

Town of Garner Town Council
Work Session Summary
September 29, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.

The Garner Town Council met in Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 in the Town Council Meeting Room.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attending: Mayor Williams, Council Members Behringer, Marshburn, Singleton, Johns arriving at 6:35 pm and Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy has excused absence

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Hardin Watkins, Town Manager; Rodney Dickerson, Assistant Town Manager; Bill Anderson, Town Attorney; Brad Bass, Planning Director; Lin Jones, Finance Director; Sonya Shaw, Parks & Recreation Director; Tony Beasley, Economic Development Director and Reginald Buie, Neighborhood Improvement Manager

DISCUSSION

Request for Consideration to Allow Chickens

Presenter: Kristen Warren: Founder, Friends of Hens

Power Point presentation consisting of the following:

Background and goals, why chickens, fresh eggs primary reason to keep hens, healthy eggs, economical-costs, organic fertilizer, reduce solid waste, insect control, fun and educational pets, misconceptions, noise, disease, predators and appearance, complaints and compliance issues.

Action: Referred to the Law & Finance Committee

Progress of Transportation Plan Update

Presenters: Brad Bass, Planning Director

Scott Lane, Louis Berger Group, Inc., Planning Director

Power Point presentation consisting of the following:

Philosophy of the plan update, ways of managing congestion, plan progress, travel modeling, street inventory, corridor analyses, access management, best practice guide and conceptual intersections.

Action: Plan referred to Steering Committee and will make a recommendation to Council

Urban Archery Hunting Season

Presenters: Gary Thomas, Urban Archery

Greg Batts, NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Presentation was on bow and arrow hunting season from January 9 – February 13, 2010. The Urban Archery Season is available for cities, towns and villages that submit to the Wildlife Resources Commission by April 1 of each year a letter of intent to participate in the season.

Action: Referred to the Law & Finance Committee

Update Report for Garner Road Overlay District Grant Program

Presenter: Brad Bass, Planning Director

Update received

Action: Staff to contact remaining businesses reminding them of the Overlay District requirements and the Town Grant Program.

Time Extensions for Permits Adopted by Legislature Update

Presenter: Brad Bass, Planning Director

Background presented on the New State Permit Law S.L. 2009-406 (Senate Bill 831). The critical provision of the new law is for any development approved that is current and valid at any point during the period beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2010, the running of the period of the development approval and any associated vested rights are suspended during the period beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2010.

Action: Received Update

White Deer Project Construction Update

Presenters: Tony Beasley, Economic Development Director
Sonya Shaw, Parks & Recreation Director

Mr. Beasley's Power Point presentation consisting of the following:

Photos of White Deer Park before and now including an update on the construction progress for the next two weeks.

Sonya Shaw's Power Point presentation consisting of the following:

Operational plan, vision statement, park rules and regulations, facility emergency plan, community partners/organizations, proposed rental fees, proposed program fees, marketing efforts and educational components to White Deer Park.

Action: Received Update

Neighborhood Improvement Projects Update

Presenter: Reginald Buie, Neighborhood Improvement Manager

Reginald Buie's Power Point presentation consisting of the following:

Neighborhood Improvement Manager responsibilities, Manager's activities, manager's accomplishments, Wake County Rehabilitation Loan Program, eligibility requirements for loan program, benefits of the loan program, Town of Garner Yard of the Month for residential and commercial businesses, neighborhood HOA, short term goals and long term goals.

Rodney Dickerson – All-Star Update

The new contractor, All-Star will begin transitioning to the Town of Garner with the garbage and recycling pick starting on October 1, 2009. All-Star is looking for property in the Town of Garner to operate a facility.

Economic Downturn Update

Presenter: Hardin Watkins, Town Manager

Report on the following:

Wells Fargo Securities Outlook Report Summary for September 9, 2009 and Dr. Donald Ratajczak's (Consulting Economist) Economic Commentary for Morgan Keegan, September 21, 2009.

Action: Received Update

Mayor Reports

He reminded everyone about the Firemen's Day Parade on Oct 3rd. He asked if any of the Council Members would like to ride in the parade for the Garner Magnet High School Homecoming Parade.

Adjourned: 10:07

Motion: Behringer
Second: Singleton
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Reynolds, Deputy Town Clerk