

Bermuda Run Town Council
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
9:00 a. m. – Town Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Rick Cross, Mike Brannon, Curtis Capps, Heather Coleman, Mike Ernst, and Melinda Szeliga

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

Mayor Rick Cross asked to amend the agenda by adding item 5A – Presentation by Scott Wollaston of NC Fusion. Council Member Curtis Capps made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended; Council Member Heather Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed. Council Member Mike Brannon made a motion to add item 5A – Community Officer Discussion; Council Member Heather Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

3. Approval of the January 25, 2022 and February 1, 2022 Agenda Meeting Minutes

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to approve the January 25 and February 1 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. Legislative Update - Kyle Bridges with Congressman Ted Budd's Office

6. Presentation – Blue Heron Trail Phase II – Preliminary Designs and Cost Estimates

Andrew Hickling, Greenway Project Engineer; and Nick Lowe, Senior Landscape Architect, Planning & Design, with McAdams presented concerns, opportunities, and recommendations for the project. The Council was asked to reflect on the cost vs. benefit, then discuss more at the March Agenda Meeting.

7. Information Items

A. Presentation by Scott Wollaston with NC Fusion

B. NCDOT Division 9 Letter Evaluation state-maintained roads maintenance needs – regarding request for DOT road paving improvements (Hwy. 158/801).

C. Letter from Davie County Community Foundation regarding the Community Vision Fund

D. Community Officer Discussion (Concern by Council Member Mike Brannon regarding communications with residents to call Officer Williams' cell vs. calling the non-emergency number for the Sheriff's Dept. as well as other concerns. Town Manager Lee Rollins clarified that the Community Officer works for the Davie County Sheriff's Dept., not for the Town of Bermuda Run. Mayor Cross stated that Sheriff Hartman reports to the Council multiple times per year. The Council was instructed to provide a list of concerns to Lee Rollins by the end of the week.

8. Discussion – US 158 / NC 801 Intersection

Council Member Mike Brannon shared his research and findings regarding upcoming NC DOT projects. Town Manager Lee Rollins shared information regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Organization (MPO) and history, priorities.

9. *Town Attorney, Brian Williams shared a list of Town Council responsibilities with all Council Members.*

10. Gate Attendant Pay Discussion

Town Manager Lee Rollins shared the impacts of raising the hourly rate paid to the gate attendants (via Allied Universal) from \$10 to \$12 per hour beginning in April, 2022 due to high turnover. This would require a budget amendment from the Gate Operations Fund of \$15,287.00 and resident gate fees would increase from \$462 to \$537 for the 2022-23 budget.

Council Member Mike Brannon made a motion to increase the hourly rate from \$10 to \$12, and to approve the budget amendment proposed by the Town Manager. Council Member Heather Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

11. Council / Mayor Comments

Curtis Capps – Good points were brought up today with continued topics, adding that everyone should be respectful of each other. He doesn't see improvements happening at the 801/158 intersection any time soon.

Mike Ernst – Agreed with Curtis. Shared his concerns with “nay-sayers” and with the comments on the “Next Door” site. Feels that there are “good thinking heads” on the Council.

Heather Coleman – Shared disappointment in what was presented regarding the ponds and dams (Blue Heron Trail), and feedback she's gotten regarding the proposed Mike Kelley project.

Melinda Szeliga – Asked for clarification regarding billing for trash/recycling and the tax cap for Bermuda Run.

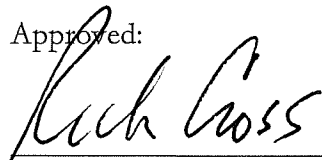
Mike Brannon – Stated that he is “overly research-minded”, and that he respects everyone in the room and supports all Council decisions.

Mayor Rick Cross – Apologized for having to step out to take a few calls regarding his mother's estate. Appreciates all comments; and although he only votes in case of a tie, he supports and respects the Council's decisions. He's disturbed by the activity on the “Next Door” site, adding that residents should refer to the Town's website, Constant Contact emails, or even call Town Hall with questions. He provided an update from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

12. Adjourn

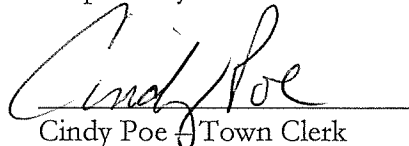
With no further business, Council Member Heather Coleman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mike Ernst. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Approved:



Rick Cross – Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



Cindy Poe Town Clerk