

**TOWN OF SILER CITY**

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor Pro Tem Larry Cheek presiding. Commissioner Price gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following.

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Cindy Bray, Larry Cheek, Lewis Fadely, Bill Haiges, Thomas "Chip" Price and Tony Siler.

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Mike Constantino and John Grimes

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

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Thompson requested Closed Session 143-318.11(1)(6) be added to the agenda.

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

**CONSENT**

*A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes:*

<b>August 17, 2015 Minutes</b>	<i>(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A)</i>
<b>Tax Collector's Annual Settlement</b>	<i>(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B)</i>
<b>Budget Amendment 2016.4</b>	<i>(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C)</i>
<b>Budget Amendment 2016.5 Library Renovation</b>	<i>(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule D)</i>
<b>Refunding Installment Purchase Contract RFP</b>	<i>(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule E)</i>
<b>TJCOG State Health Plan</b>	<i>(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule F)</i>
<b>Flag Campaign Proclamation</b>	<i>(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule G)</i>
<b>Arts Week Proclamation</b>	<i>(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule H)</i>

*was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Siler and unanimously approved.*

**PRESENTATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution Supporting Restoration of NC Historic Tax Credits

(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule I) Thompson stated by a unanimous vote of the Triangle J Council of Governments Board of Delegates on August 26, 2015, a "Resolution Supporting the Restoration of the North Carolina Historic Preservation Tax Credits" was passed. Thompson shared the subject resolution for reference by the Board of Commissioners. Thompson stated in an effort to further articulate the local support of the Board of Commissioners, Staff recommends like action with the adoption of a similar resolution to be copied and forwarded to the various State level representatives as appropriate.

*A motion to adoption of the attached resolution, which in like measure to recent action of the Triangle J Council of Governments Board of Delegates which supports an effort to restore the North Carolina Historic Preservation Tax Credit was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.*

Code Enforcement Operations

(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule J) Thompson stated over the past year, the Siler City Board of Commissioners, Town Staff, and community-driven inputs have focused heavily on overall appearance issues of the Siler City Community - both public and private spaces. Through the processes of several efforts, including but not limited to Appearance Committee and SCDO CAM Site Readiness initiatives, appearance-related concerns have been identified and actions have begun to address the same. One function that is critical in advancing appearance standards within our community is that of code enforcement operations of the local government.

Thompson stated in recent conversation with Commissioner Bill Haiges, the issue of code enforcement activities, priorities, and general standard for operations was discussed. Through this discussion, he and I agreed that such issues warrant a review by both the Board and Town Staff. To date, code enforcement activities have been adjusted with redefinition of priorities and processes. In addition, the Board recently endorsed the incitement of a more systematic approach to nuisance lots where the Town will contract abatement action to gain compliance and issue fines to recover the cost of such abatement measures.

However, after further discussion, Staff believes communicating directly with the Board about current activities, policies, practices, processes, priorities, and even empowering local code that define processes and violations, is a worthwhile venture. Doing so can assist with more fully establishing service level expectation respective of code enforcement activities, priorities, and the extent to which such activities are driven by community complaint/input or if such activity is propelled by more proactive efforts on the staff level.

Thompson stated the item is being brought to the Board of Commissioners at this time to determine the interest of the Board to include an item of business as herein described on an agenda for a future work session for Board and Staff discussion.

The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to set a special meeting in October to discuss Code Enforcement. Commissioner Haiges asked that maps with dots and a log book be shared with the Board of Commissioners at the special meeting.

TARPO Prioritization

(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule K)

Meadows stated things are moving quickly as we prepare for the next round of funding prioritization through the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) process. The TARPO Prioritization Subcommittee met recently and developed a list of recommended new, "carry-over", and "modification" project to be considered for funding (see attached PDF document that breaks the projects out by county). Matt Day has asked Town staff to present the project list to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. Any feedback received from the Board will be provided to the RTAC for their consideration in approving the final list of projects. TARPO is requesting that the Board provide feedback by September 24<sup>th</sup> to ensure that the information gets into our October TARPO RTAC agenda materials. See attached resolution.

Meadows stated the Town is requesting/sponsoring several bicycle or pedestrian projects on the list (including carry-over bike/ped projects) and will need to provide a letter stating our commitment to pay the required 20% match on these projects (should they be successfully chosen for funding). The funding commitment letters must be submitted by sometime in October so they can be attached when TARPO submits the projects to NCDOT. See attached commitment letter.

Meadows stated as a reminder, the Board is not being asked to prioritize/rank the projects at this time. The plan is to come back in the spring to ask for the project to be ranked (once we have some of the quantitative scoring information in hand).

***A motion to endorsing a resolution regarding the list of projects drafted by the TARPO Prioritization Subcommittee was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Siler and unanimously approved.***

***A motion to approve the Mayor to sign a commitment letter for the Town's proposed bicycle and pedestrian projects was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.***

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Thompson updated the Board of Commissioners on the following:

NC Rural Center Small Business Grant

NC Rural Assembly in September

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

None

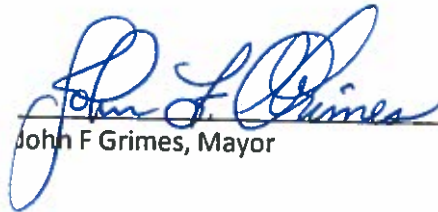
CLOSED SESSION

*A motion to go into Closed Session 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Fadely and unanimously approved.*

*A motion to come out of Closed Session was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Fadely and unanimously approved.*

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:17pm.

  
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John F Grimes, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jenifer J Everage, Town Clerk

