

**Town of Garner  
Town Council Minutes  
January 4, 2010**

The Garner Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, January 4, 2010 in the Town Council Meeting Room

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ATTENDING:** Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Behringer, Council Members Kennedy, Singleton, Marshburn and Johns

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hardin Watkins, Town Manager; Rodney Dickerson, Assistant Town Manager; Bill Anderson, Town Attorney; Brad Bass, Planning Director; Lin Jones, Finance Director; John Hodges, Garner Revitalization Association Director

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Council Member Marshburn

**INVOCATION** - Council Member Marshburn

**RECOGNITIONS** - Jason Brown, New Enforcement Planner, Planning Department was introduced by Brad Bass, Planning Director

**PETITIONS AND COMMENTS**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Mayor Williams requested a closed session pursuant N.C.G.S. 143-318-11(a)(4) regarding Economic Development.

Motion: Kennedy  
Second: Singleton  
Vote: Unanimous

**CONSENT**

**Alcoholic Beverages Policy and Ordinance Amendment**

This policy allows and provides a permitting process for individuals or groups that have requested to serve or sell beer and wine during rentals and special events at the Garner Historic Auditorium. The Ordinance updates the Town Code to recognize this policy.

Action: Adoption of Policy; Adoption of Ordinance No. (2010) 3570

Motion: Johns  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: Unanimous

**END OF CONSENT**

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution Supporting In-Kind Sponsorship of Economic Development Events**

Presenter: John Hodges

The Garner Revitalization Association (GRA) is making plans for the third season of the Music on Main - After Work Concert Series. The concerts are held monthly from May through September, typically on the second Thursday. For the past two seasons, each of these concerts attracted between 300 - 500

people to Downtown Garner to enjoy music, food and fellowship. The Music on Main series has become a premier attraction for Garner, bringing people to our community from around the region.

The concert series is made possible by the generous in-kind support of the Town of Garner and sponsorships from local businesses. In order to evaluate the availability of cash sponsorships for this year's series, we need to confirm the continued support and in-kind sponsorship from the Town of Garner.

GRA requests that the Town of Garner continue to sponsor this economic development activity by providing the following in-kind services:

- Use of the Town's stage for each of the five concerts, including staff setup and removal
- Trash containers and collection
- Police presence to assist with public safety

Mr. Hodges said he appreciated the Council's consideration of this request and looks forward to partnering with them on this project.

Action: Adoption of Resolution No. (2010) 2042

Motion: Kennedy  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: Unanimous

#### **Committee Reports - None**

#### **Manager Reports**

1. Star Tracker
2. Zoning Enforcement
3. Sign Enforcement
4. Invested Funds for November 2009
5. Mr. Dickerson presented the Council with a copy of the 2010 - 2011 Budget Calendar

#### **Attorney Reports: None**

#### **Council Member Kennedy**

- He reported hearing positive statements about the solid waste, most importantly the increase in recycling and decrease in solid waste. He said he felt it would be helpful to give these statistics to the appropriate department in Wake County so they will know we are seeing a substantive change that is attributable to the new recycling containers. He said it is a savings to every person in Wake County when we can keep waste out of the landfill. Council Member Kennedy said he thinks it will be helpful to let people in other municipalities know what we are doing. He also felt it might be a good idea to send out the list of items that can be recycled again in about six months to remind everyone.
- At the Lowes Food store exit onto Timber Drive, a lot of people use this exit and turn left because Timber Drive has a much longer green cycle where it crosses Aversboro Road. People will exit the parking lot and turn to the left so they don't have to stop. This is problematic because you still have to stop and

wait for traffic to clear. To do that you have to pull into the roadway because of the shrubbery. He asked that someone check into this to see if something needs to be done.

**Council Member Marshburn**

- He said he would be interested in knowing if the decrease in solid waste and the increase in recycling trend is happening elsewhere and requested some facts and figures.

**Council Member Singleton**

- He noted a report from a couple of citizens on a situation he experienced himself. At White Deer Park in the Phase 2 area there is a crosswalk just beyond a curve in the road; when people are crossing, it is difficult for an oncoming car to see people until just before reaching the crosswalk. Signs have been suggested. Council Member Singleton said there is a patch of trees there that he feels can be cut down at the site line. A vehicle will be able to see people crossing earlier than they can now. Another idea, is that it may be a place to put a speed hump.

**Council Reports**

**Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318-11(a)(3) regarding Litigation and N.C.G.S. 143-318-11(a)(4) regarding Economic Development**

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Marshburn  
Vote: Unanimous

**Adjournment: 8:20**

Motion: Kennedy  
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Bass, Town Clerk