trustees of Southampton Academy; and

WHEREAS, friends and colleagues recall with great fondness Bill Hopkins' love of life; he found pleasure and companionship in many activities, including golf, hunting, and cooking delicious meals for family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hopkins had a compassionate spirit, was kind to everyone he met, and enjoyed the many different tasks he faced each day in his work for the Town of Smithfield; he liked people and had a gift for diffusing tense situations; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hopkins will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Lou Anne; his daughter, Rachael; and many other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of William Trenholm Hopkins III, a dedicated municipal employee whose unflappable temperament and ability to work with people were appreciated by friends and coworkers alike, an outdoors enthusiast, and a devoted husband and father; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William Trenholm Hopkins III as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

Mayor Williams – Thank you for coming Delegate Morris. We will now have public comments. We have several signed up to come before us.

Ms. Lowe – My name is Theresa Lowe. We are having a big problem with speeding in the neighborhood of Cypress Creek. I live at 107 Royal Dornoch which is in the middle of the neighborhood between the clubhouse and the entrance. I am sure the police have heard us complain on multiple occasions. Probably half of the complaints have come from me. I have witnessed, as my daughter has been dropped off the school bus, at the corner of our road cars flying past the school bus while it was stopped. If she had crossed the street she would have been plowed over. It is a 25 mph neighborhood. We have golfers. We have people building houses so there are large trucks coming in and out of our neighborhood at all given hours of the day. I have seen huge semi-trucks plowing through our neighborhood. I have called the police and reported the Pepsi driver on one occasion. I do not know what else I can do. I have brought it up to the board for our neighborhood. I know they have been in contact with the police as well. I do not feel that anyone has taken this problem seriously. I have children and pets. I

have watched my kids run in the road trying to get our dog that runs in the road. It is very scary. Cars do not even slow down to even turn on our road coming off of the main drag of Cypress Creek Parkway. You can hear tires screeching. We need someone to do something about it. I do not know what else I can do. I feel would be an inexpensive option is to put a four way stop at the corner of Royal Dornoch and Cypress Creek Parkway which is where I live. It is at least a half way point that would remind people to slow down. Maybe there could be a caution sign that a stop sign is coming and then the stop sign. My husband and I are willing to pay for it out of our pockets if we have to. If there is something I could show you that this is a problem I would be more than happy to do that. Any expense on our behalf is nothing compared to the safety of our children.

Chief Bowman – We have received a number of comments pertaining to the speeding in the area. I can assure you we take it seriously. I was there this morning at 8:10 a.m. running radar. My officers have been in there as well. I made two stops there this morning one for speeding and the other for an equipment violation. I have been doing speed enforcement for thirty-five years as a former trooper with the State Police. I am familiar with roadways. We have put a speed sign there which is basically a statistical package that logs the number of vehicles and the speeds coming through there. We do not see a significant number of speeders coming through there. If you look at the design of Cypress Creek Parkway it is a narrow roadway bounded by two white lines which are designed to be bike paths which make it look even narrower and it is curvy. I have set there in the curves and watched vehicles pop over the hill by the pump station where I sit the stationary radar they look like they are flying. The larger the vehicle the faster it appears to be going. We are in Cypress Creek Parkway regularly and routinely. I cannot sit a police officer in Cypress Creek Parkway twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. Just last week by virtue of our enforcement efforts after one person was stopped we received a letter chastising us for taking time out of our busy schedule when we should be doing other things other than speed enforcement. We are doing the best that we can to strike a balance. The Town Manager, Mr. Wayne Griffin, and I have talked about the four way stop sign. I think the Town Manager will be asking the Homeowner's Association president to take a formal vote to see if the folks want the four way stop sign. We are working that area. I take these comments very seriously especially when it comes from the president of a Homeowner's Association. I am driving

the unmarked black Ford Explorer. We will do the very best that we possibly can. We do not want anything to happen. I assure you that it is getting attention. We are working toward the goal of a safe environment for everyone. Smithfield is pretty lucky as far as the accident rate that we have around here right now. We want to maintain that rate of being very low.

Ms. Lowe – I want to thank the police. I do see you out there. I do see the signs and radar there. There are text messages sent out as soon as they see the police to slow down, police are in the hood, watch your speed, or there is a trap down the hill. It does not take long in a small neighborhood for it to get around. I know the police are doing everything that they can. I do not know if it is the town engineer who needs to look at the roads because there are no yellow lines or a sign saying do not speed. I have seen people passing people in our neighborhood because they are going the speed limit. I have actually seen people fight with each other. People are following people home and confronting them at their houses. If it saves just one life because of one idiot speeder then everything has been worth it.

Mayor Williams – Next we have Willie Crocker.

Mr. Crocker – My name is Willie Crocker. I am a proud resident of Jersey Park Apartments. We need some help there. Everybody knows about the little incident that happened a week or two ago. It seems like Jersey Park is getting blamed for things that are going on there. It is never our neighbors it is people coming from other places starting trouble because they see someone that they had a conflict with somewhere else. An officer made the comment what are we going to do with this neighborhood that did not sit well with me. My question is what the police department is going to do to keep those people out. We cannot ask them what they are doing because they may shoot at us. I do not care if you put a booth in the middle of the entrance to check everybody that comes in Jersey Park. If you are not doing anything wrong then you do not have anything to hide. It could happen in any other neighborhoods. When they talk about Jersey Park they fail to realize it is two neighborhoods. My neighborhood might get shut down. It is low income. I am a grown, healthy man and I need to live there. I do not want to I need to. We need somebody to please help us.

Mayor Williams – Next we have Ira Robertson.

