

**Bermuda Run Town Council**  
**AGENDA MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**  
**9:00 a. m. – Town Hall**

Council Members Present: Mayor Rick Cross, Curtis Capps, Heather Coleman, Mike Ernst, Chris Fowler, and Ken Peacock

Council Members Absent:

Also Present: Lee Rollins, Town Manager; Cindy Poe, Town Clerk; Brian Williams, Town Attorney

**1. Call to Order**

*Mayor Rick Cross called the meeting to order.*

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Council Member Curtis Capps made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Council Member Ken Peacock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.*

**3. Approval of the August 31, 2021 Agenda Meeting Minutes**

*Council Member Mike Erst made a motion to approve the August 31, 2021 Agenda Meeting minutes. Council Member Heather Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.*

**4. Citizens Comments – None**

**5. Items for Consideration**

**A. Proposal – Feasibility Study of Potential Phase II of the Blue Heron Trail**

McAdams has provided a proposal for a feasibility study to examine and quantify the financial costs, liabilities, and design and environmental implications of creating design and alternatives for a possible Phase II of the Blue Heron Trail loop north of I-40 around the Bahnsen Lakes area. The cost of the proposed feasibility study is \$29,750. No budget amendment is necessary, and the study should be available by end of January, 2022.

*Council Member Mike Erst made a motion to approve the proposed feasibility study. Council Member Curtis Capps seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.*

**6. Town Manager Comments**

- The check has been issued to LJB for Phase II Storm Water Study; LJB should be present to present to Council at either the October or November Council Meeting. Gary LeBlanc with Warwicke HOA is working with them privately on solutions for their area.
- Per Eddie Carrick, CPA, the Town Audit has been submitted to the State Treasurer's office.
- Upcoming speakers at Council Meetings: Caroline Moser – Oct; and Johnny Lambert - Nov
- Working on final costs for proposed planting along Ivy Circle/Hwy. 158.
- Possible Economic Development - mixed-use near Hal Walker property, high-end apartments on 22 acres behind Lowe's Foods, Starbucks behind Wells Fargo
- Asked Council to consider "General Business" zoning and what that looks like to them.
- US Census update

## 7. Council/Mayor Comments

*Mike Ernst* – Shared that the conceptual plan photo of Blue Heron Trail looks very nice; but he is concerned with the liabilities, and ongoing maintenance costs of the project. He thinks the Leyland removal project went well, and that the fence looks better than he thought it would. Happy that DOT project on I-40 is coming to a closure, but wishes NC DOT would get their equipment and supplies away faster.

*Ken Peacock* – Encouraging meeting; likes how projects are tied back to the Comprehensive Plan.

*Chris Fowler* – Loves that the Town is moving forward with the Blue Heron Trail and supports feasibility study.

*Curtis Capps* – Concerned about safety and how close trails will be to the ponds – liability/maintenance. Suggested that the Council each send Lee 3 suggestions on how they'd like to see ARP funds used (Town Manager Lee Rollins will resend approved list of uses).

*\*\*Attorney Brian Williams addressed the Council regarding the Town's responsibility regarding ponds and safety, etc. Insurance advice will be given by the NCLM (NC League of Municipalities).*

*Heather Coleman* – Asked about the RISE sign and was told that the sign that was up previously was not approved.

*Mayor Rick Cross* –

- Comprehensive Plan – Will spend time with Benchmark re: communications
- County Conversation Meeting 9/27/21 – main concern – lack of housing
- BRCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 10/19/21 – Open to the Public
- Upcoming tour of RISE for Council
- Concert Series – what are future plans?
- Bermuda Run Vision Committee – upcoming Christmas Event 12/5 and “Flag Initiative”
- Realtors Meeting – Lee and Rick – amount of interest in our area (Eastern Davie)
- Covid update
- Get flu shot!

## 8. Adjourn

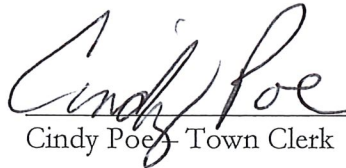
*With no further business, Council Member Chris Fowler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Curtis Capps. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.*

Approved:



Rick Cross – Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



Cindy Poe – Town Clerk