

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS
MARCH 25, 2008
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, 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 and Attorney Tom Currin. Absent was Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager.

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Robinson

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Mr. Rick Grote of the Wesigerber Group was to address the Board this evening; however he was unable to attend.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Zoning Map Amendment – Dr. Marcia Lewis
107 Lake Road:**

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director addressed the Board and said that the City received a petition to amend the Official Zoning Map from Residential-6 (R-6) to Business-2 (B-2). The property contains 0.17 acres and is located at 107 Lake Road, NC Highway 56. The applicant and property owner is Dr. Marcia Lewis, Creedmoor, North Carolina. He said that the information for this zoning was included in the Board's packet. Mr. Roesler expressed that the area immediately to the north of the proposed rezoning is zoned Downtown Business (B-1) and the area across the street is zoned Business-2 (B-2).

Mr. Roesler noted that the Planning Board met on February 25, 2008 and recommended approval of the rezoning petition by a 6-0 vote. This recommendation was based upon the following:

1. The immediate area is commercial in nature and in zoning classification
2. The subject property is of a size as to limit the amount and intensity of commercial activity
3. The subject property is of a size so as to minimize commercial traffic impacts on Lake Road/Highway 56.

Mayor Moss opened the Public Hearing. No one wished to speak so he closed the Public Hearing.

Zoning Code Text Change – Commercial Subdivision:

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director addressed the Board and advised that over the past several years there has been a need within commercial developments for small parcels to be “subdivided” within the commercial development. For example in a shopping center, an independent tenant such as Barnes and Noble may want to locate a building away from the main commercial center buildings. Mr. Roesler noted that this type of similar use is often developed within the parking lot area or an unused portion of the site. The City’s current subdivision regulations would not make this type of development feasible due to setback and other provisions of the subdivision chapter.

Mr. Roesler advised that the Planning Board reviewed the proposed text change at their February 25, 2008 meeting. The Board concluded that a “commercial subdivision” provision would be of a benefit to Creedmoor’s commercial development. The Planning Board voted 6-0 to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Change; 158.23A - Procedure For Review Of Commercial Development Subdivision.

Mayor Moss opened the Public Hearing. No one wished to speak so he closed the Public Hearing.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Piper to approve the minutes of February 13, 2008, February 26, 2008 and March 12, 2008. The motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the agenda with the additions under New Business; Item 11-c - Zoning Map Amendment – Dr.

Marcia Lewis - 107 Lake Road and Item 11-d - Zoning Code Text Change – Commercial Subdivision. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Karan inquired about adding the SGWASA contract this evening.

Attorney Currin suggested taking this issue to the Ad Hoc committee before making a final decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one wished to speak this evening.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

In the absence of the City Manager, Mr. Tom Mercer gave an overview of the eleven items on the Manager’s report.

1. Coordination of the installation of traffic control devices scheduled for Monday, March 31, 008.
2. The City Manager officially appointed Mr. Steve Colenda, Building Inspector as Acting Public Service Director.
3. Enclosed in the Board packet were documents pertaining to the status of the Joe Peed Booster Pump Station.
4. Improvements to the Water Plant are in progress including installation of new doors. The concession improvements and the railing to be installed for the stairs at the baseball field will begin at the end of next week.
5. Opening bids for the dredging of Lake Rogers was held and only two bids were received. According to North Carolina State Statutes a second bid must take place if less than three bids are received; however, if only two bids are received for the second bid session the City may proceed. The scheduled date for the second bid session is Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
6. Commissioner Minor asked that this item be removed and discussed in Closed Session.
7. The City Manager, Finance Director and Administrative Services Director have interviewed candidates for the vacant position in the Finance department. This position will be filled within the next week.
8. Enclosed in the Board’s packet was a fax of a request from the Taxpayer’s Advocate’s Office. The City Manager, Mayor, Finance Director, Administrative Services Director, Jim Winston, City Auditor and the LGC representatives held a conference call this week on several issues.
9. The City Manager will be out of the office Monday, March 24th through Friday, March 28, 2008.
10. The recycle building was taken down this week.
11. There is not any news regarding the American Legion Building.