Ms. Robertson – Good evening. My name is Ira Robertson. I am a tenant at Jersey Park Apartments. I am actually the president of our neighborhood association. We started it to help our own community. We have things that we are going to do on the inside of our community to help. We have started a neighborhood watch where each building has a person assigned to look out for that building so that we do not have to call the police all the time. If we see something that does not look right then we can try to handle it ourselves. If it is somebody that comes in from outside then we will have to call the police. Our main concern is that we have curfews for our residents. The younger children from five to sixteen years old have to go in at 8:00 p.m. and seventeen to eighteen year olds have until 10 p.m. After that everyone who is not an adult or accompanied by an adult has to be in. The landlord has a camera so she can enforce it. She lets people know if their child has been outside past curfew. She lets them know that it will not be tolerated. It has been working. The concern is people who are coming into the neighborhood. We would like to know if there could be a town and county wide curfew that could be initiated. It would cover all children of a certain age to be in at certain time. They should not be out unless coming from work or out with an adult. They have to be in and accounted for by their parents. We have a problem with children sitting on top of the cars in the parking lot and none of them belong to the residents. We are asking if there can be a curfew that could be set for the entire county as a whole so that everyone can be responsible for all of our young adults and their conduct not just in one place. We are doing the best that we can to regulate what is going on in our neighborhood. We are doing everything we can to bring it together as one community. During the day it is fine because everybody is out and about but after hours is usually when the problems occur.

Mayor Williams – Next we have June White.

Ms. White – Good evening. My name is June White. I am the manager at Jersey Park Apartments. I have been there for nine years. The first year or two that I was there it was a huge problem because it was a couple of years after the little boy was murdered. His grandmother and his aunt live on my side. His mother lived there at one point until her passing. I assure you that my company has done everything that it can to make a difference at Jersey Park. We have a problem with the two communities getting along because of different management. Since I have been manager there has been

eleven different managers at Woods Edge. I could not name how many maintenance people there have been. There are twenty-two residents from Woods Edge and Jersey Park here tonight. A few years ago it was presented to us that we were making too many phone calls to the police. When I first started at Jersey Park nobody would call the police. Once we established that we should call the police then it was you cannot call the police. We have to handle it. I handed out four evictions today just because of petty arguments. I do not care. There was a shooting not too long ago while children were outside. I am doing everything that I can including coming out after hours with my night assistant manager. We hide behind dumpsters at night to watch. When I come back in the next day or the following Monday I am handing out evictions like candy. There is nothing more that we can do. We have cameras that we monitor all the time. We have a trespassing ban that has over one hundred and thirty people on it. The murder happened because of outsiders. We have gone to Housing and Urban Development and Virginia Housing Development Authority. Anytime I call the management next door to tell her something she says that they have different rules and you need to call the police. I explain that her that there are a couple of her teenage residents causing havoc by coming over here. I ask her what we can do. She says she does not know. She does not want to assist. We have gone as far as putting additional speed bumps and additional lighting. Every single building on my property has at least one wall pack light on the front, side, or back. Everybody has my cell and home phone number. There is no reason not to be able to reach me anytime there is a problem. I live about twenty minutes away. Every time I have been there no management comes from next door. There is no management next door after hours. Her excuse is that her job is from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We need some additional help when it comes to ambulances and paramedics responding. On Mother's Day we had a thirty year resident have an asthma attack. It took twenty-eight minutes for the ambulance to get there. She died. She was taken to the hospital but was brain dead by time she arrived. The first person there who responded was a volunteer who was in a tow truck pulling a car. Nobody else came. I know this because we have the cameras. From the time she went outside to make the call I can see her until the time the ambulance got there. We lost a wonderful person. We really need help.

Mayor Williams – Next we have Kathy Blount Newby.

Ms. Newby – Hello everybody. My name is Kathy Blount. I am a lifelong resident of Smithfield, Virginia. I love my county. I am a resident of Woods Edge Apartments and Jersey Park Apartments. I consider it all as one. As a senior citizen I want to assure you that we do the best we can to try to help each other with the children. As everyone has been saying it is out of our control. As public citizens we are not allowed to do some legal things that need to be done. I am willing to do my part if you have any type of help programs. I am a mother and a grandmother. Every child in Jersey Park Apartments knows me as Aunt Kitty or Grandma. I have baby sit numerous kids. I am an ex social worker. If you have a liaison between the town and Woods Edge Apartments as a resident there I would be willing to serve in any capacity that you would have me in. I love my community. I want everybody else to love it too.

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Ms. Newby. Even though you did not sign up you still have an opportunity to come to the podium. Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

Mr. Bell – My name is Willie Bell. I am a resident of Jersey Park Apartments. In the back of this room is a community that cares. They put an interest in providing activities and giving the youth an opportunity. It is not always the best of situations. We can all agree on that. I am quite sure that Ms. White takes no pleasure in giving out eviction notices. We are there for people to get on their feet and to provide for their families. Unfortunately what we encounter is an outside influence. We are all responsible residents who understand that. We have procedures that we are putting into place so that we can monitor and address the situation. Unfortunately we would have to turn to the cops. We all are concerned residents. We will do our part but we need a little outside assistance to help us. It does not happen overnight. I thank Ms. White for getting the committee together that I am a proud member of. I have been in Smithfield for five years. I am from a much bigger community in New Jersey. I see that this community has a lot of potential. I ask you to take that into consideration. The small percentage of problems that we have does not represent the people of the community.

