

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Town Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Monday, May 6, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor ProTem John Grimes presiding. Commissioner Siler gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Adams, Cindy Bray, Larry Cheek, Michael Constantino, John Grimes, Thomas K. Price, III and Tony Siler.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Town Attorney William Morgan, Police Chief Gary Tyson, and Town Clerk Karen Alman.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was unanimously approved upon a motion from Commissioner Adams and second by Commissioner Siler.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Cheek, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried. This included a Resolution in Support of Sale of Assets of Townsend/Omtron to Bidder Interested in Operating the Facility. (*Schedule 11-A and 11-B*)

NEW BUSINESS

DR. PAM SENEGAL, CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Dr. Senegal advised she has been with CCCC for about ten months and is responsible for economic and community development. She talked about three programs that are available through the community college in which no businesses from Chatham County have taken advantage of these programs.

- **Customize Industry Training Program:** Dr. Senegal advised the state gives each of the community colleges money to help businesses grow that are existing, expanding or new to the region. CCCC is good at identifying training needs and implement a program that will accomplish the task. She pointed out that last year this program spent over \$100,000 in 2 of the 3 counties that are served with no funds coming to Chatham County. The business has to meet 2 of the following 3 criteria: 1) Has to be making an appreciable capital investment; 2) deploying some type of new technology; 3) showing evidence that the skill of the workers will be enhanced by the training.
- **Incumbent Workforce Development Program Grant:** The four counties covered are Chatham, Harnett, Lee and Sampson Counties. Again, there were no applications received from any of the four counties. These grants can be used for training interventions to avert a layoff, etc. She would like to partner with the businesses and help them fill out the applications for these funds.
- **OJT Grant:** Dr. Senegal pointed out this grant fits well with most any type of industry. The business service coordinator would evaluate what the training gap is for the employee(s) and in turn setup a training plan. This grant would allow up to half of that person's salary reimbursed to the company.
- **Career Readiness Certificate:** Several years ago, the NC Community College system talked with employers who advised employees are coming to work with the skills, but are not job ready. A study was performed to come up with the 3 most common skills required for entry level jobs: reading for information, applying mathematics and locating information. The CRC program is added along with the training programs so that the person will have not only the skills to do the job but also to keep the job.

CCCC has a Small Business Center located on the Pittsboro Campus and they have access to USDA loan dollars which can be used for business plan development. Dr. Senegal advised the reason for existence of the community college is to prepare the regions workforce pointing out they want to "do more and grow more in Chatham County". She asked Board members to help get the word out about these available programs.

Roger Person who was in the audience asked Dr. Senegal to check into a matter regarding two buildings that he stated was abandoned by the Community College and "one is falling down". He stated the business community has not received a response as to what the College's intentions are asking Dr. Senegal to take this back to the college and follow-up.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AIRPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES: Thompson explained the Airport Authority has reviewed the information for the RFQ's and approved. Engineering services at the Airport are required by DOT in order to access Non-Primary Entitlement Funds. The submittal date for the RFQ's is June 6, 2013 at which time staff will review each proposal and then present to the Airport Authority who will then review and make recommendation to the Town Board of Commissioners. Thompson then directed Board members to the evaluation criteria which listed minimum standards for qualifications. Commissioner Price made a motion to approve the Request for

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Qualifications for Airport Engineering Services, seconded by Commissioner Cheek and unanimously carried. (Schedule 11-C)

VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PETITION – RANDOLPH DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC:

Town Manager Thompson advised that Bojangle's acquired land to expand their parking lot which is located beside their existing parking lot but is outside the corporate limits. They are presenting a voluntary annexation petition for this acquired land. Thompson stated that it is always "a goal to have our political boundaries line up with legal boundaries and for purposes of taxation". In order to comply with NC General Statutes, the Town Board directed the Clerk of the Town of Siler City to investigate and certify the sufficiency of this voluntary annexation petition by Randolph Development Group, LLC by motion from Commissioner Adams. The motion was unanimously approved upon a second by Commissioner Cheek. (Schedule 11-D)

BOARD TERM EXPIRATIONS FOR 2013: The following individuals whose terms will expire the end of June were reappointed to serve another term on their respective boards and committees by unanimous vote upon a motion from Commissioner Adams and second by Commissioner Price:

ABC Board
Otis Martin

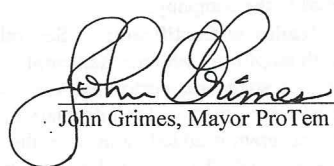
Airport Authority
Eddie Liles and Barry Hayes

Planning Board
Dacia Hayes

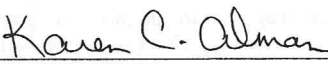
Harold Hart has served the maximum time of two consecutive terms of 3 years each and will be coming off the Planning Board. Alternate ETJ member Chris Murchison will be moving up to full ETJ member effective July 1, 2013 making it necessary to appoint another alternate ETJ member. Town Board members will be seeking a person to serve in this capacity. (Schedule 11-E)

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:25 p.m., a motion to adjourn from regular session and convene into closed session for the purpose of economic development was made by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Cheek and unanimously carried.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 7:55 p.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


John Grimes, Mayor ProTem

ATTEST:


Karen C. Alman, Town Clerk