

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WESLEY CHAPEL TOWN HALL
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104
January 8, 2018 – 7:00 PM

The Village Council of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina met in the Town Hall at 6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina.

Council Present: Mayor Horvath, Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis, Council Members Como, Fuller, and Rodriguez

Others Present: Attorney George Sistrunk, Clerk/Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett, Planning/Zoning Administrator Tim Gauss

Standing Items

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation *Time Stamp 0:00*

Mayor Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was said.

2. Public Comments *Time Stamp: 1:09*

Diana Bowler asked on behalf of Friends of Park and Rec to reserve Dogwood Park for 2018 event dates of the Easter event March 31, 2018, the Barbecue May 5, 2018 and the Fall Bash October 27, 2018.

Becky Plyler had concerns on some agenda items, particularly on opening committee membership to non- residents, feeling that membership should be restricted to taxpayers.

Lori Bailey commented against the requested Land Use Plan changes at the corner of NC 84 and Potter Road, noting residents have stated their desires for low density single family zoning and we currently have one million square feet of commercial space approved in the town. The significantly different plan that was presented at the December 6th meeting was claimed to be listening to the people but was actually a reaction to the overwhelming negative feedback to the development. The plan still fails to address the major concerns at the intersection, the school and inadequate infrastructure. Uphold the vision of Wesley Chapel and support the Planning Board recommendation and current Land Use Plan.

Sherry Killion commented against the Moser proposal, asking if it enhances the safety of the children at the school, that it would set a precedence for the other corners, and do we really want this for our community. From current development we have learned it has a minimal tax return to the Village, the current shopping center is not fully built out and this could negatively impact that buildout, have a negative impact on the tax base, increase traffic and impact the quality of life. Our current town center is not fully built out, adding more retail will increase the risk of having unfilled space. As a 23 year resident, she was here when the work was done to create the town, much input was requested from residents to build the Land Use Plan and zoning. She

asked Council to uphold our Land Use Plan and vote no to the current requests to the Land Use Plan.

Larry Blankenship noted that he has lived here 21 years, and has so far welcomed growth. His grandkids need a place to work and a swimming pool, and he did not think the proposal would affect traffic, as he drops the grandkids off at the school at 7 am and is out of there by 7:05 am. He was in favor of the Moser proposal.

3. Adoption of Agenda *Time Stamp 10:22*

The agenda was amended to move the “Potential Eagle Scout Project” up earlier, and add to the “Report From Finance Officer” the audit, and the issue with the heating and air conditioning system. Council Member Como motioned to adopt the agenda with the above changes. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda *Time Stamp 12:13*

- a. Approve Minutes for October 18, 2017 Special Council Meeting, October 19, 2017 Special Meeting, November 4, 2017 Special Council Meeting, and November 13, 2017 Council Meeting
- b. Approve previous month planner’s and code enforcement reports
- c. Approve previous month finance report
- d. Call for public hearing on February 12, 2018 at 7 pm at town hall, on requests by Downtown Wesley Chapel LLC to change Future Land Use Plan Map and Text and Receive Report on Community Meeting
- e. Endorse Letter to NC DOT Potential Acceptance of Candella Streets
- f. Proclamation for National School Choice Week
- g. Proclamation for Marsy’s Law for North Carolina

Council Member Como motioned to approve the consent agenda; Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

December 31, 2017 Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Fifth Third Bank checking	336,617.29
Fifth Third Maxsaver	308,771.90
NCCMT Government Portfolio	301,563.86
BB&T Money Market	508,092.74
Cash Change Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	1,455,095.79

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Accounts Receivable	
Misc. Fees Receivable	14,648.01
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>14,648.01</u>
Other Current Assets	
Property Tax Rec.	823.00
Allow. for Doubtful Accounts	-482.00
Total Sales Taxes to be Received	<u>823.42</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,164.42</u>
Total Current Assets	1,470,908.22
Fixed Assets	
Land	813,423.00
Dogwood Park	
Dogwood Park Improvements	722,271.00
Dogwood Park fountain	12,960.00
Dogwood Park Water Improvement	8,440.00
Dogwood Park Gate	7,076.00
Dogwood Park Shipping Container	3,200.00
Dogwood Park Signs	3,803.00
Total Dogwood Park	<u>757,750.00</u>
Town Hall	1,361,869.00
Furniture & Equipment	40,939.00
Town Hall Driveway/Irrigation	64,192.00
Accumulated Deprec.	-406,117.98
Total Fixed Assets	<u>2,632,055.02</u>
Other Assets	
Def Outflow Contr to PenPlan CY	11,945.00
Employer deferred outflow	-140.00
Total Other Assets	<u>11,805.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>4,114,768.24</u></u>
LIABILITIES & Fund Balance	
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to Union County Schools	14.81
Pay. for Employee Insurance	50.50
Escrow from Developers	196,090.00
Deferred Revenue	341.20
Payroll Liabilities	91.44
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>196,587.95</u>
Total Current Liabilities	196,587.95
Long Term Liabilities	
Net pension liability	8,916.00
Deferred inflows Pension	6,810.00