12. The paving contractor has not returned the revised proposal for road repair. This is the same contractor that the City used last year. Steve Colenda, City Inspector has not received a second proposal for patchwork.

Commissioner Karan referred to #4 Baseball field improvements and said that he received a complaint from Mr. Gus Bailey about not enough handicap parking. He asked the appropriate number of handicap parking spaces required.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that there are two designated parking spaces and it is based upon the percentage of pavement.

Commissioner Karan suggests asking SGAA to reserve the parking spaces up front for the elderly or handicapped citizens.

Mayor Moss said that he will send a note to SGAA in reference to this issue.

Mr. Tom Mercer added to the report that Mr. Colenda went to Southerby's to look at the manhole in the cul-de-sac area and found that it is a dead-end manhole and there are no sewer taps.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that the neighbors complain about overflow and he will check this at a later date.

Commissioner Karan gave an overview of #3, Joe Peed Booster Pump Station. He said that the City needs to expedite at a more rapid pace the amount of effluent that is put into the discharge spot. He expressed that the City needs to look at another point past that spot to place effluent at a more rapid pace. Commissioner Karan said that because of the design the City does not have a storage capacity and the effluent needs to be discharged as soon as it comes into the system.

Mr. Dan Boone addressed the Board and said that he has been communicating with SGWASA on this subject for the past several months. He expressed that the option most preferable to SGWASA is to move the point of discharge further down stream into their sewer system to eliminate any potential odor occurrence. This will cost an estimated \$167,000 in excess of the original estimation of the project. This brings it up a little higher than the original budget of \$750,000 to approximately \$775,000. He noted that the City is receiving funding from a state program and staff can request that they fund the additional \$50,000 or pay with local funds. Mr. Boone said that the City can fund the larger part of the overage from the \$110,000 unused contingency.

Commissioner Minor spoke of concern that if the City runs into a problem during construction there may not be any contingency available.

Mr. Dan Boone assured him that there would still be a 5% contingency. He recommends that the City move forward with the bid of construction as soon as possible. Mr. Boone said that

the City first needs approval from SGWASA for the connection. After approval, the project can be submitted to the state for review. Once approved by the State they will authorize the City to move forward with the bidding of the project.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the least expensive option.

Mr. Dan Boone said that another option that was investigated was to pump all of the wastewater into the Mt. Hope Pump Station and let it be re-pumped into their system. He said that it is his understanding that Mt. Hope has cut back on their dye and finishing activities; therefore, they are not using the capacity at this point. Mr. Boone said that it is a concern as to what the City would do if they pick up their production. He said that the second option would be to split the flow into two parts; one part to go to the force main that is connected to the Mount Hope Pumping Station and the other part to go to the current discharge location.

Attorney Currin said that there is no question that the contract identifies the point of delivery and says that they are obligated to accept that effluent at the point of delivery. He said that they are now asking for a different point of delivery.

Upon discussion, moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to direct the Wooten Company to prepare, advertise and accept bids on the contract including the specs for option #1 and to make applications to the appropriate state agency to pursue obtaining additional grant funds to pay for any cost overruns that exceeds the funds now available and that the City commit to expenditure of sums up to \$60,000 in additional local funds to pay for the project if necessary, which will be subject to pre-audit. The motion received a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tax Audit Update:

Mayor Moss said that last Tuesday March 18, 2008 he, Ms. Lenessa Hawkins, Finance Director, Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager, Mr. Tom Mercer, Administrative Service Director were on a conference call with Mr. Jim Winston, City Auditor, Sharon Edmonson, LGC and Mr. Vance Holoman, LGC to talk about the status of the tax inquiry. He expressed that there were three items that they wanted to discuss during this call as follows:

1. Status of cash accounts:

- The City has internally scheduled May 1, 2008 as the deadline to transition from several checking accounts to one. There is also the potential to affect the 06 – 07, 07-08 and 08-09 budgets if the May 1st deadline is not met. The LGC had concerns of staffing for the finance department and as stated earlier this evening there is a finance position to be filled within the next week. The LGC wants to make sure that

the City stays current and does not get behind again. There was also discussion of the water/sewer negotiations, which will have an effect on the budget.

