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The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **September 18, 2023** at 6:30pm in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor Price presiding. Commissioner Brown gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following. Commissioner Boone recited the Town of Siler City Mission Statement and Commissioner Underwood recited the Town of Siler City Vision Statement.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Albert Alston, Cindy Bray, Norma Boone, Curtis Brown, Lewis Fadely, Bill Haiges, Thomas “Chip” Price, and James Underwood

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Hank Raper, Town Attorney William Morgan, Public Works Director Cal Pettiford, Human Resource Director Nancy Darden, Jason Boyd, and Town Clerk Kimberly Pickard.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager Hank Raper presented the following adjustments to the agenda

3.4 Updated Sewer CIO Schedule G

10.1 Closed Session 143-318.11

A motion to approve the agenda amendments was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Alston, and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda which included the September 5, 2023 Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A), BRIC Grant -Bloodrun Pump Station Relocation & Sewer line Replacement (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule B), Resolution to seek funding for PFOS Compliance Study (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule C), and Updated Sewer CIP (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule G) was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded Commissioner Alston, and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Loves Creek Stewards representatives Betsy Cross and Catherine Deininger expressed their concerns over the discussion of mowing down buffers at Boling Park. The Steward representatives explained the importance of the plants and how they prevent flooding and filter the water. They also discussed the importance of certain insects that benefit from the plantings. They urged the Board of Commissioners to rethink their position on mowing down certain areas, and offered voluntary help to help Town Staff determine what plants need to stay and which plants can be taken out.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager Hank Raper discussed Boling Lane Park- Wetland and Riparian Buffer Plant Maintenance and the memo provided by Community Development Director, Jack Meadows, the memo discussed the two grants that were awarded to the Piedmont Conversation Council Inc and to the Town of Siler City to make the improvements to Boling Park which were now in question because of the need to trim and maintain the area to make it safer for residents. Commissioner Fadely asked the question of what kind of specifications are there to trim the areas back. Commissioner Bray expressed her concern over the safety

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of the children with the excess growth and that Boling Park is the most used park in the Town of Siler City. It was agreed that Town Staff would coordinate with the Loves Creek Stewards to determine a maintenance schedule that could be completed by Town Staff along with volunteers to do necessary trimming to ensure that the buffers were maintained properly, and this would help with the safety of the park.

Town Manager Hank Raper discussed the Agreement for Infrastructure Construction and Fee Reimbursement with the Board of Commissioners, outlining two changes to the agreement. Terry McDaniel, representative from WolfSpeed addressed the changes in the agreement with the Board of Commissioners and explained this would allow projects to move forward in a timely manner.

A motion to approve the Agreement for Infrastructure Construction and Fee reimbursement and to allow Town Manager to allow recommendations and for the project was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved.

Town Manager Hank Raper discussed the Stormwater Utility Fee and implementation study with the Board of Commissioners and discussed the scope of the fee schedule. Charles Archer with Freese and Nichols spoke to the Board of Commissioners and explained how the study would be able to provide town residents with information on what the storm water program can accomplish and what the program can provide to the community. Commissioner Fadely spoke in favor of the study moving forward because Siler City does have a flooding problem. Mayor Pro Tem Haiges stated he was very satisfied with the scope items and options as he felt that is exactly what they were looking for.

A motion to approve Budget Amendment 2024.3 for the stormwater Utility fee implementation study was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Boone, and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Hank Raper provided the Board of Commissioners with the Sanford Merger update and provided timelines along with the letter that was mailed to all utility and account holders. Raper wanted to thank the Police Department, Fire Department and Town staff for all of their hard work ensuring the Hispanic Heritage Festival was a success. Raper also discussed the items that were left to complete on the 2021 audit.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Commissioner Boone reminded the Board members that the New Central Office for Chatham County Schools ribbon cutting is going to be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023, and each were invited to please check their emails.

CLOSED SESSION

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A motion to go into Closed Session § 143-318.11 (a)(5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; at 7:30pm was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haiges, and unanimously approved.

A motion to come out of closed session at 7:38pm was made by Commissioner Boone, seconded by Commissioner Fadely, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:42pm.

Thomas K. Price III
Thomas K. Price, III, Mayor

ATTEST:
Kimberly D. Pickard
Kimberly D Pickard, Town Clerk