Chief Bowman – I think the issue that brought this to a head occurred several weeks ago. A very violent confrontation occurred in the parking lot of Woods Edge Apartments. It involved individuals that did not reside there. It was a situation where testosterone and firearms mixed together made a very dangerous situation. We have

video tape of the entire confrontation. Not to prejudice the case but with the Town Manager's permission I intend to show you what we are confronted with on a day to day basis. Let me go back to what Mr. Crocker said pertaining to needing help from the police. This area that we patrol whether it is Woods Edge or Jersey Park Apartments is private property. They are private individual citizens walking the streets of United States of America. As a law enforcement officer I cannot walk up and start questioning every individual. I have absolutely no right to do that. It has gotten a lot of police departments in the country in hot water in the last several months. The comment about do not call the police I do not know where that came from. If you call the police we will come. We help with the homework station and play basketball with the kids. It is the agent's responsibility to direct us under the trespassing laws. I have to be told when an individual is trespassing either by one of two ways. I have to have notification that they are trespassing. The agent that governs the property has to say that they want them arrested or get an arrest warrant. It is plain and simple. All we can do is respond to the complaints that we get about the trespassers there. They are the trouble makers. Every incident there has been caused by outsiders not the residents. One thing that I would like to do is compliment the community. The last time we had a situation it was not long before we had information. It happened around 6:00 p.m. We had two in jail before midnight that night. After reviewing the video the next morning by 8:00 a.m. we found another individual that had not been implicated. He was in jail by noon. We are doing the best we can to suppress crime once we are there. I just want to let everyone know that we are here as a police department to help you. If you need something just let us know. As far as the debate between Woods Edge and Jersey Park management I cannot get involved in that. Obviously the management companies are happy with what is going on. I have had cooperation from both sides. I just want to let the Council and the residents know that we cannot arbitrarily start picking on people. We cannot ask them if they live there. The folks here might not mind there are certain groups regardless of white or black that do not like that type of conduct. It is going to cause problems. As soon as we are notified that there is an individual trespassing we can lawfully arrest them.

Mayor Williams – Would anyone else like to speak? If you have already been up here then your time is up.

Ms. Harris – My name is Mattie Harris. I am a resident there as well. I am the vice president of the committee at Jersey Park. I just wanted to respond to Chief Bowman. We understand that you cannot just pick on people. I feel that because it is Jersey Park that the response time takes longer. They always want to put us down. We are doing the best that we can. As the Chief of Police maybe you could get with Ms. White or the committee to come up with ideas together. When Chief Marshall was here he used to do that. I do not know if something changed now.

Chief Bowman – I am out there.

Ms. Harris – After the shooting incident you rode through there. After an incident you see the police periodically riding through but eventually it dies down. I feel if there was more police presence then people are going to be more hesitant about doing something. It is private property but if you have permission from management then it should override the whole private property part of it.

Chief Bowman – I do not know who is trespassing, evicted, or who is allowed back on the property. If I start doing that and make false arrests then I really have a problem. To answer your question the door is always open. We will work with you in any way we possibly can to make the community better. I can tell you for the last several years after Travis Newby's death the community has gotten a lot better. It has come together a lot. We are all in it together. We will try to work together to get it done.

Ms. Harris – We should all pull together as a team. There is only so much that we can do. Someone lost their life because it took so long for the paramedic to come. Jersey Park is not a bad place and the people that live there are not bad people. Every time an incident has happened it has been outsiders never the residents. Maybe we could come together to get things better than what they are.

Chief Bowman – Absolutely. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Ms. Harris.

Ms. Sykes – My name is Tameka Sykes. I am a resident of Jersey Park. I do not feel like the police do enough. I feel that they do not care about us. Jersey Park has such a bad name. Everything in Jersey Park is not bad. My daughter is an "A" student. She just competed in the Computer Challenge for Westside Elementary. If a resident wants to remain anonymous the police will go knock on their door. With the shooting two months ago and the shooting a couple of weeks ago I had to dodge bullets. I have

four bullets in my building where we were sitting on the step. I was with my aunt, father, and children they could have been burying us. After the shooting I counted how many times the police rode through Jersey Park it was one time.

Chief Bowman – Were you there that morning when I met with your father?

Ms. Sykes – We were not even aware that bullets were in the building until you told us. There are really good police officers in Smithfield that really do care but a lot of them do not care. Ms. White has a list posted or she could give it to you. I have to live there. I want my baby to be able to go outside to play. I should not have to keep her in the house. I should not have to be afraid to walk outside thinking that somebody is going to shoot me or if I call the police that someone will retaliate against me. We just ask the police to help us in any way they can. If you could just ride through a little bit more. If people see the police then maybe they will not do anything. We are working inside the community. The people that are doing stuff inside the community Ms. White is getting them out. The paper quoted you as saying that Jersey Park was a thorn in your side or something like that. That is the reason I feel you do not care.

Chief Bowman – I can assure you if you can find that newspaper then bring it to me because that is not true.

Ms. Sykes – If that was the case I got really offended by that.

Chief Bowman – I do not know where that came from because it did not come out of my mouth.

Ms. Sykes – It was not a dream. It is one of the reasons I feel like we are not cared for.

Chief Bowman – I am sorry that you feel that way. I can assure you that every community in the Town of Smithfield I care for.

Ms. Sykes – All I can do is take your word.

Mayor Williams – Thank you. Any further comments please get with Chief Bowman at another time and place. Please go through Ms. White to set up the meeting.

Mr. Arinello – My name is Dennis Arinello. I would like to compliment the Planning Commission. I have been involved for the last couple of months with what the Town of Smithfield and Isle of Wight County is doing. The Planning Commission has come up with will provide a buffer for some of the issues and problems. I think they are going to resonate and become problems down the road. I had the opportunity to participate in

the ISLE 2040 program. There is a huge disconnect between what the Town of Smithfield and what Isle of Wight County is trying to do in the way of growth between 2020 and 2040. I compliment the Planning Commission because I think they have given you an adequate buffer for some of the same parcels that Isle of Wight County wants and what you want in the way of growth. The charm of Smithfield is the small communities. You are less than nine thousand people. Services such as utilities, police, and fire cannot provide what we have right now with what the population demands. As we go down this path to 2020 and eventually to 2040 those challenges are just going to exasperate. I think the Planning Commission has done an outstanding job in looking at the macro for you. They are going to give you some opportunity and option. I want to caution you from a new resident that moved from Virginia Beach to get away from that nonsense. We wanted the small town charm. We do not want to lose that. With disconnects at the Isle of Wight County level I do not know how you would adjudicate that between the county and what you want to do in terms of the town. Isle of Wight County is after the same parcels. Obviously the Route 460 annex would have helped but that is not a reality right now. When you look at numbers, growth, and projections I would question those too. I look forward to working with the committee over the next couple of months as we look at some of the opportunities and what we think we need to do for this town.

