

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WESLEY CHAPEL TOWN HALL
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104
December 2, 2019 – 7:00 PM

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

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

Incoming Council Present: Mayor Smith, Council Members Bailey, Boyce, Como and Fuller

Others Present: Clerk/Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett, Planning and Zoning Administrator Robyn Byers Ph.D., Attorney George Sistrunk

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 given.

2. Oath of Office for New Mayor and Council Members *Time Stamp: 1:02*

Clerk Cheryl Bennett administered the office of office to Mayor Jan Smith, and then administered the oath of office to Council Member Lori Bailey. Notary public Judy B. Chapman administered the oath of office to Council Member David Boyce.

3. Elect Mayor Pro Tempore and Oath of Office *Time Stamp 7:35*

Council Member Como nominated Council Member Fuller to be Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Boyce seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Bennett administered the oath of office to Mayor Pro Tem Fuller.

4. Present Plaques to Outgoing Mayor and Council Members *Time Stamp 10:30*

Mayor Jan Smith thanked the outgoing Mayor and Council Members for all they have done in their years of service to the community, and presented plaques of appreciation to Mayor Horvath, Council Member Kaperonis, and Council Member Rodriguez.

5. Council Comments *Time Stamp 12:10*

Mayor Pro Tem Fuller thanked the outgoing Mayor noting she learned a lot from working with him and thanked him for leading the change in rules of procedure so no one else would have their family miss their swearing in. She congratulated the incoming Mayor and Council

Members, adding she is excited to work together for the advancement of the Village. She also thanked Council Member Como for his hard work and service to the Village. Thanks were given to staff in appreciation for their hard work and dedication. She noted upcoming priorities include a resident survey to guide Council work, and completing the Comprehensive Plan to protect the Village from personal agendas and to guide the Village. Last, Mayor Pro Tem Fuller thanked everyone present and encouraged them to attend future meetings.

Council Member Como thanked Mayor Horvath for all his work noting he had been a great mentor and friend. He noted with the new Council there was no limit to what we can do, and also offered thanks to staff and to everyone in attendance.

Council Member Bailey gave thanks to the outgoing Mayor for his graciousness and sharing knowledge, and to Mayor Pro Tem Fuller and Council Member Como. She noted she will lean on their history and added she was excited to work with Council and staff. Looking forward the Comprehensive Plan will be a critical piece for the future, and she hoped to also work on a sustainable financial plan.

Council Member Boyce gave an illustration of Colonel Chamberlin at the battle of Gettysburg, who under great odds led 80 men to capture over 3,000 Confederate soldiers and was able to secure the hilltop and later explained it by saying he had the inability to do nothing. He gave thanks to those who had the inability to do nothing, and the willingness to give their time and energy to make this place better. He gave a history of how his extended family is vested in Wesley Chapel and promised to residents that their voice will be heard and he will work to make Wesley Chapel a better place to live and work.

Mayor Jan Smith thanked everyone present and noted she is honored to be part of a Council committed to collaboration and consensus. She asked everyone to make sure the Village reflects what you want, and to make your voices heard, because Council will be listening. Work is beginning on a Comprehensive Plan so resident input will dictate the goals in the plan. Five goals have been set for the next two years:

1. Support Comprehensive Land Plan completed within one year or less
2. Create a strategic financial plan for the Village by June 2020
3. Make progress with Wesley Chapel commercial center
4. Increase citizen involvement in Village activities
5. Increase collaboration with surrounding towns to speak as common voice to NC DOT.

She noted our most valuable resources are our residents, and asked everyone to participate in our local government, and last to love where you live!

6. Adjournment *Time Stamp 31:21*

Council Member Bailey motioned to adjourn; Council Member Como seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Jan Smith