

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL Work Session MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2008 – 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, Pierce
Absent: Council Member Horvath, Attorney George Sistrunk

Others Present:

Village Clerk/Finance Officer: Cheryl Bennett

Planning/Zoning Administrator: Joshua Langen

Concerned citizens: Elizabeth Lee, Mike Patterson, Marc Ehrlich

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. PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, DRAINAGE, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND WETLAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

The public hearing was opened. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Item 4 became 4A., and Item 4B."DISCUSSION ON FIREARMS ORDINANCE TO REPEAL, REVISE AND RE-ADOPT"was added. Pierce made a motion to adopt the agenda with these changes; Bradford seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4A. CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING-08-01 AND CUP-08-01 FOR QUINTESSA COMMUNITY CENTER

Langen explained that Quintessa wants to get the amenities center in, and postpone the rest of the plat. They want to re-zone the 3.5 acres to R-80, do a CUP for an indoor recreational center, and the road will be built as a driveway. Langen will have them subdivide the land. The Planning Board will review this request this month. Bradford made a motion to call for a public hearing on rezoning request 08-01, and CUP 08-01 for the Quintessa Community Center for October 13, 2008 at 7 pm at the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. Pierce seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4B. DISCUSSION ON FIREARMS ORDINANCE TO REPEAL, REVISE AND RE-ADOPT

Mayor Clinton said the ordinance was unclear in that some areas say “he/she” and others just say “he”. It has not been signed and put into our ordinance book yet. She talked with Attorney Sistrunk and he suggested we repeal it as adopted; then adopt a revised ordinance where the changes were made to make it gender neutral. Pierce made a motion to repeal Ordinance 2008-09 as adopted at our September 8, 2008 meeting. Croffut seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Clinton said the Sheriff had asked that we make it effective October 1, 2008, she did not know the reasons why. Our attorney said we could make it effective tonight, and let the Sheriff decide when he could start enforcing it. Bradford noted under Clearly Marked Property lines, it should include hunting “or shooting skeet/trap”. Bradford brought up how we should notify people. Council decided to do a press release, we can use the Mayor’s e-mail list, put it on the website, and the bulletin board. Croffut said regarding the effective date, he thought it should be effective now since it has been discussed for several months; Pierce agreed. Bradford brought up the logistics of when it would be enforced and how we answer citizen questions. Mayor Clinton said we would welcome the Sheriff to give input to the press release, if he doesn’t give input, we can just publish where people can call. Pierce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2008-09, as amended, with replacing “he” with “he/she” and “his” with “her/his” in order to make it gender neutral; and add “or shooting skeet/trap” to the first sentence in Section 4. Bradford seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN COG RECYCLING WORKING GROUP

Bradford spoke with COG; there will be two groups, a task force and an elected official’s board. There would be no obligation; they will be looking at waste recycling (residential, commercial and construction waste). Since we don’t offer waste collection, Council consensus was to not participate.

6. DISCUSS TIMELINE FOR APPOINTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Clinton said she had lots of new names applying, and she would appoint the members by the October 21, 2008 meeting. Bradford agreed to be the Parks and Recreation Committee liaison, and Brad Horvath or another member of Council would be the liaison to the Downtown Committee.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Clinton said she was talking to Steele Dewey and the YMCA people; and the YMCA is moving forward with a capital campaign to build the first Y in Union County in Marvin/Waxhaw, the demographics were a little better there and they also have \$2 million in seed money. The YMCA Committee thought it made sense to put

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a Y on our property with a park; Mayor Clinton told the Y that if it would be five years or more before they were ready to put a Y in Wesley Chapel she wanted something in the initial campaign or we would consider other plans for the land. She asked them to consider funding a park. They came back and agreed but with the idea to do an outside water facility. She checked with some of the YMCA committee members, and they agreed it doesn't blend in with our neighborhoods, and many have outdoor pools. She will contact them and tell them we want to continue with the idea of a community park.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS - none

10. ADJOURNMENT

Bradford made a motion to adjourn; Pierce seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Tracey Clinton