

Minutes
Work Session
Aberdeen Town Board

January 31, 2012
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for their regular Work Session. Members present were Mayor Pro-tem Robbie Farrell and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Alan Parker, and Walter Wright. Mayor Elizabeth B. Mofield and Commissioner Jim Thomas were not in attendance for the meeting. Staff members in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Regina Rosy, Planning Director Kathy Liles, Planner Pam Graham, and Planning Intern Jae Kim. Others in attendance were Reporter for the Pilot Tom Embrey, Frances Bisby, Mike Bruff, Scott Walston, Chuck Dumas, and Bob Stafford.

Mayor Pro-tem Farrell called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for showing interest in the Town of Aberdeen.

1. Discussion on Sidewalk Surety for Sandy Springs Phase 2A.

Planning Director Liles stated Mr. Stafford is here tonight to ask for relief from the surety requirement for Sandy Springs Phase 2A. Mr. Stafford stated he is asking for the Board to consider allowing him to input sidewalks in Sandy Springs Phase 2A as the homes are built, rather than all at one time at the beginning. Mr. Stafford stated Sandy Springs is approved for 280 properties, the first 50 have been developed, and now they are working on Phase 2A and all that is left is the sidewalks. Mr. Stafford stated during Phase I, sidewalks were put in as houses were built, and sidewalks were put in by the builder. Mr. Stafford stated that system works well because it eliminates damage to the sidewalks during construction. Mr. Stafford stated no surety company he knows of is willing to write surety for subdivision completion projects due to the current state of the economy. Mr. Stafford stated he is here to request relief from providing surety for the sidewalks in Phase 2A and to put in the sidewalks as the houses are built.

Planning Director Liles stated this project was approved as a conditional use permit prior to adoption of the UDO.

Mayor Pro-tem Farrell asked if Planning Director Liles could confirm the information that Mr. Stafford presented. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell asked the other Board member if they felt comfortable just holding the Certificate of Occupancy on these eight lots, until the sidewalks are completed. Commissioner Parker confirmed that Phase 2 has been broken into 3 phases – 2A, 2B, and 2C and Phase 2A is 8 homes.

Planning Director Liles stated the other option would be to do a letter of credit. Mr. Stafford explained what a letter of credit is.

The Board members discussed this item further and decided to allow relief from the surety for Phase 2A only, and in order to receive relief from surety in future phases, Mr. Stafford would have to request that relief for each specific phase.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to allow Sandy Springs Phase 2A to proceed with the understanding that no Certificates of Occupancies would be granted until sidewalks are installed. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Presentation by Frances Bisby, Engineer with NC DOT, Regarding Countywide Transportation Plan.

Ms. Bisby thanked everyone for allowing them the opportunity to speak to the Board. Ms. Bisby stated she understands that the countywide transportation plan is an important issue facing local governments.

Mike Bruff, branch manager for this area, discussed the statewide transportation plan and strategic highway corridors.

Commissioner McMurray stated one of the congestion points is the commercial area congestion. Commissioner McMurray stated she also was wondering if a passenger rail could be developed to run through Moore County.

Ms. Bisby discussed the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the importance of conducting the plan and steps involved. Ms. Bisby stated at this point, the Moore County Transportation Plan is an area for study, not an area for development. The goal is to make sure that each community's needs are addressed in this study.

Ms. Bisby stated the CTP identifies transportation needs based on a 2040 horizon year, what will Moore County look like in 2040? Ms. Bisby stated the goal will be to determine the least impact and most feasible option.

Ms. Bisby stated if Moore County cannot work together and discuss options, then this plan may come to a halt, and safety will become an issue.

Ms. Bisby rolled out a map for the Board members to look at and draw some lines on the map that might be possible solutions.

3. Submittal of CDBG Infrastructure Grant to Serve Berkeley.

Planning Director Liles stated last month the first public hearing was held. Tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m., Hobbs Upchurch will be prepared to present an infrastructure grant project to serve sewer to the Berkeley Community. Planning Director Liles stated we begin by applying with a letter of interest, and then wait to hear if our project is selected for application. Planning Director Liles stated the plan would be to have a public hearing on 3/1/12. \$746,000

would be the grant amount to run sewer lines to the Berkeley Community. Commissioner Wright asked why we would want to run this sewer line to the Berkeley Community. Planning Director Liles stated the purpose would be to get the sewer line out to the Berkeley Community and have it available for citizens to tap onto as homes age out and septic systems fail. Planning Director Liles stated the expense to the Town would be between \$14,000 and \$20,000. Agenda item scheduled for Public Hearing on 3/1/12.

4. Conditional Use Permit CU #12-01 for Rooster's Wife/Poplar Knight Spot.

Planning Director Liles stated the Planning Board has reviewed this item and made their recommendation. A quasi judicial hearing will be held on 2/13/12. Agenda item scheduled for Public Hearing on 2/13/12.

5. Zoning Code Text Amendment UDO #12-01 to Regulate the Keeping of Chickens.

Planning Director Liles stated this is the long awaited chicken amendment. Agenda item scheduled for Public Hearing on 2/13/12.

6. Discussion on Gross Receipts.

Manager Zell stated each Board member has been given a pie chart showing how revenue is currently generated for business licenses. Commissioner Wright stated he would like to know what other Wal-Marts are paying for gross receipts. Commissioner Wright suggested Manager Zell come up with a recommendation on this item.

7. Other Business.

a. Manager Zell stated the County met regarding the Viper System and came out with a statement that they were no longer going to pay for the Viper System for municipalities. Feb. 7th at 3:00 p.m. will be a Special Called Meeting with the Moore County Board of Commissioners to discuss this item with fire chiefs and police chiefs. Manager Zell stated Larry Caddell told Phillip Richardson that a vote will be taken in the regular meeting following the special called meeting.

b. Manager Zell stated the manager's evaluation will be conducted on March 1, 2012 in closed session.

c. Budget calendar – March 6, 8, and 20 are potential dates for departmental budget meetings.

d. Revised CDBG budget ordinance for Midway Gardens

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the revised CDBG Budget Ordinance for Midway Gardens. Motion unanimously carried.

e. Manager Zell stated he will be going to the Hoke County Board Meeting on Monday, February 6th to request approval from the Hoke County Board of Commissioners to proceed with eminent domain for the property for Well #23.

8. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, and conditions of appointment of a public officer or employee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, and conditions of appointment of a public officer or employee. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board returned from Closed Session.

9. Adjournment.

With no further items for discussion or review, a motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded Commissioner Parker to adjourn the Work Session. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on January 31, 2012

Robert A. Farrell, Mayor Pro-tem

Minutes were adopted
February 13, 2012