2. Payroll:

- State Retirement/401K is still an outstanding issue. Mr. Tom Mercer, Administrative Services Director is working on this issue.

3. IRS Resolution:

- They have requested an official letter to provide additional information in reference to penalty relief and the appeal for civil penalties. There is a draft letter prepared by the Finance Department and it will be provided to them by Thursday.

Department Head Reports:

Provided in the Board packets were monthly reports from the various City departments.

Resolution – Felony Expungement:

Mayor Moss advised that Mr. Chuck Stires, Representative of the North Carolina Citizens for Accountable Government presented the Resolution on Felony Expungement at the March 12, 2008 Work Session.

Commissioner Robinson expressed that he was unable to find any information regarding this resolution and asked that this item be deferred.

By consensus of the Board this item will be placed on the April 22, 2008 meeting.

Chief Benware addressed the Board and said that he researched this issue and he would be happy to distribute copies to the Board.

Mayor Moss asked that the Chief give a brief overview of “Flat Stanley”.

Chief Benware said that Ms. Marler asked that he participate in a school project about Flat Stanley. He explained that Flat Stanley is a paper cartoon character about a real person that got flattened as something fell on him. Chief Benware said that Flat Stanley gets sent around the country and has made his way to the City of Creedmoor. Flat Stanley made a visit to the Creedmoor Police Department. Chief Benware said that he introduced himself to Flat Stanley and made him a Jr. Police Officer and sent a letter on about the Creedmoor Police Department. He said that he is not sure what town Flat Stanley will go to next.

Planning Board Appointments:

There are two City Member Positions available; one reappointment and one vacancy.

Applicants:

1. David Forsythe – appointed in January, 2008 for the unexpired term of Jimmy Minor
2. Hugh “Patrick” Robinson
3. Jay Rich
4. Kent Ray
5. Robert Wood

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to nominate David Forsythe for reappointment to the Planning Board. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Moved by Commissioner Karan to appoint Jay Rich to the Planning Board. This motion failed for the lack of a second.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to appoint Kent Ray to the Planning Board. The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

Aye Votes: Commissioner Karan, Commissioner Piper and Commissioner Robinson

No Votes: Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wilkerson

One ETJ Member Position Available:

Applicant:

Mike Allen – Current ETJ member

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Minor to reappoint Mike Allen as the ETJ Planning Board member. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Board of Adjustment Appointment:

There is one City member position available to fill the unexpired term through January, 2011.

Applicants:

Jay Rich

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to appoint Jay Rich to the Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term to expire in 2011. The motion received a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Yorkshire – Master Plan Preliminary Plat:

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director addressed the Board and said that for the Board's review was an application for a Master Plan Preliminary Plat to develop a 321 unit residential community. This property consists of 165 acres and is located east of U.S. Highway 15 and lies between Moss Road and Sam Moss-Hayes Road. This project has variable size lots, multi family component with approximately 30 dwelling units. He expressed that there is a lot of open space and greenway area. Mr. Roesler advised that the Planning Board met March 13, 2008 and recommended denial based upon concerns of the availability of water/sewer and infrastructure, schools, traffic and Police and Fire protection. He said this has been addressed in the Resolution. Mr. Roesler said that City staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the application with the conditions contained in Resolution A.

