



MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2022
6 P.M.

Present in Person at City Hall Boardroom

Mayor Bobby Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Kechia Brustmeyer-Brown, Commissioner Emma Albright, Commissioner Georgana Kicinski, Commissioner Ed Mims and Commissioner Robert Way. Also present were City Clerk/PIO James Hicks, Deputy City Attorney Brady Herman, Assistant City Manager Michael Frangos and Finance Director Sonal Mehta.

Present via Zoom Video-Conference

City Manager Gerald Smith and Administrative Services Director Genesis Wallace.

Absent

None

Call to Order

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown offered the invocation, and Commissioner Albright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll call by the City Clerk determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

City Clerk/PIO Hicks asked for the 2021 Silver Bullet Award to be pulled from the agenda and moved to the February agenda. Commissioner Mims asked the Board of Adjustment Appointment to be moved to Closed Session but rescinded the request.

Commissioner Kicinski moved to accept the agenda as stated without the Silver Bullet award. The motion was approved by 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Mims: Yes

Commissioner Way: Yes

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kicinski moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was approved by 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Mims: Yes

Commissioner Way: Yes

Request to Address the Board | Board of Adjustment Application

Archer Wilkins, 2111 Westbourne Drive, Creedmoor

Mayor Wheeler recognized Archer Wilkins to introduce himself.

Commissioner Mims asked Wilkins questions.

Commissioner Kicinski called for the question. Commissioner Mims made a point of order. Mayor Wheeler ruled that Commissioner Mims could continue asking questions.

Mayor Wheeler invoked Rule 8 to end Commissioner Mims questioning.

Commissioner Mims raised a point of order asking for a definition of unreasonableness. Mayor Wheeler responded.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown moved to appoint Archer Wilkins to the Board of Adjustment. The motion was approved by a 4-1 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Albright: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Mims: No
Commissioner Way: Yes

Request to Address the Board | Veterans Organization Application

Vernon Rees, 301 Park Ave., Creedmoor

Mayor Wheeler recognized Vernon Rees who introduced himself to the board.

Commissioner Mims moved to appoint Vernon Rees to the Veterans Organization. The motion was approved on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Albright: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Mims: Yes
Commissioner Way: Yes

Request to Address the Board | FY21 Audit Presentation

Jay Sharpe presented the audit findings.

Public Comment

No one spoke during public comment.

Old Business

Schedule of 2022 Meetings

City Clerk/PIO Hicks presented the schedule.

Commissioner Albright moved to approve the 2022 meeting schedule. The motion was approved on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes
Commissioner Albright: Yes
Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Mims: Yes
Commissioner Way: Yes

New Business

DEI Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown explained the need for a name change. The board discussed the potential change. Commissioner Mims asked about the need for an alternate liaison to the group.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown moved to appoint Commissioner Albright as the alternate liaison to the DEI group. The motion was approved on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Mims: Yes

Commissioner Way: Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown moved to amend Resolution 2021-R-11 to change the name of the DEI Commission to the DEI Advisory Board. The motion was approved on a 4-1 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Mims: No

Commissioner Way: Yes

Discussion Items

Tribute to Merle Edwards

Commissioner Kicinski spoke about Merle Edwards who was the city's first female administrator for the City of Creedmoor. Flowers were sent to the home of Merle Edwards from the city.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gerald Smith had no report. City Clerk/PIO Hicks informed the board of upcoming opportunities for training.

Commissioner Albright asked Assistant City Manager Frangos about the expansion of City Hall. Assistant City Manager Frangos answered.

SGWASA Report

Commissioner Kicinski gave the report.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Kicinski reported that the Recreation Department is building a flower garden at the Community Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Day from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Commissioner Mims asked that the audio/video retention schedule be discussed at the January work session.

Commissioner Way moved to appoint Commissioner Ed Mims as the liaison to the Veterans Organization. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Mims: Yes

Commissioner Way: Yes

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wheeler wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Closed Session // NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3) and (6) Personnel and Attorney Client Privilege

Commissioner Way moved to go into closed session. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Mims: Yes

Commissioner Way: Yes

Commissioner Way moved to return to open session at 9:05 p.m. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Mims: Yes

Commissioner Way: Yes

Commissioner Mims asked about mask usage and social distancing at the December 13, 2021 meeting. Deputy City Attorney Mathis said the Governor had left it up to the local governments to make determinations on mask mandates.

Commissioner Kicinski recounted a previous meeting where Jonelle Marable spoke to the board during public comment on a point which was not related to the topic that she put on the agenda. The board discussed the situation.

Commissioner Kicinski moved that Jonelle Marable be removed from the DEI Advisory Board. The motion was approved by 4-1 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Abstain

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes

Commissioner Mims: No

Commissioner Way: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski inquired with City Clerk/PIO Hicks about why legal notices were being sent for DEI committee meetings. City Clerk/PIO Hicks said in the interest of open government, the meetings had typically been noticed to air on the side of caution and to provide transparency of government public meetings. Commissioner Kicinski requested that the DEI Advisory Board page on the Creedmoor website be taken off of the City Government section.

Adjourn

Commissioner Albright moved to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Brustmeyer-Brown: Yes

Commissioner Albright: Yes

Commissioner Kicinski: Yes
Commissioner Mims: Yes
Commissioner Way: Yes

Robert V. Wheeler

Robert V. Wheeler | Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Smith
Gerald Smith | City Manager



