

Special Call Session Minutes
Thursday, September 23, 2021
6:00 PM
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The Town of Hertford's Town Council held a Special Call Session on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Mayor Earnell Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT

Mayor Earnell Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges, Councilman Jackson, and Councilman Jerry Mimplitsch.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Pamela Hurdle.

QUORUM

With four (4) members, a quorum was confirmed.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Much discussion was on the agenda items.

Mayor Brown stated the agenda items are items not addressed last Monday night.

Councilman Mimplitsch made the motion to accept the agenda and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay
Councilman Jackson	nay
Councilman Mimplitsch	yay

3-1.

Motion passed to accept the agenda.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

IT RFP

Manager Hurdle told the Board complete information from the three IT companies is within their packet. For privacy, Manager Hurdle referred to the IT companies as Company 1, 2, and 3. After giving information about the IT companies, the key component is the Virtual Chief Information Officer (VCIO) and the IT audit. The audit could cause the monthly cost to be lowered. Manager Hurdle's recommendation is Company #2. Councilman Jackson asked if the onboard fee is a one-time fee or

continuous. Manager Hurdle replied with a one-time fee. Mayor Pro Tem Hodges asked a two-part question, why the recommendation of company #2 and the difference between last month's recommendation and this month. Manager Hurdle replied that the cost and the VCIO are critical components and decision facts to the recommendation and after talking to the companies, the switch was due to the availability of the VCIO (30-days versus continuous).

Councilman Jackson made the motion to accept the Manager's recommendation of #2 for IT and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges.

Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Hodges wanted to look at the VCIO requirements. Manager Hurdle stated #3 was for 30 days and afterward, a charge for offsite and onsite will be charged and the fee is in the packet.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay
Councilman Jackson	yay
Councilman Mimlitsch	yay

4-0.

Motion passed to approve the Manager's recommendation of #2 for IT services.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Waterfront Community Plan Advisory Committee Final Report

Mayor Pro Tem Hodges made a motion to approve the Resolution Waterfront/Community Plan Advisory Committee Final Report. as presented.

Discussion:

Councilman Jackson stated he will not be voting in favor of the motion because it is positioning the Town to do the plan, some of it is not feasible for the staff, and he is not saying let the plan sit on the shelf.

Councilman Jackson stated the plan will realistically gentrify the Town.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay
Councilman Jackson	nay
Councilman Mimlitsch	yay

3-1.

Motion passed to accept the Resolution Waterfront/Community Plan Advisory Committee Final Report as presented.

Downtown Flowerpots

Manager Hurdle told the Board that the Downtown Beautification is a division of the HHI and Mainstreet program. The flowerpots will be replacing the pots in the downtown area, will be donated by citizens, and at no cost to the Town. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges and seconded by Councilman Mimlitsch to approve the flowerpots for the downtown area.

Discussion: Councilman Jackson won't support anything with HHI because of the Community Center and the voting right of the Councilperson when Councilman Norman was appointed to their Board.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay
Councilman Jackson	nay
Councilman Mimlitsch	yay

3-1.

Motion passed to approve the flowerpots for the downtown area.

MOU-NCCM-Resilient Coastal Communities Program

Manager Hurdle told the Board the MOU is an agreement between the Town and SWAC to provide technical assistance during the first and second stages of the Resilient program. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges and seconded by Councilman Mimlitsch.

Discussion: None.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay
Councilman Jackson	yay
Councilman Mimlitsch	yay

4-0.

Motion passed to approve the MOU between the Town of Hertford and SWCA.

ARPA Project Ordinance

Manager Hurdle told the Board the project ordinance is to identify the funds sent to the Town and giving the Board the authority to choose the appropriations during the period of the project. The Town has been awarded \$673,407.70 and has received half of the funds. A motion was made by Councilman Mimlitsch and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges to approve the Project Ordinance.

The vote:

Discussion: Mayor Brown stated the project number will be changed from 9.13.2021-1 to 9.23.2021 – 1. Also, the funds should not be spent until clear instructions from ARPA, specifically stated how the funds can be used.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay
Councilman Jackson	yay
Councilman Mimlitsch	yay

4-0.

Motion passed to approve the Project Ordinance.

ABC Board
Appointment

Manager Hurdle stated there are three applications in the packet for the vacant seat on the ABC Board and will refer to them as Applicants 1, 2, and 3. Mayor Brown stated it is fair to refer to the applicants as Applicants 1, 2, and 3. Councilman Jackson stated this needs to be tabled, there are other applicants, Candidate #3, there's a court order preventing them to be in the same room. Also, Candidate 1, Manager Hurdle is on the Board and this applicant has said derogatory things publicly about Manager Hurdle. Candidate #3 lives in New Hope. A motion to table was made by Councilman Jackson but died from lack of a second. A motion was made by Councilman Mimlitsch and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges to appoint Applicant #1 to the ABC Board.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay
Councilman Jackson	nay
Councilman Mimlitsch	yay

3-1.

Motion passed to appoint Applicant #1 to the ABC Board.

TDA Appointment

Manager Hurdle told the Board Councilman Mimlitsch is currently representing the Town on TDA and he wishes to continue to serve. Reappoint Councilman Mimlitsch to the TDA Board.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay
Councilman Jackson	abstain
Councilman Mimlitsch	yay

4-0.

Motion passed to approve the reappointment of Councilman Mimlitsch to the TDA Board.

Name Change of Banking Accounts

Manager Hurdle stated the bank needs the name and the minutes of the Board meeting that approved adding the finance officer to the bank account and removing the former finance officer. Mayor Pro Tem Hodges asked because of not calling names does the bank need the name specifically? Manager Hurdle said yes, and Mayor Pro Tem stated the name will be noted in the minutes. Councilman Mimlitsch made the motion to change the former finance officer (Brian Lewis) to the current interim finance officer (Niaisha Stokely) with our bank institutions and the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges.

Discussion: None.

The vote:

Mayor Brown	yay
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	yay