Mayor Williams – Is there anyone else who would like to speak? Now we will close public comments. Next is Council Comments. Does any Council member have any comments?

Councilman Pack – Our Town Manager mentioned that Olden Days is at the end of the month. I am involved with that committee. We have a raft race that we participate in every year. We have changed the format for the raft race this year so it is more family friendly. We do not have a lot of rules. We have three divisions. We have a kids division. We have a division that will take artistic license to come up with the funniest raft that you can. We have a speed division which we have done for a long time. I would encourage everyone to spread the word. I would love to have as many participate as we can particularly the kids. We changed the time to 1:30 p.m. There is no current in the river according to all of the charts at 1:30 p.m. It should be an easy and safe race. The police department always helps us make sure everybody wears life jackets to stay safe.

There is no registration fee just let me know you are racing on the tourism's website.

For racing we do give you four T-shirts in whatever size you want.

Mayor Williams – I have three items. I would like to welcome Ms. Abby Proch back. I hope you had a good time. Niche ranks U.S. towns based on age, demographics, school ratings, crime ratings, access to affordable housing, childcare, libraries, and grocery stores. They have picked the best towns to raise a family in Virginia. Out of all of the towns in Virginia they narrowed it down to twenty-five towns. Smithfield came in number three.

Councilman Pack – That ranking was for towns based on less than one hundred thousand people in population. I thought that really made it nice for us.

Mayor Williams – On May 16th we had a workforce at Windsor Castle Park the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic groups, town employees, and Trail Doctors were there. I think it was one hundred and twenty people that showed up to help clean the park and the rivers. Councilman Pack and Councilman Dr. Cook had their boats to help with the river. We have a Stewardship Award Certificate of appreciation signed by Governor Terry McAuliffe and the Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward. Thank you for taking part in the Stewardship Virginia. Your spirit of volunteerism and commitment to the citizen's stewardship has contributed to the conserving and enhancing Virginia lands and waters. Your contribution helps ensure the health of our waterways for present and future generations. Are there any other Council comments?

Councilwoman Tynes – Last Friday I had the opportunity to go to my first Police Academy commencement. We have a new officer for the Town of Smithfield.

Chief Bowman – It is Officer Will Wooley. He would have been here tonight except for the length of the agenda. We will have him come to the July meeting.

Councilwoman Tynes – I just wanted to say that it was really nice. If you all have an opportunity to go to another one as we get new officers you would enjoy it. The ceremony lasted about forty-five minutes.

Mayor Williams – Next we will move to the Summary of the Consent Agenda Items. Would any Council member like to pull any of the seven items for further review? Hearing none, we will move to the Water and Sewer Committee Chairman, Vice Mayor Andrew Gregory.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Water and Sewer Committee Summary. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. There are three items with regards to water and sewer on the consent agenda. Item C-1 and C-2 are closely related. We have two contracts with companies that provide services for the town. The first one is a motion to renew sanitary sewer rehabilitation contracts with Tri-State Utilities. Staff recommends that we extend that for one additional year. For underground utilities that staff is not comfortable doing we have Lewis Construction. Staff recommends that we extend their contract for one additional year. Staff is satisfied with work they have been doing. Lastly, item C-3 is part of our groundwater withdrawal permit renewal process. One of the things that DEQ is requiring us to install is called an observation well nest which is, for lack of better terminology, a bunch of deep wells at different depths so they can test water and take measurements. The motion is to approve the proposed location which would be underneath the Cypress Creek Bridge at the former dead-end of the old bridge.

Mayor Williams – We now move to Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – Finance Committee Summary. We have three invoices for consideration tonight in excess of \$10,000.00 which require Council's authorization. The first one is to REW Corporation for \$15,413.00. The second is to Blair Brothers, Inc. for the Battery Park Road paving for \$162,676.96. The last one is for the Isle of Wight General Obligation Bond for \$113,806.25. We recommend approval of these invoices this evening.

Mayor Williams – Now we move to Parks and Recreation Committee Chair, Ms. Connie Chapman.

Councilwoman Chapman – Parks and Recreation Committee Summary. Thank you, Mayor. We have a motion to authorize the Town Manager to submit a grant application to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission for a boat ramp at Clontz Park. This has to be submitted by June 15th. We are just asking to grant him the authority to do so.

Mayor Williams – We now move to Public Works Committee Chairman, Mr. Michael Smith.

Councilman Smith – Public Works Committee Summary. Thank you, Mayor. We have a motion to accept a proposal from Blair Brothers for stormwater repairs in

Waterford Oaks in the amount not to exceed \$89,000.00. This has been a drainage problem that is going to be rerouted. It has been long overdue. We recommend approval.

Mayor Williams – Now we will move to Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Chairman, Dr. Milton Cook.

Councilman Dr. Cook – Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Summary. We have a house in Pinewood Heights that we are trying to close located at 52 Carver Avenue. We need to authorize the Town Attorney to bring suit to remove the lien on 52 Carver Avenue.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Mr. Mayor, I would like to make a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- C1. Motion to Renew Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Contract with Tri-State Utilities for One Additional Year.
- C2. Motion to Renew Underground Utilities Contract with Lewis Construction for One Additional Year.
- C3. Motion to Approve the Proposed Location of the DEQ Required Observation Well Nest Project.
- C4. Invoices Over \$10,000 Requiring Council Authorization:
 - a. REW Corporation \$ 15,413.00
 - b. Blair Brothers, Inc. (Battery Park Road paving) \$162,676.96
 - c. Isle of Wight General Obligation Bond \$113,806.25
- C5. Motion to Authorize the Town Manager to Submit Grant Application to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) for Boat Ramp at Clontz Park.
- C6. Motion to Accept Proposal from Blair Brothers for Stormwater Repairs in Waterford Oaks in an Amount not to Exceed \$89,000.00.
- C7. Motion to Authorize the Town Attorney to Bring Suit to Remove Lien on Pinewood Heights Property located at 52 Carver Avenue.

Councilwoman Chapman – 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. Councilman Smith voted aye, Councilman Dr. Cook voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, Councilwoman Chapman voted aye, Vice Mayor Gregory voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – Before we go into the Action Section I would like to welcome Mr. Dick Grice from Cypress Creek who is with us tonight. Thank you for coming. We now move to Public Hearing: Adoption of Amended Budget for FY 2014/2015. We have our Town Treasurer, Ms. Ellen Minga.

Town Treasurer – I am talking right now about the 2015 revised or amended budget. Based upon changes and opportunities that have occurred to date in this fiscal year I am proposing amendments to the adopted budget for both the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund. First we will look at the General Fund which also includes Highway. I am proposing a 10% increase in the budget which equates to \$836,800.00. I know that sounds like a lot of money and it is. Ten percent is obviously a big chunk but most of the increase originated from land and building acquisition and large capital projects. Most notably the town purchased Isle of Wight County's half of the old Rescue Squad building on South Church Street for \$255,000.00. The town already owned the land and the other half of the building. The town intends to dedicate the use of the building to the Police Department for storage of evidence, training, and a home base for equipment and special service vehicles such as the mobile command unit. Additionally we purchased land at 3 Main Street for \$50,843.00. This lot is in close proximity to our Main Street Pump Station site and allows us greater access to that property. The other intent was for public parking. As most of you are aware we are deep into Phase II of the Pinewood Heights Redevelopment project. We have deadlines for completion of each phase but sometimes we run into acquisition or relocation issues that slow the project down. We expected to complete more of Phase II Multi-Year II in fiscal year 2014 than we did so we roll those funds forward into 2015. I have increased the fiscal year 2015 Capital Budget for Pinewood by \$60,000.00 which represents the property acquisition portion of the project. The relocation portion, demolition, and contracted administration costs are included in the operating portion of the budget. Therefore the Community Development Departmental Operating Expenses have been increased by \$466,387.00 to account for those units that were not completed in fiscal year 2014. Depending on

how much progress is actually made by June 30th there may be additional carry forward in fiscal year 2016. For the past few years Pinewood Heights Project has been the biggest factor in budget amendments and changes from year to year as we finish off different phases and start new phases. The way they want us to budget for it is to show basically all of the project cost in the beginning and then whittle that down as we go. It does make it challenging. Please note that the building acquisition and the potential renovations of the old Rescue Squad building were financed with a loan from Farmers Bank in the amount of \$430,000.00 over an eightth year repayment period of 3.05% which is about \$61,360.00 per year. Also the Pinewood Heights project is being funded by 2% of the town's meals tax as well as grant funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Prior years the Meals Tax Reserves of \$224,220.00 were applied against the 2015 expenditures as well as an additional \$125,800.00 in grant reimbursement that was expected to be drawn down in 2014. I know it is a big vicious circle of Pinewood Heights but it is a complex project. On one last note before we move onto utilities regarding the Highway Fund at the end of fiscal year 2014 we had \$108,461.00 of unapplied State Grant Funds remaining. Those were carried forward to fiscal year 2015 and increased our allotted expenses for this year. For those of you that do not know how that works we get quarterly payments from the state for those funds. When I first came here fifteen years ago they allowed us to use that money basically after we received it. Now it is kind of a reimbursement schedule. Our last payment for this fiscal year will be at the end of June but it applies to expenses through June 30th. It is like we have to advance the expenses. Sometimes that can be challenging for small localities. They recognize that so they allow us to carry those funds forward but believe me they are spent. It is not that we do not have enough to spend them on. Mr. Griffin is very conscientious on trying to keep the roads and stormwater drainage up. As far as utilities go it is always interesting to present utilities after presenting the General Fund since the accounting applications are different. Utilities are presented as enterprise or business accounts. They show a net income or loss and both loan principal and capital costs are shown as changes to the balance sheet as opposed to expenditures on the operating statement. The amended utilities budget represents a change from a net loss of \$3,655.00 to a profit of \$238,895.00. Revenues increased by \$69,981.00 as user consumption rose above projected levels.

Connections fees increased 67% which is around \$22,000.00 as we are finally showing some recovery in new construction and development. Expenditures increased \$85,000.00 largely for professional services pertaining to consent order review. Those were actually moved from capital to professional as they are not so much tasks that are being completed but things like review of Regional Consent Order, water discharge analysis, well nest, and DEQ ground water withdrawal permit compliance. Offsetting the increase we actually had a decrease in depreciation of \$167,500.00 as some of the projects were staggered or delayed until 2016. With the Connection Fees, Availability Fees, and Prorata Share Fees related to construction increased the Non-operating Revenues by \$92,000.00 leading to a final net income as mentioned earlier of \$238,000.00. Please note that the town did refinance two bonds obligations in March leading to projected annual average Debt Service savings of \$39,000.00 for a total of \$184,000 or \$389,493.00 over the life that is left of those loans to maturity. In one final note Sewer Capital repairs were increased by \$112,238.00 in fiscal year 2015 to account for at least five pump repairs and replacements at various stations throughout the town. As well as a sewer main repair on Institute and Main Streets and storm damage repairs namely electrical at Main Street and Commerce Street. There has been a lot of activity and changes going on with capital projects.

Mayor Williams – Thank you. I declare the public hearing open. Would anyone like to speak on our budget? Seeing none, we will close the public hearing. We will turn this over for consideration by Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – Thank you, Mayor. Our Town Treasurer always knows more about the budget than anyone else. She has a memory like an elephant. After reviewing her proposal I would like to make a motion to adopt the amended budget for fiscal year 2014/2015 as presented.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Second.

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

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

Mayor Williams – We now move to Public Hearing: Proposed Budget FY 2015/2016.

Town Treasurer – I would like to present the proposed fiscal year 2016 Budget for the Town of Smithfield. I will highlight those areas of significant change from 2015. We have copies at Town Hall if anybody would like them. We will also be posting them on the town's website. At this time we have not proposed any changes to the existing tax rates. The proposed 2016 General Fund and Highway Budget reflect a decrease of \$1,303,092.00 or 14%. As in the prior year the change is directly tied to capital projects and related expenses. On the revenue side there are three line items that account for the majority of the decrease. They are the projected revenue from the federal government, Note Payable Public Safety, and prior year carry forward of State Highway Grant Funds. The revenue from the federal government is budgeted to decrease from \$528,330.00 to \$2,250.00. The \$2,250.00 basically represents some police grants. The \$528,330.00 from fiscal year 2015 reflects the grant money that we were receiving from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Pinewood Heights project. We were budgeting to complete the project by the end of this fiscal year. It may have to be carried forward. We have submitted a grant application for Phase III. We have not received approval yet. Therefore we have not signed a contract and budgeted for it that is why there is a huge decrease. We expect to get the grant and contract. We will have to do a budget amendment for next year. The Note Payable for Public Safety for \$430,000.00 was the loan mentioned in the 2015 amended budget presentation for the purchase and renovation of the old Rescue Squad building. Obviously those proceeds would not be applicable to 2016. The State Highway Maintenance Funds of \$108,461.00 in the amended budget for 2015 was a carry forward from the prior year 2014. As with the note payable for public safety those funds apply only to fiscal year 2015 and would not be recurring in fiscal year 2016. As you can see from some of the invoices we had on tonight's agenda I do not think we will have anything to carry forward this year. Under other financing sources there are several other line items that contributed to the decrease in the fiscal year 2016 Budget. Contributions decreased by \$86,457.00. In fiscal year 2015 the town received \$61,075.00 for the Museum Gift Shop Reserves. We received \$21,202.00 from the Isle of Wight County Historical Society to assist with museum operations. Also in fiscal year

2015 the town donated \$55,658.00 in Beautification Escrow Reserves for the restoration of the old courthouse. In projected Line of Credit Drawdowns for the Pinewood Heights project increased by \$200,000.00 in fiscal year 2016 Budget. They are offset by a decrease of \$224,000.00 in prior year Meals Tax Reserves that were applied from 2015. On the expense side as an overview I would like to say that all employees received the one percent pay increase that was required by the Virginia Retirement System Phase-In as well as a 2% cost of living allowance. This is the fourth year of the five year phase in so fiscal year 2017 will be the last. The town provided health and dental offerings that remain the same as fiscal year 2015. The health plan premiums increased 5.25% and dental decreased 1.4%. Departmentally the most significant changes included an increase in the Treasurer's office of \$83,164.00 which reflects the reclassification of the receptionist position to the Treasurer's office. As well as additional maintenance expenses as we transition to new software called Munis which is compatible with what Isle of Wight County uses. Debt Service increased by \$255,000.00 with the addition of debt service payments from the \$430,000.00 loan obtained in 2015 as well as the line of credit payments being reimbursed. Community Development decreased \$1,340,528.00 which as I said on the revenue side relates completely to the Pinewood Heights Project Phase III. That will probably be reinstated once a contract is signed. Capital Outlay decreased \$188,000.00 as we did not budget for any land or building acquisitions in 2016. We included \$157,000.00 for software conversion. There was \$100,000.00 for the Great Springs Road sidewalk contribution and \$196,000.00 for additional renovations to the old Rescue Squad building that was not completed in fiscal year 2015. It was split between 2015 and 2016. The Utilities Income after contributions is projected to decrease from the prior year by \$69,642.00. The Utility Operating Revenues are projected to remain flat. At this time we have not proposed any rate increases for the Water and Sewer funds. Operating Expenses for water and sewer are projected to increase \$127,871.00 as a whole. Most of the increase is attributable to the addition of two maintenance helpers whose salary is split 50/50 between water and sewer. Depreciation is expected to decrease by \$65,000.00 as numerous sewer assets become fully depreciated. The Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses reflect only a small increase of \$4,172.00 but there are some notable changes within the category. Earlier in the consent agenda they mentioned the well nest system. We budgeted

\$70,000.00 for a contribution to that well nest which is part of the requirement from DEQ concerning our water permit. We are doing that in conjunction with Smithfield Foods. Fortunately that is offset by a decrease in interest expense from the two bond refinancings that we did in March of this year. We collected \$23,925.00 in Pro Rata Share Fees in 2015. Those are not budgeted for 2016. We are not allowed to budget those. If we receive them then we can amend the budget but those are voluntary contributions from developers. Capital Contributions for sewer decreased by \$11,000.00 as the Virginia Revolving loan for the James Street Pump Station will be paid off this fall and therefore the reimbursement from Smithfield Foods will consist of only one principal payment then that loan will be completely gone. The Capital Expense for water is projected to increase \$560,943.00 mainly because of the Main Street Water Main upgrade Phase I and the water line replacement under the Cypress Creek Bridge. We will probably seek financing for those two projects. Sewer Capital only increased by \$25,000.00 but it is still a significant cash outflow of \$389,071.00 which includes sewer compliance tasks, find and fix repairs. I know that is a lot of numbers to spit out but if anybody has any questions I will answer them.

