

Town of Bermuda Run

Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016 – 7:00 PM

The Town Council of Bermuda Run held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kenneth A. Rethmeier, DrPH; Ken Bateman; Shirley Cagle; Ed Coley; and John Guglielmi

Council Members Absent: Jerry West

Also Present: Lee Rollins, Town Manager; Brian Williams, Town Attorney;

Call to Order Mayor Rethmeier called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Adoption of the Agenda

Council Member John Guglielmi made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Council Member Ed Coley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Approval of the December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Council Member Shirley made a motion to approve the December 8, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Council Member Ed Coley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Citizens Comments

There were none wishing to speak.

Resolution Supporting the Town's Application to NCDOT for Public Art Within the US Highway 158 Roundabout

The Town Council was presented with a proposed resolution to move forward with NCDOT approval to install an obelisk within the US Highway 158 Roundabout.

Council Member John Guglielmi made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the Town's application to NCDOT for public art within the US Highway 158 roundabout. Council Member Ken Bateman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3) in favor and one (1) (Ed Coley) opposed.

Resolution Supporting the Town's Application for Funding of the Blue Heron Trail Through the Winston-Salem MPO Call for Projects

The Winston-Salem MPO 2016 Call for Projects submittals are due January 25, 2016. The *Blue Heron Trail* was previously approved for funding through the Winston-Salem MPO. However, during and audit if STP-DA funds, the MPO had approved projects where actual funding was not available. Those projects that were previously approved, but not provided project agreements through NCDOT, were asked to resubmit their projects.

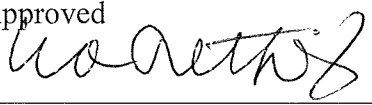
Council Member Ken Bateman made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the Town's application for funding of the Blue Heron Trail the Winston-Salem MPO call for projects. Council Member Ed Coley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Council/Mayor Comments

- John Guglielmi: Asked if Ashley Furniture would be willing to redirect truck volume away from the 158/801 intersection and direct toward the Farmington Road / I-40 interchange.
- Ed Coley: No comments.
- Shirley Cagle: Have heard positive comments on the roundabout.
- Mayor Rethmeier: Encouraged the Town Council to be sensitive to the vacant retail store fronts within the Town Limits and think of ways the Town may facilitate recruitment of "boutique" retail business.


There being no further business, Council Member John Guglielmi made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ed Coley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Approved



Kenneth A. Rethmeier, DrPH – Mayor

Respectfully Submitted



H. Lee Rollins – Town Clerk

(#1)

TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2016-01

SUPPORTING THE TOWN'S APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ART WITHIN THE CENTER OF THE US 158 ROUNDABOUT AT TWINS WAY DRIVE AND BERMUDA RUN DRIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC ART ON THE RIGHT OF WAY POLICY

A motion was made by John Guglielmi and seconded by Ken Bateman for the adoption of the following Resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted:

Whereas, Bermuda Run Comprehensive Plan Strategy T8 recommends to “*work with the MPO and NCDOT to reconfigure the US Highway 158, Bermuda Run Drive, and Twin’s Way intersection*”; and

Whereas, The Town of Bermuda Run received STP-DA funds to construct a roundabout, with design and construction approved by NCDOT; and

Whereas, the roundabout project is complete and conceptually included an obelisk in the landscaped center; and

Whereas, Bermuda Run Comprehensive Plan Strategy C8 recommends to “*provide distinct entranceways into town with signs and landscaping*”; and

Whereas, the Bermuda Run Town Council desires to provide a distinct entrance way, while providing a visually vertical point of delineation of the roundabout for motorists; and

Whereas, the NCDOT adopted the North Carolina Public Art on the Right of Way Policy in December 2010, recognizing that transportation facilities enhanced by public art elements provide aesthetic and cultural benefits to a community that can potentially result in positive economic development and tourism both locally and throughout North Carolina; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Public Art on the Right of Way Policy provides that local government agencies may request placing Public Art on NCDOT rights of way, provided the local government conforms to the Policy’s parameters and procedures, to include, but not limited to an encroachment permit, financial responsibility for construction and the maintenance of the Public Art, and an adopted local resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bermuda Run Town Council, at its regularly scheduled meeting of January 12, 2016 that it supports the Town’s application to the NCDOT for locating Public Art within the US Highway 158 roundabout at Twins Way Drive and Bermuda Run Drive, in accordance with the North Carolina Public Art on the Right of Way Policy.

