

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 27, 2005
RECEPTION
6:30 P.M.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Tim Karan, Mayor Pro-tem, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Kent Ray and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson. Also present was Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager, Sandra Harper, City Clerk and Attorney Tom Currin. Absent was Commissioner Angela Mangum.

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Chaplain Willis Herman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Tyrone Small, II

PRESENTATION TO COMMISSIONER HERMAN WILKERSON:

Mayor Moss commented that Commissioner Wilkerson had worked hard first as an employee of the City and eventually as a City Commissioner. Mayor Moss said that in his humble opinion Commissioner Wilkerson had done a great job on the Board as a City Commissioner. Mayor Moss presented Commissioner Wilkerson with his name plate.

Commissioner Herman Wilkerson said that he believed in recycling and would save the nameplate to recycle again in two more years.

Commissioner Wilkerson received a round of applause.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

Attorney Currin said that we are fortunate to have with us this evening one of the new District Court Judges, John W. Davis of Louisburg, NC. He said that he serves the Counties of Granville, Vance and Warren.

District Court Judge John Davis swore in Darryl D. Moss as Mayor. He also swore in Otha Piper, Jr. and William L. Robinson as Commissioner.

Mayor Moss presented Commissioner Robinson with his nameplate.

The audience gave a round of applause for the elected officials.

ELECT MAYOR PRO TEMPORE:

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to appoint Commissioner Tim Karan as Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion received a unanimous vote.

District Court Judge John W. Davis swore in Commissioner Karan as Mayor Pro Tempore.

The audience gave a round of applause.

Judge Davis said that he enjoyed meeting everyone here tonight and that he was amazed at how the City of Creedmoor and the Southern part of Granville County seems to be an exact reflection of what is going on in Franklin County with all the growth. He highly commended the City on a great job they have been doing and wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Judge Davis received a round of applause.

Mayor Moss thanked Judge John W. Davis for being with us this evening.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

2006 – 2007 Committee Assignments:

Mayor Moss announced that Commissioner Mangum was out of town visiting with family in Florida.

Community and Economic Development

- Commissioner Mangum, Chair
- Commissioner Kent Ray, Vice Chair

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources

- Commissioner Kent Ray, Chair
- Commissioner Tim Karan, Vice Chair

Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Relations

- Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Chair
- Commissioner Angela Mangum, Vice Chair

Public Safety

- Commissioner Larry Robinson, Chair
- Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Vice Chair

Transportation Infrastructure

- Commissioner Tim Karan, Chair
- Commissioner Larry Robinson

South Granville Water & Sewer Authority (SGWASA)

- Commissioner Tim Karan
- Commissioner Kent Ray

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments

- Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr.

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

- Mayor Darryl D. Moss

2006 County Commissioner Meeting Coverage Schedule:

January	-	Commissioner Robinson
February	-	Commissioner Ray
March	-	Commissioner Piper
April	-	Commissioner Mayor Moss
May	-	Commissioner Mangum
June	-	Commissioner Karan
July	-	Commissioner Robinson
August	-	Commissioner Ray
September	-	Commissioner Piper
October	-	Mayor Moss
November	-	Commissioner Mangum
December	-	Commissioner Karan

2006 Board Retreat:

Mayor Moss announced that January 6th and January 7th, 2006 was the scheduled dates for the 2006 Board Retreat. He said that the location hopefully would be the Senior Citizen building but that had not been confirmed.

Town Hall Meeting Dates:

Mayor Moss announced the 2006 Town Hall Meeting date as follows:

- February 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- August 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- November 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve the scheduled dates of February 16, May 18, August 17 and November 16, 2006 and the scheduled times to be 7:00 p.m. for all dates as presented by Mayor Moss. The motion received a unanimous vote.

State of the City Address – Mayor Darryl D. Moss:

It has been my practice to deliver this address at our January Board meeting. I am scheduled to be out of town for next month's meeting and ask for your indulgence to do it tonight.

NC Rural Center President Billy Ray Hall recently said "NC is, and always will be a state of small towns," noting that nearly a million people live in small towns statewide.

He went on to say, "The future well-being of the entire state hinges on our ability to balance economic opportunities between our urban centers and these small towns, which serve as the business and social hub of rural communities."

These statements are at the heart of what we need to be about – bringing greater prosperity and a better quality of life to Creedmoor, NC.

