

### TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00pm in City Hall Courtroom with Mayor John Grimes presiding. Commissioner Haiges gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Cindy Bray, Larry Cheek, Mike Constantino, Lewis Fadely, John Grimes, Bill Haiges, Thomas "Chip" Price and Tony Siler.

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Town Attorney William Morgan, Finance Director Tammy Speicher, Fire Chief Scott Murphy, Police Chief Gary Tyson, Parks and Recreation Director Jessica Puckett, and Town Clerk Jenifer Everage.

Manager Thompson requested the addition of the UNC Chapel Hill Center for International Understanding Latino Initiative 2015 as item c under new business.

*A motion to approve the agenda with the addition was made by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.*

*A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the January 20, 2015 Minutes (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A) and the January 24, 2015 Minutes (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B) was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Siler and unanimously approved.*

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Fire Chief Scott Murphy Oath of Office

Mayor Grimes invited Scott Murphy to come forward and administered the Fire Chief Oath of Office with Murphy. Murphy is the First Full-Time Fire Chief for the Town of Siler City.

#### Siler City Airport Update – Brigid Williams – WK Dickson

Thompson introduced Brigid Williams with WK Dickson, the engineer for the Siler City Airport. Dickson updated the Board of Commissioners on the Obstruction Clearing and the Runway Rehabilitation Projects.

Thompson shared a memo (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C) concerning the proposed Siler City Airport Runway Closure during the runway rehabilitation project. Thompson stated the project is tentatively scheduled to begin near the end of the current fiscal year. The start date is not firm and is subject to change depending on a number of variables, such as, completion of project design, bid processes, and the release of the funding. During the regularly scheduled Siler City Airport Authority meeting of January 26, 2015, the Authority discussed the Runway Rehabilitation project, more specifically respective of the options recommended for closing the runway during the rehabilitation construction period.

Thompson stated the two primary options considered by the Authority included 1) a three-phased construction schedule, and 2) a single-phase construction schedule. The three-phased approach would conduct construction activity on one area of the runway at a time (generally one-third of the runway at a time). This option enables the runway to remain partially open during two phases of the construction schedule. This option does involve the runway to be fully closed during one phase of the construction project (the middle one-third of the runway).

In this approach, the runway would be closed for thirty (30) days, and only partially closed for seventy-five (75) days. The second option of a single-phased construction schedule would have the runway fully closed for a period of fifty (50) days.

Thompson stated the Authority recognized and expressed the benefits associated with the three-phased option, which primarily related to maintaining some levels of runway operations during the subject construction period. However, in its consideration of the benefits gained by the alternative, the Authority took action to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the single-phased approach that would require a fifty (50) day closure of the runway. The considerations noted by the members of the Authority during the discussion that placed this alternative as an advantage over the three-phased schedule included:

- Though partial runway opening is recognized as a positive, reduced runway access will likely limit the runway traffic to a point that is disproportionate to the actual benefit realized.
- The three-phased schedule would tend to add layers of confusion to airport users and a prolonged period of uncertainty to such users may result in long-term reduction in airport traffic. Whereas, a clearly defined fifty (50) days is easily communicated and understood.
- It is foreseeable that current and potential airport users will chart flight schedules knowing that the Siler City Airport is under construction and therefore would likely choose to utilize an alternative and nearby airport. The shorter the delay in returning to normal runway operations is believed mitigate long-term customer base loss.
- The structural quality of the runway reconstruction will tend to be stronger as it will be constructed as one "seamless" system as opposed to three sections that would be tied into one another. The Airport's engineering consultant suggested that the increased quality of the project that would result from this approach would enhance the useful life expectancy of the runway surface.

The Authority did, however, note two shortcomings of the preferred alternative, which includes:

- Greater reduction in fuel sales as opposed to the alternative that would allow limited use of the runway. This would impact the Airport FBO's business projections.
- Other aviation-related businesses located at or operating through the Airport will also realize adverse impacts to their operations.

***A motion to bid the Runway Rehabilitation project construction with both the three-phased construction schedule and a single-phase construction schedule was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.***

#### UNC Chapel Hill Center for International Understanding Latino Initiative 2015

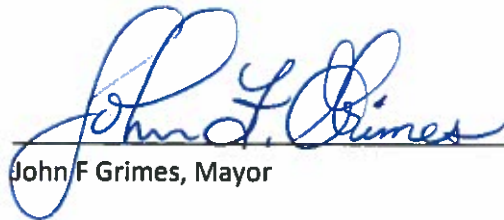
Thompson shared information on the 2015 Latino Initiative 2015. Thompson stated the Center for International Understanding's Latino Initiative provides North Carolina policy leaders with a fresh approach to immigration integration. The Center recognizes North Carolina as one of the fastest growing Latino populations of any state, and most of the state's newest residents are from Mexico. Thompson stated this year's Latino Initiative is centered on developing a team from Chatham County to visit Mexico, where representatives from Central Carolina Community College, Chatham County Government, Chatham County Schools, Chatham County Economic Development Corporation and the Hispanic Liaison are committed to participate.

Thompson stated the tentative schedule shows the local team orientation workshop on March 19, departing on May 18 and returning on May 25. Thompson stated the Latino Initiative coordinators expressed an interest in Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Police Chief Gary Tyson, and Parks and Recreation Director Jessica Puckett attending. Thompson stated a scholarship for Thompson and Tyson will be provided by Latino Initiative, but funding for Puckett has not. The Board of Commissioners discussed the program.

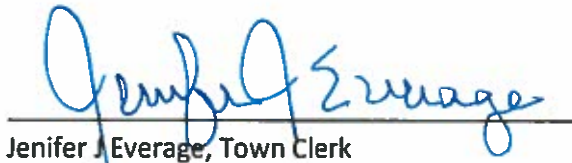
*A motion to approve the participation of Police Chief Tyson, Manager Bryan Thompson and Parks and Recreation Director Jessica Puckett in the 2015 Latino Initiative contingent on receiving funding and departmental operations are covered was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned 7:55pm.

  
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John F Grimes, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jenifer J. Everage, Town Clerk