(#2)

TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2016-02

**SUPPORTING THE TOWN'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF
THE BLUE HERON TRAIL THROUGH
THE WINSTON-SALEM MPO
2016 CALL FOR PROJECTS**

A motion was made by Ken Bateman and seconded by Ed Coley for the adoption of the following Resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted:

Whereas, Bermuda Run Comprehensive Plan Strategy T1 recommends to "*Apply for NCDOT pedestrian and bicycle planning grants in order to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities to a greater level of detail*"; and

Whereas, The Town of Bermuda Run developed a preliminary plan for the *Blue Heron Trail* to connected residents on the north side of I-40 to the south side of I-40 and to provide pedestrian and bicycle mobility along US Highway 158 toward Tanglewood Park; and

Whereas, the Town of Bermuda Run Blue Heron Trail project was approved STP-DA funding through the Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) prior to the January, 2016 Biennial Call for Projects; and

Whereas, The MPO discovered it had over allocated STP-DA funds for projects; and

Whereas, those approved projects not already having a Locally Administered Project Agreement with NCDOT by August 1, 2015, will have to resubmit their project during the 2016 Biennial Call for Projects; and

Whereas, the Town wishes to resubmit its previously approved *Blue Heron Trail* greenway project for funding through the MPO; and

Whereas, the Town further understands its commitment to provide a 20% match toward the approved total project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bermuda Run Town Council, at its regularly scheduled meeting of January 12, 2016 that it supports the Town's application to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2016 Call for Projects for the *Blue Heron Trail* greenway project.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN
URGING THE COUNTY OF DAVIE TO ENTER INTO A JOINT STUDY WITH THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF DAVIE COUNTY REGARDING SALES TAX
REALLOCATION OPTIONS**

WHEREAS, since 1971 pursuant to the provisions of NCGS 105-472, counties have had the option to select the method of distribution of sales tax allocated to the county among the municipalities of the county by either (i) the "Per Capita Method" or (ii) the "Ad Valorem Method;"

WHEREAS, from 1971 until the present, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Davie have always selected the Per Capita Method for distribution of sales tax with the municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Davie County has informed the Towns of Bermuda Run, Mocksville and Cooleemee (collectively the "Towns") that consideration is being given to changing the long standing policy of sales tax distribution from the Per Capita Method to the Ad Valorem Method;

WHEREAS, the proposed change to the Ad Valorem Method would have profound adverse financial consequences to the Towns which would result in a reduction of revenue to the Town of Bermuda Run of approximately \$273,320.86 for fiscal year 2016-2017;

WHEREAS, the County of Davie has given the Towns very little opportunity to discuss with the Board of Commissioners of Davie County (i) the financial assumptions being relied upon by Davie County for the change in allocation method, (ii) the financial needs of the County and the Towns, (iii) the effect of the proposed change upon the County and the Towns, (iv) whether such a change is sound public policy given the very different situations of the three towns, and (v) ways the financial conditions which Davie County seeks to address might be solved fairly and efficaciously; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bermuda Run is of the opinion that a change of long standing public policy ought not to be taken by the Board of Commissioners of Davie County without careful and detailed study in which the Towns are invited to participate along with other constituencies potentially affected, directly or indirectly, by such a major change in public policy.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved:

1. That the Town Council of the Town of Bermuda Run unanimously opposes the change of allocation method to sales tax distribution being considered by the County.

2. That the Town Council of the Town of Bermuda Run urges the Board of Commissioners of Davie County to join with the Towns to study the proposed change in public policy in a cooperative and transparent manner.
3. That such a joint study seek to develop ways, means, and strategies which promote the best interests of the County and the Towns.
4. That the Board of Commissioners of Davie County and the governing Boards of the Towns consider strategies which will (i) encourage fiscal responsibility, (ii) promote means of growing revenue streams, (iii) avoid the transfer of financial burdens to citizens of the Towns which should be borne equally by all citizens of the County for core services that should benefit all citizens equally, (iv) promote sound public policy, (v) grow the economy of the County and the Towns with due consideration to the different duties, situations, circumstances, and contributions of each, (vi) develop strong cooperative and collaborative relationships which have for the long past, been a hallmark of the relationship of the County with the Towns, and (vii) meet the respective financial needs of the Towns and the County without putting them into adversarial relationships.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, this 9 day of February, 2016.



Kenneth A. Rethmeier, DrPH, Mayor



H. Lee Rollins, Town Clerk