In trying to answer the basic question – how we survive as a community – I think we need to consider the status of small towns in NC to see where we fit.

How we, both individually and collectively, apply this information will be invaluable as we pursue solutions to our challenges.

A few interesting facts about NC Small Towns:

- There are 478 towns in NC with fewer than 10K people, 437 of 478 towns have fewer than 5,000
 - Creedmoor's official census figure is 2,611.
- 75% of small communities are located in 85 rural counties.
 - Granville County is predominantly rural.
- Small towns contain important economic resources – the assessed value of private property in small towns statewide is \$83 Billion.
 - Our property valuation is \$192 Million.
- Most small town residents travel to other places to work.
 - As a bedroom community many of our people leave Creedmoor every day to work.
- Most small towns are experiencing population losses. More than 140 towns lost population between 1990 and 2000. All but three of these towns had populations of less than 5,000.

- Again, Creedmoor's population figure is up and more important our region's growth predictions are through the roof.

As you see, except for one notable exception – Growth Potential – we are fairly typical for a small North Carolina town.

Tonight, I am presenting a Plan of Work to keep Creedmoor moving forward. The plan of work includes policy leadership, partnership development, education and training, resource development and community investments.

1. The Board of Commissioners to develop and advocate policies that benefit Creedmoor.
2. Establish partnerships to improve the delivery of services and resources to our citizens.
3. Conduct a program of research and data development that provides critical information for our decision-makers.
4. Promote education and training opportunities, including leadership development for elected officials, appointed boards, staff and citizens.
5. Invest in our business districts to promote economic development.
6. Invest in older neighborhoods through comprehensive revitalization projects.
7. Plan for future success by developing a financial program to meet Creedmoor's needs.

I am certain that you will view this plan of work as rather basic. That is the intent.

In 2006 growth and how we deal with it will be our top issue. As we have learned residential development is extremely important to our local economy. We continue to build momentum in the commercial sector as well.

However, this growth will continue to put pressure on water and sewer resources, roads, schools, and public safety resources.

Commissioners Ray and Karan will lead Creedmoor in finding a solution to the water and sewer resource issue. As we try to maintain positive momentum, this issue is our most difficult challenge.

Commissioner Mangum will lead our community and economic development work as an integral component to the long-term health of our community.

Commissioner Robinson will work for improvements for the Creedmoor Police Department and the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department. As we grow our public safety resources will continue to be stretched.

Commissioner Karan will continue working to improve our road infrastructure. We will continue to push for improvements on Hwy. 50 and Hwy. 56. However, there is much roadwork that must be done on our neighborhood streets.

Lastly, establishing a Parks and Recreation Program for Creedmoor is something we must do. We are very fortunate to have CARE and SGAA providing programs. However, our citizens want to see the city step it up.

Conclusion

In last year's State of the City address, I referred to the alternate paths we can take to meet our challenges, and even our failures... One of them is defeatist and timid. The other lays out a destination of hope.

On the path of hope, challenges are seen as opportunities. I would be proud to have you join me on that promising path. Working together, we will make Creedmoor worthy of our affection – but even more important, worthy of our pride.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Herman Wilkerson, S. Main Street just wanted to say that he would turn his key into the Finance Officer.

No one else wished to speak so Mayor Moss closed the Public Comments Section.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Currin addressed the Board and suggested that the Board continue this meeting until the January Retreat to have further discussion of the dredging of Lake Rogers and in case there is any action needed to be taken on that issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Moss wished everyone a Happy New Year

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Ray wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Karan asked that Board approve his attendance at the National League of Cities 2006 Congressional City Conference in Washington, DC, March 11-15, 2006.

Moved by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Piper to authorize Commissioner Karan to attend the 2006 Congressional City Conference in Washington, DC. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Karan asked for a street light to be placed on Knight Street and he said that he would refer this to the City Manager.

Mayor Moss said that he would be attending the same conference as Commissioner Karan in March. He announced that he was elected to the National Board of Directors for the National League of Cities this year.

Commissioner Robinson wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that he was looking forward to the next four years.

Commissioner Piper said that we are very fortunate to have a Mayor that is on the Board of Directors of the National League of Directors. The Mayor received a round of applause.

Commissioner Piper wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Moved by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Piper to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Land Acquisition in accordance with NC GS 143-318.11. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upon return to Regular Session, moved by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Ray to continue this meeting until the January 6, 2006 Retreat. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk

