

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2009 – 7:00 P. M.

The Council of the Village of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, met in the Fellowship Hall of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church at 120 Potter Road South, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, with Mayor Tracey Clinton presiding.

Present: Mayor Clinton, Mayor Pro-tem Croffut, Council Members Bradford, Horvath, Pierce

Others Present:

Village Clerk/Finance Officer: Cheryl Bennett

Planning/Zoning Administrator: Joshua Langen (arrived late 7:30 pm)

Concerned citizens:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and a quorum was present.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Clinton led the Pledge of Allegiance and Croffut gave the invocation.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item 6. "POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SAFETY COMMITTEE" and Item 10. "REVIEW OF ETHICS POLICY" were deleted from the agenda. Bradford made a motion to approve the agenda with these changes; Croffut seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION BY JIM STUBBS OF LITERACY COUNCIL

Jim Stubbs showed a video from Carolina Traveler on WCNC that described the literacy problem in Union County – 20,000 adults are illiterate, both English and non-English speaking; and 40% have children in the Union County schools. Free confidential assessments are available; they anticipate serving 320 adults in 2009/10. Volunteer tutors are the core of the project; students meet one to two times per week with their tutors for 1.5-2 hours each time. Funding sources include the federal government through the NC Community College system and from the United Way. They have two fundraisers, April 30th is the spelling bee and March 7th is a board game night. Any contributions are welcomed.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2009-04, RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

Horvath made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-04, Resolution of Support for Carolina Thread Trail; Pierce seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL RESOLUTION 2009-04
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel is committed to maintaining and enhancing quality of life for its citizens and recognizes that the Carolina Thread Trail will contribute to quality of life by weaving together communities via a regional network of trails and greenways, eventually connecting fifteen counties and millions of citizens; and

WHEREAS, many communities in our region have taken a lead in planning and/or building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of trails; and

WHEREAS, trails and their green buffer areas will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by preserving trees and vegetation and by promoting non-motorized transportation, and will enhance the quality of our water through natural buffers and mitigation of storm water run-off; and

WHEREAS, trails and greenways provide key amenities to neighborhoods and safe areas for our citizens and children to travel, exercise, play and connect with nature away from heavily trafficked areas; and

WHEREAS, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the region through increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, added jobs related to the construction of and along the trail, as well as enhanced ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, trails and greenways are freely accessible community assets offering opportunities for recreation and exercise to everyone, including children, youth and families, and provide safe places for people to experience a sense of community and create stronger social and family ties; and

WHEREAS, there is no second chance to protect the Carolinas' great resources in this unique way for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and the cost of these invaluable resources will only increase in the future; and

WHEREAS, private funding is available to communities from the Carolina Thread Trail for planning and construction of regional trails, and this private funding will leverage public funding from federal, state and various sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Wesley Chapel Council supports the Carolina Thread Trail and is committed in concept to working with neighboring communities and with the Carolina Thread Trail to plan, design and build a system of trails that will connect our communities, people and special regional points of interest for years to come.

Adopted this 17th day of February, 2009.

Tracey Clinton, Mayor

Attest:

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

5. UPDATE ON SAFETY COMMITTEE

Horvath reported the committee met last week and went over crime statistics from the new crime tracking system. Crimes are mostly of the nature of car break-ins, alarms, and animal problems. The committee will focus on Neighborhood Watch before the National Night Out. They will meet quarterly, and the next meeting is May 14.

6. Item deleted.

7. REVIEW OF NEWSLETTER TOPICS

Topics for the newsletter include:

Updates on committees (Horvath – Safety and Downtown, Bradford – Parks and Rec., Pierce - Ordinance Review Committee)

History book at Town Hall, Wingate MBA Marketing Plan, current financial graphs, municipal election dates – Mayor Clinton

Shopping center updates (Aston – Pierce, and JDH – Croffut)

Tax collection by County – Bennett

Closing of Cuthbertson Road, Firearms Ordinance overview – Bradford

Horvath – Post Office Study and LARTP Update

The newsletter will be mailed out to Wesley Chapel residents and ETJ area residents. Drafts will be needed for the March 9th meeting. Pierce contacted printer Jay Charles, and the newsletter target date to go out is March 20.

8. REVIEW TOPICS FOR JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting with the County Commissioners will start at 6 pm on March 17.

Tracey will go over our Master Plan findings, survey results and UNCC recommendations, (Langen will provide disks of the Master Plan for the Commissioners). Pierce will go over land use – joint planning, transfer of development rights, and the importance of working together. Bradford will discuss safety services (EMS, Police, Fire). Horvath will discuss roads/transportation. Croffut will provide an overview of our committees and citizen input, and items that require County support, such as the Post Office efforts and the Wingate marketing class project. A PowerPoint presentation will be put together; the draft will be reviewed at the March 9th meeting.

9. UPDATE ON CUTHBERTSON ROAD BRIDGE CLOSING AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Mayor Clinton spoke with Pat Beekman, and both Waxhaw and Wesley Chapel Fire Departments will be first responders. Deputies can respond to Lawson for critical responses. Bradford reported an e-mail to a citizen from Mr. Moose at NC DOT suggested there may be a temporary signal at New Town Road and Cuthbertson. Bradford will send an update to Council from the February 24th meeting regarding the Cuthbertson Road closing.

10. Item Deleted

11. RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF SUFFICIENCY FROM CLERK ON CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION AND ON SATELLITE ANNEXATION

Croffut made a motion to receive the Certificates of Sufficiency on the contiguous and satellite annexations; Pierce seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Sufficiency

To the Wesley Chapel, North Carolina Village Council:

I, Cheryl Bennett, Village Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all the owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-58.1.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Wesley Chapel, this 17th day of February, 2009.

SEAL

Cheryl Bennett, - Village Clerk

Attached: Petition for Wesley Oaks Lot 114 (06-048-529).

Certificate of Sufficiency

To the Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, Village Council:

I, Cheryl Bennett, Village Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all the owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Wesley Chapel, this 17th day of February, 2009.

SEAL

Cheryl Bennett, - Village Clerk

Attached:

Petitions for Wesley Oaks - Lots 43, 92, and 111; and Estates at Wesley Oaks Lot 1.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2009-05
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31.

Bradford made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-05, Fixing Date Of Public
Hearing On Question Of Annexation Pursuant To G.S. 160a-31. Horvath
seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-05
RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF
ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31

WHEREAS, petitions requesting annexation of the area described herein has been
received; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel has directed the Village Clerk to
investigate the sufficiency of the petitions; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Village Clerk as to the sufficiency of the
petitions has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village
of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area
described herein will be held at the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, at 120
Potter Road South, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina at 7:00 pm, on March 9, 2009.

Wesley Oaks - Lots 43, 92, and 111; and Estates at Wesley Oaks Lot 1 (parcels
06048332, 06048566, 06048507, 06048526)

Section. 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the Enquirer-
Journal, a newspaper having general circulation in the Village of Wesley Chapel, at least
ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Approved February 17, 2009.

Mayor Tracey Clinton

ATTEST:

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2009-06
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-58.1

Bradford made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-06 Fixing Date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Pursuant to G.S. 160a-58.1; Horvath seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-06

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF
ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-58.2**

WHEREAS, petitions requesting annexation of the non-contiguous area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel has directed the Village Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petitions; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Village Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petitions has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the non-contiguous area described herein will be held at the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, at 120 Potter Road South, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina at 7:00 pm, on March 9, 2009.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:
Petition for Wesley Oaks Lot 114 (06-048-529).

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the Enquirer-Journal, a newspaper having general circulation in the Village of Wesley Chapel, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Approved February 17, 2009.

Mayor Tracey Clinton

ATTEST:

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Bradford reported there is a joint meeting of the Park and Rec Committee and Planning Board with a presentation by the Catawba Land Conservancy on February 23, 2009 at 7 pm. Pierce provided copies of the Union County Public Schools Strategic Plan 2008-2011 as an example of a document form that we could use after the Advance this year. Horvath will forward to Council MUMPO recommendations to the governor regarding allocation of funds. There is an initial draft of projects for stimulus funds. Croffut asked what is happening at the Sunset gas station. Eyad Abuwar, the business owner wants to take the pumps out and convert to a restaurant, and has applied for a permit to sell beer and wine on premises. Langen sent him a zoning permit package and will have to review the situation; he will also contact Union County to see if he can leave the tanks in the ground. Discussion was held on the lot the business is on.

Mayor Clinton reported Union Power is holding a workshop on March 5, 2009 at Oak Grove Baptist Church regarding siting the new 100 kV tap line.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS - none

16. ADJOURNMENT

Croffut made a motion to adjourn; Horvath seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Tracey Clinton