Mr. Gil Alligood, Managing Partner for Yorkshire Group addressed the Board and asked for approval of the subdivision. He said that they have worked with staff for the past several years to develop this subdivision. Mr. Alligood said that this project began in 2005 and it was determined by the City that this property should be annexed into the City to receive water and sewer allocation. The annexation application was approved and the property was annexed into the City in February, 2006. He said that they annexed with the expectation that water and sewer would be provided. They have submitted several sketch plans and preliminary plats to the previous Planning Director and to Mr. Dave Roesler the current Planning Director. At this point the issues have been resolved and approved by City staff. Mr. Alligood said that this is a nice community with amenities and recreation for the community. He said it also has adequate open space and greenways and other things that the City of Creedmoor has requested. Mr. Alligood said that they have been working diligently to meet the requirements of the City of Creedmoor's Development Ordinance and reiterated that are asking for approval. He said that the pricing has not yet been determined; however, he feels that these houses will begin at \$200,000 and up. Mr. Alligood said that there will be 30 town homes and 320 houses. He said that initially there were to be 321 lots; however, they lost a lot to provide an access point.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that there is a development review team to evaluate a project such as this one. He added that the Wooten Company is part of the review team and they sent a letter about capacity in detail. He said that the summary indicated that at this time there were a number of reasons for insufficient water and sewer capacity. A lot of the water issues were obviously based upon the drought and also the options this Board is looking at to provide water to the City. The Lake Rogers dredging project will begin this spring and will help to create additional capacity. Mr. Roesler said that NCDOT District 5 and CAMPO both have also reviewed this project as well. Mr. Roesler pointed out that the evaluation of staff concludes that the Yorkshire Development as designed should create a neighborhood and community incorporating pedestrian walkways and sidewalks through the development along with curb and gutter. Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director gave an overview of the stubb out streets. Mr. Roesler also summarized the Resolution A.

Commissioner Minor asked that the size of the pool be clarified.

Commissioner Karan said that the size of the pool stated in #17 of the resolution is not Olympic size.

Commissioner Minor noted that #11 Pedestrian/Bicycle Markings refers to Brassfield Road and “in lieu of sidewalks”. Commissioner Minor also referred to #37, Open Burning and asked that this be omitted because of the problems that have occurred in the past.

Mr. Roesler said that this subdivision will have sidewalks and he would make the appropriate changes to the resolution; delete #11 and under #17 state that the swimming pool will be constructed with at least 4 swimming lanes of 35 meters, or more each and #47 shall state that Open Burning shall be prohibited.

Commissioner Minor said that he prefers that this issue be deferred until the changes are made to the resolution.

Commissioner Karan said that the Fontaine property is sitting without development and he understands about the Clean Water Management Trust grant application to turn that land into a conservancy; however he would like to see something in writing as to them giving up their vested right to have water/sewer allocation.

Mr. Dave Roesler advised that their permit is valid for two more years.

Mr. Dan Boone addressed the Board and said that the Wooten Company reviewed the proposed master plan at the beginning of the year and made several suggestions. The first comment is that the developer is proposing to construct a 321 residential unit development which will require a water/sewer capacity to serve on an average day of 15,560 gpd. This is assuming that there will be 3 bedrooms per home. He said that currently there is not sufficient capacity to serve the entire project; however, this development will be built over a ten year period. Mr. Boone said that they looked at 30 units per year being allocated for this development. He expressed that this project can be accommodated if the City completes connection to Butner for additional capacity and follow up with additional capacity in the future. Mr. Boone said that they also suggested that with both water and sewer infrastructure that there be good connecting activity with the developments around it (looped water lines) and the sewer service be designed to tie into the City’s long range plans.

Mayor Moss expressed that anything that is talked about related to water/sewer will be complicated because of the City’s current position. Mayor Moss apologized to Mr. Gil Allgood for not being able to make a decision this evening. He asked that the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee review impacts of water/sewer, Community & Economic Development Committee work with staff in reference to the impact on the Granville County Schools and that the Public Safety Committee review the impact in reference to Police and Fire Safety. These were all concerns of the Planning Board in their review of the Yorkshire Master Plan Preliminary Plat.

Mr. Gil Alligood said that the estimated timeframe needed for water to be provided to the first home would be fall of 2009.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director to make the changes requested to the Resolution "A".

Mayor Moss asked that the Committees report on their findings at the April 9, 2008 Work Session and that this item to also be placed on the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2008.