Total Long Term Liabilities	15,726.00
Total Liabilities	212,313.95
Fund Balance	
Fund Bal. inv. in Fixed Assets	2,632,055.02
Fund Bal. non-spendable	196,090.00
FB Restrict for P&R fee in lieu	131,500.78
Fund Bal. Res for Amph. Cover	3,664.00
Fund Bal. Assigned for Roundabout	275,100.00
Fund Bal Assign future park imp	3,550.00
Fund Bal. Assigned for Sidewalk	24,000.00
Fund Balance Assigned for NNO	313.40
Fund Balance	664,462.14
Excess of Rev. over Exp.	-28,281.05
Total Fund Balance	3,902,454.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES & Fund Balance	4,114,768.24

December 2017 Budget Report

	Dec 17	Jul - Dec 17	Budget	% of Budget
General Fund				
Income				
Appropriated Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	131,562.00	0%
Property Tax Income				
Current Year Property Tax	61,214.48	100,873.14	146,243.00	69%
Utility Ad Valorem	0.00	0.00	1,960.00	0%
Vehicle Registration	2,340.94	6,601.23	14,604.00	45%
Delinquent Property Tax	36.19	226.71	300.00	76%
Interest/Ad Fee on Taxes	18.41	76.52	250.00	31%
Total Property Tax Income	63,610.02	107,777.60	163,357.00	66%
Fees and Licenses				
Privilege Licenses	0.00	285.00	270.00	106%
Zoning Permit	2,450.00	12,150.00	25,000.00	49%
Engineering Fees Reimbursement	6,682.50	25,057.37	57,000.00	44%
Annexation Exp Reimbursed	0.00	60.00	100.00	60%
Misc. Fees	100.00	214.74	800.00	27%
Total Fees and Licenses	9,232.50	37,767.11	83,170.00	45%
Interest Earned	285.70	1,411.86	800.00	176%
Revenue Sharing				
Sales & Use Taxes	4,276.72	12,881.84	48,000.00	27%
Sales Tax on Telecom. Services	2,052.46	2,145.02	8,200.00	26%
Sales Tax on Video Programming	24,209.50	24,615.07	96,000.00	26%
Sales Tax on Electricity	61,175.14	61,719.83	201,000.00	31%

Sales Tax on Piped Natural Gas	1,494.49	2,577.19	15,000.00	17%
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	0.00	0.00	36,500.00	0%
Total Revenue Sharing	93,208.31	103,938.95	404,700.00	26%
Total Income	166,336.53	250,895.52	783,589.00	32%
Expense				
Total Town Hall Operating Expense	1,263.80	15,292.11	26,900.00	57%
Total Operating Expenditures	11,153.78	35,680.61	72,497.00	49%
Total Planning & Zoning	10,894.10	48,367.55	118,700.00	41%
Total Gen. Govt. Salaries	14,323.47	59,464.12	133,798.00	44%
Total Professional Fees	8,213.35	30,066.36	96,635.00	31%
Total Capital Outlay	2,152.75	2,250.25	57,000.00	4%
Total Public Services / Safety	22,264.50	66,293.50	91,643.00	72%
Parks & Recreation				
Total Park Maint. Supplies& Mat.	0.00	199.98	600.00	33%
Total Park Maint. Services	4,650.61	21,562.09	69,816.00	31%
Total P&R Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	116,000.00	0%
Total Parks & Recreation	4,650.61	21,762.07	186,416.00	12%
Total Expense	74,916.36	279,176.57	783,589.00	36%
Net Excess of Rev. over Exp.	91,420.17	-28,281.05	0.00	100%

Village of Wesley Chapel, NC
Proclamation for National School Choice Week



WHEREAS: all children in the Village of Wesley Chapel should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS: the Village of Wesley Chapel recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in the village to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS: quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of the Village of Wesley Chapel; and,

WHEREAS: the Village of Wesley Chapel is home to a multitude of excellent education options from which parents can choose for their children; and,

WHEREAS: educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS: our area has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS: School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED AND RESOLVED, that I, Brad S. Horvath, Mayor of the Village of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 21 – 27, 2018 as SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK in Wesley Chapel, North Carolina and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village to be affixed this 9th day of January, 2018.