Mayor Williams – I now declare the public hearing open. Would anyone like to speak on the 2015/2016 Budget? Hearing none, we will close the public hearing. We will turn this over for consideration by Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – Thank you, Mayor. We discussed this quite a bit at Committee level. I know we cannot approve this budget tonight. It will have to move to our continued meeting which will be done on June 22nd at 6:00 p.m. following our Committee meeting. I would like to make a motion that we table this until the June 22nd continued meeting.

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. Councilman Dr. Cook voted aye, Councilwoman Chapman voted aye, Vice Mayor Gregory voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilman Smith voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – We now move to Public Hearing: Comprehensive Plan – Future Growth Area Map. We will have a staff presentation by Planning and Zoning Administrator, Mr. William Saunders.

Planning and Zoning Administrator – Good evening, Mayor and members of Council. We are here to discuss the Growth Area Map which is part of the Comprehensive Plan. It has been through a rather long and arduous journey at the Planning Commission level which began after several Planning Commission meetings and special work sessions regarding the Future Land Use Map and the upgrade to the Comprehensive Plan. We looked at the potential growth areas outside of town as well as upgrading the Future Land Use Map inside the town. A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission level on February 10th, 2015. It was tabled for further consideration at the March 10th, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. The map was subsequently tabled again until the next Planning Commission meeting. Further discussion took place at the April 14th Planning Commission meeting. There was a consensus at that meeting. One item that was in that consensus was that we separate the Future Land Use Map from the Growth Area Map. Due to latent interest from the citizens relating to the Future Land Use Map we decided to separate and put it back on the schedule with the other updates to the Comprehensive Plan and bring the Growth Area Map forward. At the May 12th Planning Commission meeting there was a public hearing held on the Growth Area Map that you see before you tonight. It was recommended for approval to the Town Council. You all have decided to have a public hearing on it tonight. The Growth Area Map which is not something that was in the Comprehensive Plan previously. When we did the last update to the Comprehensive Plan five years ago we were under a moratorium for growth because of being within ten years from the last voluntary boundary line adjustment. This time we are looking at growth areas as a part of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is updated every five years but it is a twenty year plan. As far as the growth areas you have the map but you also have a spread sheet before you that gives some data about the different growth areas that are shown. Starting with the Northeastern Growth Sector on the upper right of the map outlined in purple. Originally the Gatling Pointe and the Battery Park community were part of the northeastern growth area. It follows the line of the creek all the way down the eastern side of the town. One of the reasons that Gatling

Pointe and Battery Park community were a part of the map originally was that we provide services there. It is a logical extension of the town. Due to a lot of public sentiment at the meetings from those two communities and the fact that they are already established we cannot really develop them in the manner appropriate to Smithfield. The Planning Commission decided to take those two areas off of the current map. The map currently shows the Scott farm whose developer is interested in coming into the town limits. There is also some other land around it that would be suitable for residential development. That area provides approximately enough space to put four hundred and sixty-eight to seven hundred and eighty homes at three to five homes per acre density. Three to five homes per acre density is very similar to a lot of the existing communities within the town. The Eastern Growth Sector is marked with the pink color. It is just south of the northeastern one. It is effectively all farm land that is mostly owned by the Edwards. I believe a century farm. They are interested in being a part of the map at this time. That sector would provide open space for approximately 1,030 to 1,730 homes at the three to five homes per acre. If you follow the outline of the creek down to the Southern Growth Sector which is outlined in blue that would provide a potential buffer between the town and the County's DSD to our south. It follows the creek around the east side and encompasses the Yeoman farm to the east side of Route 10. It goes around north of the trailer park, north of the high school property, and back to the creek on the west side which follows the line of the creek back up to the line of the town on the west side. It would provide an open area for 960 to 1,600 homes at three to five homes per acre density as well as providing 3,986 linear feet of commercial corridor. It would extend our commercial corridor on Bennis Church Boulevard which is approximately fifty-five acres of commercial area for development there. The west side of the map to the edge which follows a gas line that goes up to the western side of town would provide open area for approximately 1,720 to 2,870 at three to five homes per acre density. One of the benefits is the connectivity to transportation with the flyover at the bypass connecting to Fairway Avenue. It gives good connectability to transportation for development in that area. The Western Growth Area which is outlined in yellow that would bring the town owned lake within the town. Currently the dam of the lake is within the town limits. This would encompass the entire lake that belongs to the town as well as providing a growth area for one hundred and ninety-eight to three hundred and thirty

homes at three to five homes per acre density. It would also potentially provide a 3,300 linear feet extension of the commercial corridor on the West Main Street corridor which is approximately forty-five acres of new commercial growth.

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Mr. Saunders. It was a good presentation. This is a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan for the Future Growth Area Map. I declare the public hearing open. Would anyone like to speak on the future growth area?

Mr. Arinello - I think the Planning Commission did a great job in providing you that buffer. I think it is incumbent upon the Council and the Planning Commission that you try to balance what Isle of Wight County is doing. If you do not take it into consideration especially with this Port Warwick type of activity for construction at Route 258 and Route 10 intersection you are going to be squeezed. I know the town wants to grow. It is a given over the next twenty years. It is a great place but if we do not do it right we will be left outside looking in. They are completely disjointed. The ISLE 2040 exercise was completely a farce. I had the chance to participate in the lay out of the map. Even the County does not want the amount of growth that they are talking about at the Route 258 and Route 17 corridor. It is just too saturated as it is now. It is incumbent upon us to work with the group to make sure that we do it the right way. Building out is great but the inside part is where I think we are so saturated in the way of utility services, police, fire, and emergency services. You are going to inherit a lot. That is why people are moving this way to get out of the places like Virginia Beach and Norfolk. I challenge the Council to be smart about what you do. The Planning Commission gave you the buffer that you need.

Mayor Williams – Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to speak? I declare the public hearing closed. We will have consideration by Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Chairman, Dr. Milton Cook.