Congress of Cities Report – Mayor Moss & Commissioner Karan

Mayor Moss announced that he and Commissioner Karan attended the National League of Cities Conference. He advised that Commissioner Karan serves on the steering committee for Human Development and he serves on the National League of Cities Advisory Council. Mayor Moss said that some of the topics were 1) the Turbulent Economy, Fiscal & Intergovernmental Systems that do not work, 3) Lack of Leadership Will, and 4) Collapse of the Common Good. These topics are all related to things that are happening in our community today. He said that some of our representatives that attended this conference were Congressman Brad Miller, Senator Dole and Richard Burr's Chief of Staff. Mayor Moss said that he and Commissioner Karan spoke with them about the Lake Rogers Dredging Project and the topic that they wanted to talk about was the National Bio-Agro Defense Facility. Mayor Moss expressed that they are very interested in this facility and how the local community is reacting to it.

Commissioner Karan said that at the last Board meeting he asked the public to please express any concerns that they would like conveyed to our Senators or Congressmen. He said that he was disappointed that only one person contacted him. He said that he also spoke on behalf of the citizens of Creedmoor in reference to his concerns. Commissioner Karan gave a brief overview of what his committee is lobbying to change, 1) the Federal Government to change the poverty standards, 2) No Child Left Behind, 3) Empower local citizens to have financial stability, 4) Illegal Immigration. He added that Marlow and Company represent the City in Washington and they are earning their money. Commissioner Karan expressed that it is election year for Congressman Brad Miller and he has done an outstanding job representing the City of Creedmoor. He emphasized that citizens should work hard to keep Congressman Miller in office.

Commissioner Karan said that this was a good trip and he and Mayor Moss shared a room and cut the trip short to be most cost effective as possible. He said that the LLC is working hard to communicate local energy efficiency and conservation measures, strengthen and stabilize the housing market, supporting safe communities for police programs that have eliminated due to budget, partners to protect the nations transportation infrastructure, and reform the immigration system. Commissioner Karan referred citizens to www.nlc.org for more information. Commissioner Karan said that his steering committee would also be placing an overview of the candidates, their views and how they affect us.

**Zoning Map Amendment – Dr. Marcia Lewis
107 Lake Road:**

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to amend the Official Zoning Map from Residential-6 (R-6) to Business-2 (B-2) for the property located at 107 Lake Road, NC Highway 56. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Zoning Code Text Change – Commercial Subdivision:

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the Zoning Ordinance Text Change – Commercial Subdivisions. The motion received a unanimous vote.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Moss said that he provide the NC Environmental Report on recommendations relating to the current drought conditions at next months meeting.

Mayor Moss advised that Mr. Jeffrey Horton of South Granville High School presented the City of Creedmoor Welcome Package at the January, 2008 Board meeting. He entered this package in the North Carolina Career Development Conference and won second place in the State. Mayor Moss said that he is very proud of Mr. Horton’s accomplishment and noted that Mr. Horton will be going to Atlanta, Georgia in August for the International Conference to present the City of Creedmoor Welcome Package. He advised that some of the Board members will be contributing to help with the expense of approximately \$150.00. Mayor Moss said that Mr. Jeffrey Horton will be very appreciative of any contributions.

Mayor Moss advised that a local resident recently had a tax collection problem with their mortgage due to the way the County is currently collecting the City’s municipal taxes. He said that the problem was due to the timing of the disbursements of the money for tax collections. Mayor Moss referred this issue to the Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Committee.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Piper said that he appreciated the community coming out and bringing their children to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt. He said that it was nice that the Southern Granville County Women’s Club and City staff got involved to provide a successful event. He expressed that Covenant Life Sanctuary Church from Butner, North Carolina participated and provided free hotdogs and drinks. Commissioner Piper said that the children always look forward to this yearly event.

Commissioner Piper said that he appreciates Mayor Moss and Commissioner Karan representing the City of Creedmoor in Washington, DC.

Commissioner Piper thanked the citizens for attending this evening.