Signed _____

Mayor Brad S. Horvath

SEAL Attest _____

Cheryl Bennett, Village Clerk

**Village of Wesley Chapel, NC
Proclamation for Marsy’s Law for North Carolina**



WHEREAS, Marsy’s Law For North Carolina and advocacy organizations statewide are dedicated to guaranteeing victims’ rights and providing a voice; and

WHEREAS, Marsy’s Law For North Carolina supporters agree victims should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected

from the defendant, reasonably heard at public proceedings regarding their case, and given a voice through the process of the case; and,

WHEREAS, per the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) most recent “Crime in the United States” report, in 2013 a total of 33,700 North Carolinians were the victim of Violent “Index Crimes” including: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson; and,

WHEREAS, Marsy’s Law for North Carolina will ensure that victim’s receive the same rights that are afforded to criminals and have rights to notification of release, hearings, appropriate restitution, and the right to speak at during criminal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Victims’ Rights is a non-partisan, non-political issue, and Marsy’s Law is a common sense approach to ensuring Victims’ Rights

NOW THEREFORE, I Mayor Brad S. Horvath of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, on this 8th day of January, 2018 do hereby proclaim

SUPPORT FOR HB 551/SB 595 (MARSY’S LAW)

In and for the Village, and encourage all of our citizens to join in the commitment to protect the rights of North Carolina crime victims.

Signed _____ SEAL Attest _____

Mayor Brad S. Horvath

Village Clerk Cheryl Bennett

5. Planning Board Report *Time Stamp 13:15*

Planning Board Chair John Souza reported there was no Planning Board meeting in December. At the next meeting they will consider the Addington monument sign, final plat of Heritage, and an administrative subdivision text amendment. Council asked them to look at berms to reduce buffer widths, and to reduce the number of days before the meeting that packets are due. Conservation subdivisions are on track for the planner to bring to the February Council meeting. The possibility of rotating Planning Board members from alternate to regular was mentioned noting the new alternate has planning experience. Chair Souza noted alternates do participate in their discussions.

6. Youth Council Committee Report *Time Stamp 19:43*

Chair Sophia Maupin reported on their work on the 5K; they have 35 runners signed up, 14 volunteers, medals, and will put a sign at CVS or Lester Davis Road. Costs include \$1100 for the race administrator, \$200 for flyers, \$50 for medals, shirts, deputies, porta pots and bananas or oranges.

7. Deputy Report *Time Stamp 25:06*

Deputy Wicker reported an uptick in Target larcenies; one car break-in and one home break-in. Council agreed Deputy Wicker can start coming to the meetings on a quarterly basis to report trends. Reports will still be submitted monthly.

8. Discuss Code Enforcement Violations with Code Enforcement Officer *Time Stamp 28:38*

Code enforcement officer Bill Bailey reported there are five violations still outstanding. The granite business has moved out after receiving the citation. The owner had been sent two notices previously, one had a date certain so Mr. Bailey used that date to start the assessment of fees. Notices of violation will be sent out on the other locations. Council would like to be aware of the letters before they go out. Bill Bailey will look at our ordinance and see if there are some changes that might be made, and let the Village Administrator know how much it would cost. If changes were made, it would not re-start the time on outstanding violations. In our meeting last March with the Code Administrator, Council had authorized towing some of the vehicles left on lots with violations.

9. Report from Finance Officer *Time Stamp 43:40*

Finance Officer Bennett reported that in December we received our bill for the election which came in over what was budgeted, so she moved \$493 from Contingency to Elections. We received our quarterly payments on the utility sales taxes, all except piped natural gas came in at budget or over, and the gas will come in higher after the winter. We spent \$262.50 for Planning Board training. Our water bill for the irrigation system was provided to Council, and shows about 60,000 gallons per month being used when the system is on, so we will have the utility company come out and look at it, and check that the meter is not running currently.

