

MINUTES OF  
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
MARCH 9, 2009  
7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Pro-tem Tim Karan, Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Larry Robinson and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson. Also present was Sandra Harper, City Clerk. Absent were Mayor Darryl D. Moss and Attorney Tom Currin.

**QUORUM:**

Mayor Pro-tem Karan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall.

**INVOCATION:**

Mayor Pro-tem Karan

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Pro-tem Karan

**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Administration:**

Commissioner Robinson had nothing to report this evening.

**Traffic Infrastructure:**

Commissioner Wilkerson inquired about the parking signs that are to be replaced on Main Street.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that they had not been delivered.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked about the status of the sidewalks.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer advised that the streetscape design had slowed down the process.

Mr. Steve Colenda advised that all broken concrete would be removed from in front of the bank, the new driveway connection would be the same elevation and new curbing would be installed at the driveway.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that at the previous meeting he requested that a meeting be scheduled with the City Manager, Transportation Committee and the Cardinal State Bank to discuss the sidewalk issue.

Commissioner Wilkerson inquired about the existing driveways.

Mr. Steve Colenda expressed that the existing driveways are to be replaced. He noted that the curb cuts were for cosmetic purposes.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that the Southern States side was closed and the damaged area would be replaced.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that the curb cuts were the concern and not the driveway. He also expressed concern of putting in the sidewalk treatment and later having to tear it out.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked if the City was planning to donate funding towards the sidewalk.

Mr. Tom Mercer City Manager/Finance Officer said that he did not know because the City was trying to spend funds wisely.

Commissioner Robinson gave the example that he met with three different companies in reference to a brick driveway for his home. He said that they all informed him that the easiest way was to epoxy over concrete and they could create a brick look. He chose not to do so because of the expense. Commissioner Robinson said that the epoxy protects the concrete and could also be used to fix cracks.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that he would schedule a meeting with the Cardinal State Bank President and notify the Transportation Committee of the date and time.

### **Community & Economic Development:**

Commissioner Piper said that the CVS was moving along and they plan to open May 29, 2009.

Commissioner Piper inquired about the BP station on Main Street.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director advised that the permits had been issued; however they must remove the asbestos before tearing the building down.

Commissioner Piper asked about the status of the funding for the Car Show scheduled for May.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer advised that he attended the Business Advisory Council meeting today and those in attendance voted in favor of using funding from the Downtown Development Fund.

Commissioner Karan asked that this issue be placed on the March 24, 2009 agenda to donate \$500 out of the Downtown Development Fund for the Car Show. He expressed that they should also try to obtain donations from the businesses of Creedmoor.

**Energy, Environment & Natural Resources:**

Commissioner Karan advised that the City was in negotiations with SGWASA in reference to the water line agreement. There had been a proposal of an additional line, which must meet the City's engineering standards. He said that the communications between City staff and SGWASA have improved significantly.

Commissioner Karan expressed that SGWASA gave the City a formal invitation to address their Board in reference to the Mayor's comments he made at the Granville County January Retreat and that date has been scheduled for April 7, 2009, which is the regular SGWASA meeting.

Commissioner Karan advised that Wednesday, March 25, 2009 he, the City Manager and Dan Boon of the Wooten Company would be meeting with the Army Core of Engineers in reference to the study that started approximately 2½ years ago. He expressed that there may be funding available from the USDA.

Commissioner Karan presented the Board with the Resolution for Play to complete the application process for the City of Creedmoor to continue to be a Playful City USA. He advised the Play Day was scheduled for August 4, 2009 in conjunction with the National Night Out.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Minor to adopt the Resolution for Play. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wilkerson inquired about the Imaginary Playground through KaBoom.

Commissioner Karan replied that the sponsor for the Imaginary Playground was the Chrysler Corporation and they withdrew. He expressed proudly that the City of Creedmoor had the most votes and probably would have won the contest for the Imaginary Playground. He said that there would be another sponsor this year. He added that it was unfortunate that they would have to start from the beginning; nevertheless, he was hopeful for good participation.

**Public Safety:**

Commissioner Minor expressed that the Traffic Schedule was complete and it would be presented at the Tuesday, March 24, 2009 meeting for approval. He commended Chief Benware for a job well done.

Commissioner Minor commented that the walkways look good.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector noted that they have requested from the State signs to place at the walkways.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the status of the speed bumps for Whitehall Subdivision.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that the decision was previously made that the Traffic Infrastructure Committee would go out and mark where the speed bumps were to be placed.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that he needed a formal request.

Commissioner Robinson said that the Traffic Infrastructure Committee was to go to the Home Owner's Association and make sure that they want the additional speed bumps and asked had this been done.

Commissioner Karan expressed that there was a Public Informational Session held and there were to be three (3) speed bumps to be placed within the City. He advised that four were never promised to Whitehall Subdivision. He noted that Mr. Jay Rich of Whitehall Subdivision was present during the Public Information Session and he was to report back to this Board the input from Whitehall.

Chief Benware addressed the Board and said that the traffic numbers were low for Whitehall and he felt the perception was the problem. He said that the streets are narrow in Whitehall Subdivision and it appears that they are driving 45 mph when they are actually driving 25 mph. Chief Benware expressed that the numbers do not reflect a major issue in the Whitehall Subdivision. He said that the proposed speed bumps would drop the traffic to 15 mph rather than 25 mph.

Commissioner Robinson said that he would prefer that the Traffic Infrastructure Committee consult with the Whitehall HOA and make sure that they want the speed bumps.

Commissioner Minor said that at the time of the request, there was construction from Davenport and there was a cut-through traffic pattern.

Chief Benware said that his perception was that there had been a reduction in traffic. He said that he had previously given the Board a traffic report, which included the traffic pattern for Whitehall.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the status of the Paddington allocation.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer advised that he was waiting for information from the analysis.

Commissioner Minor asked the status of the Pine Valley Playground.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that they have not complied with the conditions.

Commissioner Minor expressed that the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department qualified for a 95/5% grant for a new light fire truck. He advised that the Fire Department would pay the 5% match.

Commissioner Minor said that the Creedmoor Voluntary Fire Department was working on the appropriations for the new Public Safety building. The USDA grant would be 5% and they would fund the balance.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer gave an update on the fireworks contract. He said that the NCLM recommended that the City receive a Hold Harmless certificate for coverage in case there is a problem. Mr. Mercer said that the contract would need to be modified.

Commissioner Minor said that the City of Creedmoor, Town of Butner and SGWASA's names should be on the insurance policy.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he had noted previously that the Town of Butner and SGWASA wanted their names on the contract. He questioned the e-mail cost of \$20,000 for the fireworks display.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that he did a cost estimate based on inflation plus the additional \$2,500 for the fireworks.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that the Sheriff Department participants were going to volunteer and asked that Chief Benware ask for volunteers for traffic control during the event. He said that after approval of the fireworks display he would coordinate a meeting with the City Police Department, Sheriff Department, Butner Public Safety and EMS.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked if it would be appropriate for the City to solicit donations because he would like to place barrels for traffic contributions.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer replied that solicitation of donations was being reviewed by Attorney Currin.

Commissioner Wilkerson requested that the streets be cleaned and Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector replied that he had made the request to the Department of Corrections.

Moved by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

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Mayor

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City Clerk