Commissioner Robinson advised that he met with the City Manager and Finance Director concerning the upcoming budget. He said that there are a few items that need to be adjusted and they will be presented at the next meeting. He said that they are working to provide the information for the Board's review before the next meeting.

Commissioner Karan expressed that Mike Satterwhite, owner of Champs in partnership with Tommy Keith asked him about having a car show on Main Street, Creedmoor. Previously, the car shows have been held at the Lyon station Food Lion and also at the new Food Lion on Hwy. 56 East. Commissioner Karan said that Mike suggested Saturday, May 17th and the only request he has for the City is to close Main Street with barricades. He noted that everything else would be coordinated by Mike Satterwhite and Tommy Keith.

Commissioner Piper, Chairman of the Community & Economic Development Committee said that he supports this event to be held on Main Street.

Commissioner Minor said that Tommy Keith does a great job with the car shows. He started out small and it has grown to over 300 cars.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he heard this week that the car show is to be held in the Food Lion parking lot at Lyon Station.

Commissioner Karan expressed that Tommy Keith raises thousands of dollars for local charities from the money received at these car shows.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Piper authorizing City staff to communicate with Mike Satterwhite of Champs Auto to assist with scheduling the car show for May 17th on Main Street. The motion received a unanimous vote.

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.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Minor to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR PLAY

Whereas, the prevalence of obesity has doubled in American children, increasing the probability of continued obesity as adults and short - and long-term risk of negative health outcomes, including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and certain forms of cancer. Today, obesity-related health problems are the second-leading cause of premature death in the U.S. costing an estimated \$117 billion. The key solution is prevention says former U.S.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson. Helping students increase physical activity is one of the most important ways to put prevention into action.

Whereas, nearly one out of three public high school students fail to graduate. Physical activity leads to stronger academic achievement, increased concentration, and improved math, reading, and writing test scores. Children, who may be below average on language and cognition skills, do much better in early school achievement if they are physically healthy and have strong social and emotional skills, which are highly correlated with play.

Whereas, research on preschool educational programs with a self-directed play component has shown reduction in overall arrests, arrests for violent crimes, property and drug crimes, and subsequent prison or jail sentences revealed in a longitudinal study tracking groups of children for 37 years. Also, the existence of play facilities in communities has been observed to reduce youth crime and vandalism.

Whereas, over 12.9 million children under the age of 18 lived in poverty in the year 2003. Children entering kindergarten from lower socioeconomic groups have poorer academic, social, and physical well-being, which continues as they grow older. Those children who regularly participate in organized physical activities are more likely to be academically on track. However, the ones from lower socioeconomic groups have less access to organized activities such as sports teams; thus outdoor playgrounds are often their only real option to engage in physical activity. Play also provides a space where children from lower socioeconomic groups can find comfort when the home environment is poor and meet on more equal footing with children from higher socioeconomic groups. Researchers have found that play can be the starting point for tackling social exclusion, engaging with marginalized families, and communities and working to build their capacity to improve their social, environmental and economic circumstances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Creedmoor Board of Commissioners, that we must collectively seek to spark nothing short of a revolution in the way that people in our community value children and their physical, emotional, and social development through play. Collectively we can help our community change the lives and futures of our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City of Creedmoor Board of Commissioners that August 5th shall hereby be known as

CREEDMOOR'S DAY OF PLAY

This, the 25th day of March, 2008.

The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor Moss expressed that he thought it was interesting that he and Commissioner Karan were in the elevator at the Hart Senate Building in Washington, DC and Commissioner Karan had on his Playful City USA button and a lady from San Francisco asked how they could become a Playful City.

Commissioner Karan advised that the Upper Neuse River Basin Association Board of Directors met last Thursday and the budgetary numbers were presented. The City's cost share of that organization remains at less than 1% (.92%), which is \$1,146. Commissioner Karan said that this is a great organization to be a member of and referred to Senate Bill #981 and the EPA mandates that all municipalities have storm water controls. This will be an outstanding resource for the Planning Director. Commissioner Karan asked for pre-audit approval from the Finance Director. He said that UNRBA has a new tool that will also be very useful to the Planning Director called the low impact development tool, which is a Microsoft Excel program.

