

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2021 6:00 P.M. ZOOM**

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The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Kelly Byers, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Mac McMakin Assist Fire Chief, Phillip Tate, PW Director, Brennan Williams, Planning Director. The media were notified, and 25 participants logged into the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order
2. Council and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The invocation was given by Councilmember Vest

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on January 21, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ms. Imma Nwobodu Greenville County Redevelopment Authority Annual Action Plan Presentation. She provided an overview of the organization, CDBG funding and projects in Travelers Rest. The proposed budget for FY 2021 is \$76,692 and may change with additional resources available. During FY 2020 GCRA assisted 959 households with rent/mortgage/utilities. No questions or discussion were presented.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute max)

None

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1. Councilmember Vest made the motion for second reading Ordinance O-03-21 to Annex and Rezone TR 20-09 Old Buncombe Road Tax Map No. 0484000100808 and 0485000101323 to Zoning classification Flexible Review District with annexation into the City. The Ordinance includes 8 conditions approved by Council also. Councilmember Bumgarner made the second. Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin raised concerns with the project regarding road concerns and traffic study.
The Council voted six in favor, one no and one absent. The motion passed.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Byers provided the Public Works committee approved minutes for the prior month. The report discussion Recycle Cart roll out for March.

Chair Floyd provided the summary for Public Safety Committee meeting held and approved the minutes for the prior month.

Chair Vest called on Director Williams for the Planning and Development report. Director Williams provided the monthly report including details of projects permitted, stage of development, applications for development and short-term rentals.

The Ways and Means committee did meet for committee. Chair Bumgarner made the motion to send FY 21 Budget Amendment including General Fund, Accommodations, Hospitality and Sewer on to full Council for first reading.

Chair Bumgarner made a motion to approve the February 2021 financial report. Councilmember Criss seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to consider first reading of the Ordinance O-04-21 to Amend the General Fund Budget for FY 2020-2021. Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin made the second and motion carried unanimously.
2. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to consider first reading of the Ordinance O-05-21 to Amend the Local Hospitality and Local Accommodations Budget for FY 2020-2021. Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.
3. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to consider first reading of the Ordinance O-06-21 to Amend the Sewer System Operations Budget for FY 2020-2021. Councilmember Criss seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

4. Mayor Amidon introduced and motioned for first reading of the Ordinance O-07-21 to Revise/Repeal sections of the City Code. Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.
5. Councilmember Bumgarner made the motion to approve reading of the Resolution R-01-21 Allocation of Greenville County CDBG and Home Funds for FY 2021-2022. Councilmember Criss seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.
6. Councilmember Floyd made the motion for reading of Resolution R-02-21 Appointment of Fire Chief. Councilmember Choplin made the second and motion carried unanimously. Mr. James "Mac" McMakin is appointed City of Travelers Rest Fire Chief from February 23-March 30, 2021.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS


None

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Reminder of Joint Workshop on February 25, 2021 and New Fire Truck has arrived.

L. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin and carried unanimously. Concluded 7:21 pm.



Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by



Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by



Eric Vinson, City Administrator