

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
120 Potter Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28110
January 21, 2014 – 7:00 P. M.

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

Present: Mayor Horvath, Mayor Pro Tem Como, Council Members Plyler and Rosoff

Absent: Council Member Kenary

Others Present:

Clerk/Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett

Citizens Present: Gloria & Peter Fridrich, Shawn & Kay Persing, Gordon B. Daniels, Ashley Hash, Mary & Shaun Riney, Shari & Eric Barre, Deirdre Olson, Heather Seaman, Fred & Kruty Canen, Adam & Tasha Penner, Mark Neff, Dawn Tugman, Julie Brown, Pamela Moses, Eric Jones, Andrew Young, Pat Paterno, Dawn William, Kristy Brannock, John Zgombic, Michele Miller, Gary Savoie, Darren Karlin, Cheri Wickham, Kevin Colin, Elizabeth Grippo, Paul Mateosky, Juli Thomas, Brad & Mindy Horner, Barbara Rucker, Jennifer & Stacy Cooper, Sam Kipp, Sharon Weller, Tim & Renie Kolubinsky, Daphne Koenigsberg, Mary French, Aaron Hollingsworth, Kathleen Figuereo, Chris Maupin, Karen Barber, Cynthia, Lul & Faisal Abuwar, James Barker, Melanie Chomicki, Steve Ray, Jeff Tugman, Gao Yunfung, Burke McKinney, Heidi Demaio, Deusilene Moreira, Mauricus (illegible), Hampson, Dawn & Mark Wesley, Carolyn Blondin, Valerie Parrella, Bridget Warner, Desiree Yerrid, Sal Cimino, Jeff Sweeney, Ronald E. Cherry, Cheryl Zgombic, Kristin Mattison, Cindy Nelson, Daniel Rose, Charles & Paula Leiner, Katherine & Stephen Condon, Grace Dietzman, Pam & Tom Lewis, Todd Schepel, Nancy Hammond, Todd Autworth, Claudette Bonin, Nicole Burrowes, Kelly & Karen Hailey, Natalie Williams, Kathy Bailey, Dawn & Matt Sharpe, Polly Dommer, Kellie Walters, Denise Connor, Mary Ketner, Molly Warren, Dale Furlong, Carol Mullis, Kim Hillegas, Boyana Merie, Sean O'Shea, Jeff Cormer, Maura MacKinnon, Mike Giaimo, Lars Knapp, Marc Ehrlich, Angela Banks, Aaron Hollingsworth, Fred & Shan Smith, Matt & Sonya Coogan, Adrianna Dickerson, Sam Bradt, Jeff Ravnitzky, Todd & Carrie Ward, Alison Easley, Scott & Cindy LeGrand, Colette Scaramell, Greg Thompson, Barry & Lisha Maxwell, Judy Bellomo, Michael Alvarez, Shawn Johnston, Catherine Burns, Brian Smith, Cheryl Adelglass, Akia Brown, Lacheon Shackelford, Brenda B. Cherry, Legrand Odom and others.

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Rosoff gave the invocation.

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

Items were added/renumbered: 3A. Mayor Alvarez of Indian Trail; 3B. Decision on Resolution; 8A. Twelve Mile Creek Interceptor; 8B. Western Union County Mayors Coalition Update; 8. C

Other Business. Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to approve the amended agenda; Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. A. MAYOR ALVAREZ OF INDIAN TRAIL

Mayor Alvarez spoke to urge the concerned parents and citizens to turn this negative into a positive to work with the Board of Education. Instead of pointing fingers, let's work as neighbors to make this the best school system.

B. DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION 2014-01 OPPOSING UNION COUNTY SCHOOL RE-DISTRICTING

Mayor Horvath recognized the school board has a difficult task. Municipalities have little input on the schools directly. This resolution is a call for a dialogue, not an attack. A legal issue was brought up, but we do not have legal standing on this as a council. The Resolution was read and received loud applause. Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to approve Resolution 2014-01, incorporated herein; Council Member Plyler seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Village of Wesley Chapel Resolution 2014-01
RESOLUTION OPPOSING UNION COUNTY SCHOOL REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel Council's purpose is to represent the desires of its citizens and to serve as a voice for the greater good of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel recognizes that at least thirty neighborhoods and dozens of other residences not in subdivisions within our municipality are proposed for redistricting. The subdivisions include: Bel-Air Estates, Berkshire, Blackstone, The Brooks, Cedar Hill, Court Square, Estates at Wesley Oaks, Fox Fire Estates, Glen at Wesley Oaks, Goldmine, Hampton Meadows, Heather Glen, Houston Farms, Hunters Pointe, Kings Grant, Lindenwood, Meadowmere, Pilgrim Forest, Potters Bluff, Potters Trace, Price Mill, Quintessa, Twelve Oaks, Twin Cedars, Wesley Chase, Wesley Estates, Wesley Glen, Wesley Oaks, and Winding Creek and that there is the potential that more could be affected before any final plans are approved; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel wants to recognizes that a large majority of citizens in Wesley Chapel are not in favor of the Union County Board of Education's redistricting proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel understands that the current redistricting proposal will negatively affect the families and tight knit community in our Village pulling friends apart and segregating our neighborhoods in an unwanted manner; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel recognizes that the youth in our community will be moved from higher performing schools to lower performing schools which is unacceptable to the parents in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Chapel understands that redistricting will contribute to our strained infrastructure, decrease the values of our homes, result in a loss of tax revenue to both the Village and to Union County, and negatively impact existing property owners and the potential for growth in our area,

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the Village of Wesley Chapel hereby announces that it does not support the 2014 redistricting plan as proposed by the Union County Board of Education, encourages the Board and its committees to listen to the desires of the citizens of Wesley Chapel and Union County, and strongly encourages the Board of Education to seek alternative methods to alleviate and address the school population issues. Furthermore, the Village of Wesley Chapel stands with other municipalities in Union County in favor of this resolution.

Adopted this the 21st day of January, 2014.

Mayor Brad Horvath

Attest:

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

4. DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL DIFFERENT WAY OF DOING MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to keep the recordings of the meetings and for the minutes to be done as they are now. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion. Council Member Plyler passed out minutes of the Town Hall Building Committee for Dec. 26, 2013 saying they were very simple and to the point and did not include discussion; she preferred this format. Discussion was held on whether the minutes should be brief, or include discussion on the options considered. Council Member Plyler felt the minutes misinterpret things and some things do not get included. Council Member Rosoff felt if we keep it too short it is a dysfunction. Citizens would have to be very committed to go to the town hall to hear the tape. Mayor Horvath noted Council does have an option to make changes to the minutes. Council Member Plyler wanted to receive the minutes earlier; Mayor Horvath said we can get them out earlier or approve them at the second monthly meeting. It was noted that right now we are in the middle of a move. Mayor Pro Tem Como amended his motion to keep the minutes as they are currently done, and keep the recordings for twelve months. Council Member Rosoff seconded the amended motion. Council Member Plyler said she sometimes goes back three years to research items.

The motion passed 2-1 with Council Member Plyler voting nay.

Clerk Bennett noted when a citizen receives a copy of the recording, she keeps the digital version indefinitely.

Mayor Pro Tem Como noted Wyncom did not recommend the speech to text software since it was not getting good reviews.

5. DISCUSSION ON BANKING AND POSTAL SERVICES

Finance Officer Bennett will get a banking RFP ready for the February 18, 2014 meeting. Council Member Plyler said the Post Office will only hold mail if you are gone a minimum of three days. After some research, she suggested a box on a post with a lock for incoming mail and an unlocked box for outgoing mail. She had pictures of a lockable mailbox that was \$190, not including the post. This item was tabled until we look into it further. The Clerk will ask the

Post Office if we can use a locked box for incoming and outgoing mail. Since we have a right in and right out entrance; the Clerk asked if we will have to go up to Underwood Road and down to Waxhaw Indian Trail Road to get to the bank at the shopping center, but Council said we can just U-turn at Blackstone. We will also have to notify our vendors of the new address. Mayor Pro Tem Como volunteered to help with the mailbox.

6. PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE UPDATE

a. Update on park construction

Council Member Rosoff said Parks and Rec discussed and recommended approval of the Morlando request to extend the contract to March 1. The ground does not dry out immediately after a rain, and most contracts give three days for each rain day. Council Member Rosoff motioned to extend the park contract 21 days to March 1, 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rosoff said Parks and Rec approved a list of rules for the dog park, and read the rules to Council. Mayor Horvath asked the list be run by the attorney and sent to Council. Howard Brotton asked how they will be enforced.

Council Member Rosoff said Parks and Rec wants to keep the existing P.A. system.