Commissioner Karan said that the cigarette butts at the Park have been a real problem and asked for the Board's support to pass a no smoking on City owned property ordinance.

Commissioner Robinson said that he is not against a policy; however, Raleigh tried this and he saw on the news that this had to go through the State.

Commissioner Minor said that he also saw this on WRAL news.

Commissioner Wilkerson said he had concerns of enforcement.

By consensus of the Board, the City Attorney will draft an ordinance for this issue.

Commissioner Karan expressed that he would like to see user fees for recreational purposes for the Battle Roberts Ball Field. He said that this had been discussed previously; however there was no motion made. Commissioner Karan said that all other facilities in the County charge a fee. He said that this user fee will give back to the recreation facility for the electricity for the lights on the field and concession stand. Commissioner Karan said that the City provides maintenance and has recently purchased new doors and handrails for the facility.

Mayor Moss said that he would like to convene a meeting with SGAA. He said that the City of Creedmoor did not receive any funds from Granville County for recreation this year. He expressed that citizens from outside of Creedmoor use the facility.

Commissioner Karan said that the money would be placed in the recreation fund. The recreation fund stands alone and will be used for recreational purposes only. Commissioner Karan noted that if there is any funds left over it will stay in the recreation fund and carry over each year.

Commissioner Karan expressed that a Downtown business had their water turned off for nonpayment. He said that it was his understanding that the Board had set a policy that the businesses would be given a courtesy call other than the automated system before turning off their water. He said that there needs to be a definite policy if there is not one in place.

Mayor Moss referred this issue to the Administrative Services Director.

Commissioner Minor said that this issue was discussed at the Retreat and the bill goes out on the first and is to be paid by the 20th. He said that he feels this is a steep policy and the process needs to be reviewed.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he is very disappointed that everyone in the County received funding for recreation other than the City of Creedmoor this year.

Commissioner Minor said that he met with the Chief yesterday about a phone call he received concerning a complaint from the High School that an officer was not present. He said that the County pays Creedmoor a certain amount of dollars to have an SRO Officer at the school. Commissioner Minor said that when an officer is out it creates a problem and asked the Board to give the Chief the authority to take care of the coverage at the school.

Commissioner Karan inquired about training.

Chief Benware said that additional training is not required above and beyond what a normal officer has. He said that there are specialty training programs to train an SRO Officer for different situations involving youth.

Commissioner Wilkerson noted that there was another officer that has SRO training that used to be placed at the school.

Chief Benware said that there is one officer that worked as an SRO Officer for a number of years; however he may not be available at 8:00 in the morning. He said that that his concern is that the way the budget is set up they give Creedmoor a certain amount of money for that officer and if they are out it runs into an overtime situation for replacement. Chief Benware asked if they have the money to pay the overtime or do they want to ask the school to budget for this. He said that he and Captain Williams made sure that there were two officers on the street available so that if something was to happen they could respond immediately. The school had a concern and he understood; therefore, he made arrangements to have full time coverage the next day.

Commissioner Minor said that Chief Benware also has concerns of budgeting for grants.

Chief Benware said that he has spoken with the Finance Director about this. He said that previously if he has a grant from the County for an SRO he had a General Fund that would cover everyone other than the SRO and the SRO was a separate mini budget.

Mayor Moss said that the appropriate modifications would be made during budget.

Commissioner Minor said that he spoke with the Fire Marshal and the City had cut off irrigation meters. He said that the City needs to make sure that the meters are properly identified to prevent cut off of the water sprinklers to institutions such as RHA. Commissioner Minor said that he would provide a list to the appropriate staff.

Mr. Tom Mercer, Administrative Services Director said that he notified Phillip Howell of the Maintenance Department and he believes this has already been taken care of. He said that he would clarify this with Mr. Howell.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Piper to go into Closed Session on the Matter of Personnel in accordance with GS 143-318.11. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upon return to Regular Session, moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Karan to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk