

## MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN WORK SESSION

MAY 4, 2021

3:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderman Huggins, Alderwoman Morrow, Alderman Cearley, Alderman Milton, and Alderman Withers.

The following staff members were present: Maria Stroupe, Town Manager; Nolan Groce, Development Services Director; Shannon Whittle, Town Clerk; Earl Withers, III, Fire Chief; Robert Walls, Police Chief; Jonathan Newton, Finance Director; Brandon Whitener, Recreation Director; and Doug Huffman, Electric Director.

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Mayor Coleman opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by the Invocation.

At this time, the Mayor asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. There were none and Alderwoman Morrow motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Cearley, and carried unanimously.

### **New Business:**

#### *Item 3A Discussion of LGI Development*

Representatives from LGI provided a short presentation concerning the proposed development behind Ollie Way. This is their first time presenting any information to the board. Please see Exhibit 3A for a sheet comparing the parameters of R10 and R5 zoning for review. This will be discussed further at the Regular Board Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Item 3B Discussion of BH401 and SB349*

HB401 and SB349 are being reviewed in the North Carolina General Assembly. These are companion bills that would eliminate single-family housing zoning in North Carolina. These bills would be detrimental to local governments in North Carolina and take away local control of development and growth. The Planning Association and the North Carolina League of Municipalities are disseminating information on an ongoing basis. All of these agencies are in opposition to the proposals. Please see Exhibit 3B for a resolution opposing HB401 and SB349. This resolution will be added to the agenda and voted on at the upcoming Regular Board meeting on 5/11.

### **Manager's Comments:**

Maria Stroupe reminded everyone that the Town's first event of the season will be held this Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and will consist of a concert and cruise-in. She also informed everyone that a notification has been sent out via Nixle encouraging everyone to vote for Carr School in the upcoming Best of Gaston awards, beginning on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Cearley motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow, and carried unanimously. 3:54 pm.

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Rick Coleman, Mayor

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Shannon Whittle, Town Clerk