



Jan. 5, 2016

MINUTES

The Holly Springs Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 in the Council Chambers of Holly Springs Town Hall, 128 S. Main Street. Mayor Sears presided, calling the meeting to order at 7 p.m. A quorum was established as the mayor and all five council members were present as the meeting opened.

Council Members Present: Mayor Sears and Councilmen James Cobb, Hank Dickson and Tom O'Brien and Councilwomen Linda Hunt-Williams and Cheri Lee.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Chuck Simmons, town manager; John Schifano, town attorney; Joni Powell, town clerk, (recording the minutes); Linda Harper, deputy town clerk; Daniel Weeks, assistant town manager; Jeff Wilson, information technology director; Len Bradley, parks and recreation director; Jim Cannata of the parks and recreation department; Kendra Parrish, engineering director; Mary Hogan, finance director; John Herring, police chief; Leroy Smith, fire chief; Tamara Ward, communications specialist and Mark Andrews, public information officer.

2 and 3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting opened with an invocation by Rev. Jamal Brown, pastor of the Holly Springs United Church of Christ.

4. Agenda Adjustment: The Jan. 5, 2016 meeting agenda was adopted with changes, if any, as listed below.

Motion by: Cobb

Second by: Dickson

Vote: Unanimous

Item added to Consent Agenda: None.

Item add Special Presentation Agenda: None.

Items removed from the Consent agenda: None.

Other changes: None.

5. Public Comment: At this time, an opportunity was provided for members of the audience who had registered to speak to address the Council on any variety of topics not listed on the night's agenda. The following input was recorded:

Joe Fanjoy, 109 Fairground Road – Mr. Fanjoy asked the Town to take over the maintenance of Grigsby Avenue from the State. He said the road conditions on Grigsby are bad as the pavement is riddled with potholes. He said he understands that Grigsby Avenue is low on the North Carolina Department of Transportation's list, and he added that the roadway is substandard with sections only 21 feet wide. Mr. Fanjoy asked the Council to give his request serious consideration.

6a. Martin Luther King Jr. Days – Mayor Sears presented to Parrish Womble, president of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee a proclamation honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as the Committee prepares for an annual event.

The group plans a Dream Walk scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016 from Oakhall Shopping Center, down Main Street to the Holly Springs Cultural Center. At 4 p.m., there will be a celebration program at the Cultural Center, organizers said.

Mayor Sears presented a proclamation designating Jan. 17-18, 2016 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Days in Holly Springs.

Action: None.

7a. Cline Falls Drive After-School Parking Up-Date - Chief Herring gave an update to the Council on the Police Department's efforts thus far and plans to further assess the parking situation on Cline Falls Drive.

The chief said police have been monitoring the area and while they see some of the problems residents describe, they also report seeing days when the problems are less severe.

Councilwoman Lee suggested that the days when cars are fewer may be because drivers who see patrol cars are deterred and leave Cline Fall Drive. She noted she has seen days when many, many cars clog Cline Falls Drive and students dart among the cars, creating a danger for students.

Chief Herring said his patrol officers would continue monitoring the situation when school resumes after the holidays. He will report back to the Council with suggestions for signage and ordinance language to address the issue.

Action: None.

8a. Public Hearing: Fuquay-Varina/Holly Springs Annexation Agreement Amendment - Mr. Schifano said the towns of Holly Springs and Fuquay Varina have an existing annexation agreement, and the Towns are proposing two exchanges of territory. Ms. Clapp provided a description for the Town Council the subject parcels.

Mr. Schifano said following the public hearing, the Council will be asked to adopt an ordinance that would amend the original 2008 annexation agreement.

With that explanation completed, Mayor Sears opened the public hearing. The following comments were recorded: None.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Action: The Council approved a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-01, amending an annexation agreement line between Holly Springs and Fuquay-Varina.

Motion by: Williams

Second by: Cobb

Vote: Unanimous.

A copy of Ordinance 16-01 is attached to these minutes.

9. Consent Agenda: The Council approved a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried following a motion by Councilman Cobb, a second by Councilman Dickson and a unanimous vote. The following actions were affected:

9a. Minutes – The Council approved minutes of the Town Council's meeting held Dec. 1, 2015.

9b. Law Enforcement Center Cleaning Contract – The Council approved to enter a contract for cleaning services at the law enforcement center.


10. Other Business: None that resulted in action.

11. Manager's Report: Mr. Simmons reported on a number of events and programs, including efforts at the Holly Springs Cemetery; he announced that Holly Springs, in a Harris Poll, is the No. 2 Happiest Town in North Carolina.

12. Closed Session: None.

13. Adjournment: There being no further business for the evening, the Jan. 5, 2016 meeting of the Holly Springs Town Council was adjourned following a motion by Councilman Cobb, a second by Councilman Dickson and a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016.

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and in these minutes follow and are a part of the official record.