Amended Audit Contract

Mayor Horvath noted we just received an amended audit contract; the auditor did additional payroll verification work and the audit contract amount did not change. Council Member Rodriguez repeated his recollection of his conversation when the auditor called him back in October. He did not have a warm and fuzzy feeling from her, and did not like the finance officer talking to the auditor. Finance Officer Bennett explained that she had conveyed Council concerns to the auditor. Mayor Horvath noted it was not unusual for the finance officer to talk with the auditor. The audit is normally submitted in October to the State, and after the State approves it, Council gets copies in November or December. When the audit is as late as it is, the State requires an amended contract, and asks for the reason the audit is late, and is it expected to be late in the next year. Council Member Rodriguez said the auditor only looks at what they receive; Finance Officer Bennett explained the auditor asks for what they need, and we provide what they ask for; they also go through the minutes.

Council Member Como motioned to approve the amended audit contract, and get the audit finished. Council Member Fuller seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-1, with Rodriguez voting nay.

Heating and Air Conditioning System

Helms Heating and Air proposed putting in four thermostats and eliminating the troublesome sensors for \$600. Council Member Como motioned to pay \$600 and have Helms Heating and Air put in the thermostats at town hall. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Como motioned to move \$600 from Contingency to Town Office Maintenance Services to provide budgeted funds for the thermostats. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

10. Discuss/Appoint Council Liaisons to: Youth Council, COG, CRTPO, Board of Education, Union County Chamber of Commerce *Time Stamp 1:00:44*

Council agreed that Mike Como will be the liaison to COG, Mayor Horvath will be the liaison to CRTPO, Amanda Fuller will be the liaison to the Board of Education, Paul Kaperonis will be the liaison to the Union County Chamber of Commerce, and Paul Kaperonis will help with the Youth Council Committee.

New Business

11. Potential Eagle Scout Project *Time Stamp 1:04:20*

Landon Clouse, a Scout with Troop 99 proposed an Eagle project at Dogwood Park that would include a planting bed, a brick wall and a flagpole. He would work with FOPR and Parks and Rec. He has \$1,000 seed money. Electricity would be needed at that site. The responsibility of raising and lowering the flag was briefly discussed, Council Member Como said he talked to a Scout troop who might be able to take over the responsibility of doing this flag and the one at Town Hall. Mayor Horvath said he would help with the flags, and asked that they do proper footings. There is a flagpole in storage at the park, and may need some of the inner workings. Council Member Como motioned to give preliminary approval to the project. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider approval of subdivision modifications and preliminary plat of Addington Crossing Subdivision *Time Stamp 1:08:45*

Planner Tim Gauss reported this is a 51 lot, 103.66 acre R-40 by-right subdivision which accesses Potter (at two locations) and Hudson Church Roads. There is a north and south section, with rough terrain in between. Petitioners are CARDNO Design Engineer and CalAtlantic Homes. There will be sidewalks along Potter Road. They are dedicating 55 feet for the future

possible widening of Hudson Church Road. Planning Board recommended approval, with discussion on four items: 1. Asked about connectivity between the north and south sections, and the applicant offered to send a letter stating the US Army Corps of Engineers' determination on that, 2. CalAtlantic submitted a written pledge to dedicate the future construction by others of a potential greenway trail across their common areas, 3. Heritage trees will be removed, however a formal request for a modification was not requested by staff nor submitted to Planning Board, and the applicant discussed the reasons for removal (rough site and layout of lots) as well as mitigation (preservation of tree save area, including several heritage trees in excess of ordinance requirements); Planning Board requested the formal modification request be submitted to Village Council, and 4. Adding a turn lane on Fernwood at its intersection with Potter Road, with final decision by NC DOT. There will be 50 feet of storage and 50 feet of tapering. They are removing over 232 heritage tree. Staff recommends approval of the modification and the preliminary plat.

Robert Cash, CARDNO engineer, spoke that he worked with DOT, Army Corps of Engineers, Division of Water Quality and staff. The single crossing of the stream minimizes stream impacts. They are modifying a pond to improve flow. They will add the right turn out lane at Fernwood and Potter as well as a right turn lane on Potter Road, and provide 55 feet of roadway for future widening of Hudson Church Road. There will be a temporary cul-de-sac, if the road is extended it would go away. Union County Public Works approved the water and sewer. There is one flag lot remaining for the former owner of the property, and they will now get water and sewer. They also worked with Union Power. Side setbacks are fifteen feet. Ashton Bowman from CARDNO explained the majority of trees proposed to be planted are on the fifty foot buffer. Rather than planting trees that might eventually die, they proposed to preserve additional land which is floodplain that could be developed, but would be costly. Brian Johnson from CalAtlantic said they are planting 400 trees on the south side, and 200 trees on the north side. Tim Gauss said they are saving 9.5 acres more than required, the ordinance emphasis is on tree preservation. Engineer Frank Cantrell from CARDNO noted the lighting plan is a separate submittal, but not required until final plat. The existing buildings will be demoed.

Planning Board Chair John Souza stated conditions from their approval included a letter to document no pedestrian crossing of the stream, and a letter to dedicate all common areas easement for thread trail; both letter were received.

The subdivision modification to remove 232 heritage trees was addressed.

206.3 In granting any modification, the Village Council shall make findings required below, taking into account the nature of the proposed subdivision, the existing use of land in the vicinity, the number of persons to reside or work in the proposed subdivision and the probable effect of the proposed subdivision upon traffic conditions in the vicinity. No modification shall be granted unless the Village Council finds:

- a) That there are special circumstances or conditions affecting said property such that the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of his land, and

Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis motioned to approve this finding; Council Member Como seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

b) That the modification is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the petitioner, and
Council Member Rodriguez motioned to approve this finding; Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

c) That the circumstances giving rise to the need for the modification are peculiar to the parcel and are not generally characteristic of other parcels in the jurisdiction of this Ordinance, and
Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis motioned to approve this finding; Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

d) That the granting of the modification will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare or injurious to other property in the territory in which said property is situated, and
Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis motioned to approve this finding; Council Member Fuller seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

e) That the modification will not vary the provisions of the Village of Wesley Chapel Zoning Ordinance applicable to the property.

Council Member Rodriguez motioned to approve this finding; Council Member Como seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Como motioned to approve the modification to remove 232 heritage trees. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez motioned to approve the preliminary plat of Addington Crossing, a 103.66 acre 51 unit subdivision located northeast of the intersection of Beulah Church Road and Potter Road with the conditions: applicant to provide a letter stating the US Army Corps of Engineers' determination regarding further disturbance to floodplain due to a crossing; the applicant to submit a written pledge to dedicate land for the thread trail as may be needed in the future; the applicant to work with NCDOT to design and construct a turn lane on Fernwood Trail at its intersection with Potter Road, and the lighting plan meets the provisions of the Wesley Chapel ordinance. Council Member Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. Open Annexation into Wesley Chapel *Time Stamp 1:35:25*

Council Member Como noted we had opened annexation without fees a couple of years ago. Timing was discussed, applications are usually requested by the end of January. Council Member Como motioned to open annexation and waive fees for annexations submitted through February 2018. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Como motioned to refund the \$30 fees to the two annexation applicants who already paid their fees. Council Member Fuller seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

14. Annual Village Dinner & Retreat *Time Stamp 1:40:15*

Mayor Horvath noted we have had a retreat in the past, with a facilitator, and the different boards and committees and Council. Turnout has ranged from 30 to 65. Feedback is obtained at a Friday evening dinner, and the next day Council and Planning Board meet and set priorities. We have \$2,500 budgeted but probably need \$3500. Council Member Como motioned to have a facilitated retreat with a budget of \$3,500. Council Member Fuller seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Como motioned to move \$1,000 from Contingency to the Retreat budget. Council Member Fuller seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

15. Committee Liaisons Ban *Time Stamp 1:45:40*

Council Member Como motioned to allow Council to attend committee meetings. Council Member Fuller seconded the motion. Council Member Rodriguez said the problem was Council was giving direction to the committees and felt it was premature since we do not currently have active committees. Mayor Horvath asked the attorney whether we can ban Council, given that these are open meetings. Attorney Sistrunk said you can have a policy that council members do not attend committee meetings, but it is probably not enforceable. Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis noted that the Youth Council is different since they are kids; we have plenty to do as Council members, let committees do their work. Council Member Como said he meant attending the meeting as a citizen.

The motion was voted on with two yeas (Como and Fuller), and two nays (Kaperonis and Rodriguez), so the Mayor broke the tie by voting yea, so the motion passed 3-2. He added we are not appointing liaisons, just letting council members attend so they can understand what is going on.

16. Update Council Rules of Procedure *Time Stamp 1:58:12*

Mayor Horvath noted we have inconsistencies like setting a two week time frame to submit agenda items, but the Rules of Procedure say two days. With making motions during Council Comments at the end of the meeting, citizens may have already left since the meetings are long. Language on motions immediately after closed sessions could be strengthened. A public hearing is not needed to change the Rules of Procedure. If there is a quorum of council at another meeting, at that point they can't participate in the board or committee meeting unless it is declared in advance. Another concern is special meeting procedures, so that the public has the best chance to attend.

