

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
City Council Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday January 11, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.

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The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Jeff George, and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, City Clerk, Ben Ford, Police Chief, and Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Phillip Tate PW Director, Brennan Williams, Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief, Alex Rankin, CPA. There were four members of the public in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order.

2. Public Works Committee

Committee members: Kelly Byers, Sara Gilstrap, Jeff George

- a. Chair Byers called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Gilstrap made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held December 7, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George. Councilmember George asked about sidewalk replacement at Midwood noted in the report. Chair Byers asked about litter pick up quantities. Director Tate updated committee on recycle roll cart estimated roll out for mid-February.
- c. Councilmember Gilstrap made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember George seconded the motion.

3. Public Safety Committee

Committee members: Rick Floyd, Harvey Choplin, Jeff George, Kelly Byers and Brantly Vest

- a. Chair Floyd called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve minutes from

Committee meeting held on December 7, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

- c. The Public Safety Committee received an update regarding Covid impacts on staff. Police Chief mentioned a rise in animal calls for December. Municipal Court seeing a return in backlog of cases and are working through those. The new order by Chief Justice will require a delay in court proceedings. Permits were consistent for the month.
- d. Councilmember Byers made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember George seconded the motion.

4. Planning and Development Committee

Committee members: Brantly Vest, Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Harvey Choplin and Shaniece Criss

- a. Chair Vest called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on December 7, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously
- c. Director Williams provided overview of planning report and Planning Commission meeting for December. He included a new development report to provide members with details of projects permitted, stage of development, applications for developments and short-term rentals. The Committee and Council commented on the valuable resource.
- d. The Committee reviewed plans and listened to comments from Director Williams regarding the request for rezoning and annexation for docket TR 2020-09 Old Buncombe Road Staytion project. After discussion, Councilmember Bumgarner made the motion to move to full Council with Councilmember Byers second.
- e. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Choplin made the second.

5. New Business

- 1. Mayor Amidon introduced the Ordinance O-02-21 Emergency Face Mask Ordinance. Attorney Childs made the following modifications from previous ordinances:
 - a. Added new supporting information from State and Federal regulations
 - b. Ordinance will go into effect at 6pm the following day- January 12th
 - c. Added an exemption Section 3 (4) for people unable to remove mask without assistance from others

- d. Added "every effort shall be made to bring the person into compliance" prior to civil infraction and a business may have their own private policy requiring face coverings

Councilmember Criss made the motion to approve Ordinance O-02-21 and Councilmember Gilstrap made the second. The motion passed 7-2 with Councilmember's Bumgarner and George opposed.

The ordinance will be in effect from January 12, 2021 at 6 pm through March 13, 2021.

2. Mayor Amidon introduced the Boards and Commissions discussion. The Planning Commission currently has two vacancies. Councilmember George made a motion to appoint Evan Cantrell to fill Commissioner Phillip Smith's vacated seat which expires 12/31/2022. Councilmember Bumgarner made the second and motion passed unanimously. Councilmember George made the motion to appoint Diane Maxwell to fill Commissioner Claudia Burns vacated seat which expires 12/31/2021. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Criss made the motion to approve the following reappointments: Rebecca Cooper-Board of Zoning Appeals through 12/31/2023, Leslee Alexander-Board of Zoning Appeals through 12/31/2023 and Ron Finley-Building Codes and Housing Board of Appeals through 12/31/2023. Councilmember Choplin made the second and motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business before Council and/or Committee, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously. 6:20 pm



Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by



Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by



Eric Vinson, City Administrator