Mayor Horvath said he pulled his park plans dated March 19, 2012 from the CUP and it shows the dog park in the same location as it is now. He spoke to the attorney on liability, and municipalities are protected from liability if the rules are posted. A citizen questioned if there would be a problem with dog urine odors like at Rocky River. Mayor Pro Tem Como will go there and talk to them about the problem; and the concern will be taken to Parks and Rec. Council Member Rosoff reported an Eagle Scout is building birdhouses for the park. Julie Brown said the survey of amenities showed the next amenity not already satisfied was a dog park. Council Member Plyler said a dog park was amenity number 21; a playground was above that; there is nothing for the children at the park. Council Member Rosoff said it is now astronomical in cost to build a playground. Mayor Pro Tem Como said these issues have already been voted on; the dog park is minimal cost, and let's move forward. Mayor Horvath asked if there might be a product at PetSmart to neutralize urine odors. Council Member Rosoff motioned to accept the \$500 donation from Wesley Chapel Friends of Parks for Winchester to do some work at the park. Mayor Horvath asked if there are additional costs to make this operational. Mayor Pro Tem Como reported this is to hire a bobcat to clear the stumps, and they have volunteer labor. Local businesses are interested in donating signs. We have part time park maintenance labor in the budget and that person can empty the receptacles. Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-1 with Council Member Plyler voting nay.

Finance Officer Bennett clarified that this will increase both our budgeted revenues and expenditures by \$500.

b. Other Parks and Rec matters, as necessary

Mayor Pro Tem Como reported the Duke Energy forms for the park lighting were signed and notarized. He checked with Morlando and said it would not make sense for them to mobilize

resources, so we checked the option for Duke to remove rock if encountered. We went out of our way to locate the lampposts out of the way of any rock. Mayor Horvath noted if we do run into rock we will use contingency funds. Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to approve the Duke Energy option to remove rock if encountered. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

a. Update on construction

Since Council Member Kenary was out of town, Mayor Pro Tem Como attended the Committee meeting; he noted the building looks awesome.

The Committee asked to allow Butch Plyler to have a key for access to the building for twelve months to correct any problems that occur. Howard Brotton said the Committee felt some things could go unnoticed otherwise. Mayor Pro Tem Como said Butch Plyler is normally there during the day, and repairs could be scheduled when the Clerk is there, so a key was not needed.

Council Member Rosoff said the Committee will be disbanded and it would set a precedence to give a key to a citizen for access. Mayor Pro Tem Como said it is great for Butch to go above and beyond with the town hall, but his work could be done during regular business hours. Mayor Horvath thought it made sense for Butch to have a key. Howard Brotton said originally it had been set that he would check up on items for the 12 month warranty period, as it was thought he would still be on council. Mayor Pro Tem Como said Mr. Plyler could do those things during regular business hours. Council Member Rosoff motioned to ask Butch Plyler if he would like the title of project director for twelve months. Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0 with Council Member Becky Plyler recusing herself from voting. Council Member Rosoff motioned to allow Butch Plyler to have a key if he accepts. Council Member Becky Plyler asked to be recused. The motion died for lack of a second. This will be looked at again when Council Member Kenary is present.

Mayor Pro Tem Como said there was a \$1350 request for a screen and projector (like the one in the council chambers) for the conference room that was in the original plans but got left off. Howard Brotton said it disappeared from Wyncom's bid, but is in the plans. This item was tabled for now.

b. Update on recommendations for grand opening

Mayor Pro Tem Como said there are two separate dates for dedication and open house. He motioned to approve a budget of no more than \$1,500 from the travel and entertainment line item for the two events; he noted we only have one chance to make an impression and show off the building. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Gayla Adams said it was recommended that Mayor Horvath be the M.C. and the committee members will cut the ribbon. The sequence of the events will be worked on at the meeting Thursday and she reviewed the general sequence. Mayor Horvath said John Lepke has a teen neighbor who was recommended to sing the Star Spangled Banner.

c. Other Town Hall matters, as necessary

Mayor Pro Tem Como said tomorrow we will move into the front two offices, storage and file rooms. Mayor Horvath thanked Mr. Como for setting up the room tonight and doing the move tomorrow.

8. A. TWELVE MILE CREEK INTERCEPTOR

Mayor Horvath said some manhole locations will be changed; our engineer said the County's standards are more stringent than ours, and the County is willing to do the review.

Council Member Rosoff motioned to allow the County to do the sewer review on behalf of the Village for the interceptor. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. WESTERN UNION COUNTY MAYORS COALITION UPDATE

Council Member Rosoff attended, and the main concerns are re-districting and DOT. She was approached by the Marvin mayor on the possibility of Marvin holding their meetings in our new town hall. Mayor Horvath will call him to get more details.

C. OTHER BUSINESS - none

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Horvath was re-elected the Vice Chair of the Charlotte Regional Planning Transportation Organization.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Rosoff made a motion to adjourn; Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Brad Horvath