Council Member Rodriguez motioned for the Mayor and Ms. Bennett to work on changes to the Rules of Procedure and bring them back to Council to review. Council Member Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

17. Re-establish Committees *Time Stamp 1:58:12*

Mayor Horvath noted there was a committee hiatus for one year, the year is over and now we can re-establish the committees, and ask that they re-do their charters once re-formed. Council Member Fuller motioned to re-establish the Parks and Rec and Safety Committees, and advertise them on the website. Council Member Como seconded the motion. Mayor Horvath noted they are recommending committees, and have no authority to spend money. Council Member Rodriguez commented when someone is involved in a project some people took ownership and got emotional and made it personal, so it was hard to differentiate between taking control and doing good work at the park. He suggested a Parks and Rec Events Committee; and did not want to be doing things we don't need, and we also need a conversation with Friends of Parks and Rec on our relationship with them. Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis agreed, and noted it has been straight forward at the park with our contracts and getting work done. Discussion was held on the role of the committees rather than one council member making recommendations.

The motion was voted on with two yeas (Como and Fuller), and two nays (Kaperonis and Rodriguez), and the Mayor broke the tie by voting yea, so the motion passed 3-2. The Mayor noted we can establish the committees, and then when they come back with charters, we can establish their scope.

18. Open Enrollment for Committees to Non-Residents *Time Stamp 2:08:05*

Council Member Como noted we have people who live outside the town and use the park and want to be involved, even if they were just a non-voting member. He motioned to open application to non-residents for Parks and Rec, and only to be a non-voting member. Council Member Fuller noted when the charters are re-visited we could address non-residents on committees. After some discussion on what other towns do, and whether some people might annex into the town, this item was tabled.

19. Park Band Shell RFP *Time Stamp 2:15:38*

Council Member Como asked we wait for the Park and Rec Committee to reconstitute before we move forward on the band shell.

20. Park Path Forward *Time Stamp 2:17:46*

Council Member Como gave an example of a hole in the fishing pier that had to be fixed, and he repaired it for \$20. Council Member Rodriguez also noted the picnic tables and pier need to be pressure washed and sealed. Mayor Horvath suggested we get some estimates and a list of who to call for what type of problem. Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis suggested a work flow document to go to the Clerk, for example one table is broken and either we get a sturdier metal one or fix it.

21. Town Events / Partnerships *Time Stamp 2:24:21*

Mayor Horvath noted it is time to heal divisions, and community events bring people together, without giving carte blanche, we can be welcoming. Council Member Como noted the Committees can also work together, and motioned to reserve the park and approve the three FOPR event dates of March 31st, May 5th, and October 27th. Council Member Fuller seconded the motion. Council Member Rodriguez questioned the relationship with FOPR and noted we gave them money that they sent back; he asked if FOPR wanted funding, and Diana Bowler said she could not say at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis agreed on the need to communicate and discuss to get on the same page, and cited comments on Facebook.

The motion was voted on with two yeas (Como and Fuller), and two nays (Kaperonis and Rodriguez), so the Mayor broke the tie by voting yea, so the motion passed 3-2.

Consensus was to invite Sondra Bradford and Diana Bowler to come and talk to Council at a meeting.

22. Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings *Time Stamp 2:34:34*

Mayor Horvath noted we schedule meetings on certain dates so people know ahead, please commit to the second Monday of each month for Council meetings.

Ending Items

23. Council Comments *Time Stamp 2:36:00*

Council Member Como noted the Chamber of Commerce has an elected officials' reception on February 1st. He added regarding social media comments, he thought the Mayor made a good decision on the Mayor Pro Tem and that Paul would do a great job, and if anyone has a question, please speak to me directly.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis said he appreciated that, and reminded that Wesley Chapel does start with "we", and he looked forward to working together the next two years. Tomorrow is a Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Hickory Tavern and he did get selected for the leadership program.

Council Member Rodriguez said he does not use social media; as a business owner his decisions are based on best practices, he took 1.5 years to feel comfortable making decisions, and learned a lot from Jeannine Kenary.

Council Member Fuller thanked citizens present for coming out in the cold and looked forward to working together for Wesley Chapel.

Mayor Horvath noted we are all members of the same community and need to have a conversation and talk things out.

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24. Adjournment *Time Stamp 2:42:18*

Council Member Como motioned to adjourn; Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Brad Horvath