Councilman Dr. Cook – Thank you, Mayor. As Mr. Saunders said this has been going on for a long time with multiple public hearings and conversations with interested parties and the public. I think they have come up with a pretty reasonable map for future growth areas. They have a good vision extending past the twenty years to the next forty years that would be a good look into our future. I would like to make a motion that we accept this amendment to our Comprehensive Plan for our Future Growth Area Map.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion?

Councilman Pack – I would like to make a comment before we vote. It is pretty common with this Future Growth Area Map the number of dwelling units at three to five homes per acre. We can grow somewhere between 4,400 and 7,300 households with these properties if we were to acquire it all and fully develop it. We might note that it is perfectly acceptable to put zero units per acre and not grow it. Particularly on the Edward's farm which is the century farm so that we can control the giant amount of growth going on outside of our community. It would give us a buffer to our town and some nice green spaces that we tend to like about our town. If we own the land we control the growth or lack thereof so that it is developed in a way that is much how we want it as opposed to somebody else.

Vice Mayor Gregory – I want to thank Mr. Saunders and the Planning Commission. We are all dedicated to the town and enjoy doing what we do. Going through a process like this on the per hour basis of what we would be compensated to do really shows volunteerism and willingness to do what they do. I appreciate your efforts. The only comment that I wanted to make echoes some of the sentiments that we heard from the public that I do not think there is anyone better equipped to determine what the boundaries for the Town of Smithfield will look like in the future than the residents, Town Council, and the Planning Commission. If we leave it in the hands of the County then the Town of Smithfield only gets one voice and who knows what that voice will do. Nobody knows but here we control our own destiny. We will have this phenomenal land buffer between us and whatever goes on with ISLE 2040. I like that idea. I think Council and residents of Smithfield have the right mindset to do the right thing with the property that sits around us.

Mayor Williams – I echo everything that has been said. We have a motion and a second on the floor. Is there any further discussion for the Future Growth Area Map? Roll call vote.

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

Mayor Williams – Our next item is an Additional Invoice Requiring Council Authorization. Blair Brothers Inc. - \$77,210.94. We will have consideration by Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – We had one additional invoice from Blair Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$77,210.94 for a proposal on Ridgeland Drive for some drainage that was approved at the November 4th, 2014 Council meeting. Staff is satisfied with the work. I would like to make a motion that we approve the invoice for payment.

Councilman Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded to approve. Roll call vote.

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

Mayor Williams – Our next item is a Resolution to Appoint/Reappoint Certified Crime Prevention Team by Mr. Steve Bowman, Police Chief.

Chief Bowman – This is a component of the Certified Crime Prevention Community. We have a full Police Committee except we did not receive specific commitments from the individuals that agreed to serve. They are in place now. The names are before you. I would respectfully request that you adopt this resolution.

Vice Mayor Gregory – So moved.

Councilwoman Chapman – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilman Dr. Cook voted aye, Councilwoman Chapman voted aye, Vice Mayor Gregory voted aye, Councilman Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilman Pack 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 Approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 5th, 2015.

Town Attorney – Mr. Mayor, I have read the minutes and did not find any mistakes. I recommend the minutes be approved as presented.

Councilman Pack – So moved.

Councilman Dr. Cook – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay.

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

Mayor Williams – We now move to New Business. We have Appoint Evaluation Committee for the Four Appointed Positions, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Town Attorney, and Town Manager. I appoint Ms. Connie Chapman and Mr. Michael Smith to take on that endeavor. The next item is to Appoint a Nominating Committee for the Expiring Term of Faye Seeley (6-30-2015) for the Board of Zoning Appeals. I appoint Vice Mayor Gregory and Councilwoman Tynes.

Councilwoman Tynes – I have been on that committee ever since I have been on Council.

Mayor Williams – We skipped over you on the last one so that is why I picked you.

Councilwoman Tynes – It is the only one I ever get on but I will take it.

Mayor Williams – You did a good job with it. I am trying to do the rotating thing. Is there any other new business?

Councilman Dr. Cook – We have approved our Future Growth Area Map. What spurred on all of this was the County cancelling our agreement on a boundary line adjustment. I think it is our responsibility to continue to carry this through and begin our conversations about areas of possible annexation. We can see where our future is leading us for the next twenty, forty, and fifty years on the map. I think it is our responsibility to plan at the ten year mark what areas we are interested in bringing into the town limits since the County did not continue with their word on a voluntary boundary line adjustment. I think our next step is to proceed with annexation. I think our conversation needs to go to Mr. Riddick to see what the next steps are in proceeding with that discussion.

Town Attorney – I think we should engage our annexation counsel to come up with a timeline for you to consider and layout the process by which you would proceed with a potential annexation.

Councilman Dr. Cook – Are the upcoming Committee meetings to soon for him?

Town Attorney – I will have to check with him to see. I expect with this much notice he can probably make that happen.

Mayor Williams – That would be for this month.

Councilman Dr. Cook – It will be June 23rd.

Town Attorney – I will contact him tomorrow.

Mayor Williams – Does everyone agree? Is there any other new business? Now we will move to Old Business. Hearing none, we will now go into a Closed Session.

Town Attorney – We need a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of the discussion of the acquisition of real property for public purposes or the disposition of publicly held real property and a briefing by legal counsel as to legal matters.

Vice Mayor Gregory – So moved.

Councilwoman Chapman – Second.

A motion has been made and properly seconded. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay.

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

Town Council went into closed session at 9:15 p.m.

Town Council went back into open session at 9:35 p.m.

Town Attorney – We need a motion that during the closed session there was only a discussion of the acquisition of real property for public purposes or the disposition of publicly held real property and advice by legal counsel as to actual legal matters.

Vice Mayor Gregory – So moved.

Councilwoman Chapman – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay.

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

Mayor Williams – Is there anything else to come before Council? Hearing none, we will continue this meeting until June 22nd, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. We are adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Mr. T. Carter Williams
Mayor


Peter Stephenson, AICP, ICMA-CM
Town Manager