

Bermuda Run Town Council

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017
9:00 a.m. – Town Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Kenneth Rethmeier, Ed Coley, Jerry West, Mike Ernst, and Rick Cross

Council Members Absent: John Guglielmi

Also Present: Lee Rollins, Town Manager; Brian Williams, Town Attorney; Christy Schafer, Planning Board Chair; Cindy Griffith, Town Clerk; Bill Holdgrafer, BR West resident; Erin Burris, Benchmark Planning; Chris Fowler, Kinderton Village resident; Planning Board Members Rod Guthrie, Lynn Senger, Kenneth Peacock; Rick Bell, Broker; Linda Cornish, James Bohannon, Ron Lewandowski, and Virgil Cobb – residents of Bermuda Run Drive/Maisonettes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ken Rethmeier called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Council Member Jerry West made the motion to add item 2A – Citizen’s Comments and Council Member Ed Coley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed. Town Manager Lee Rollins added “Request for Maisonettes Speed Limit Change” under Item 7 – Other Business. Council Member Jerry West made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, and Council Member Ed Coley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

2A. Citizen’s Comments

- Linda Cornish of the Maisonettes shared an ongoing situation involving people speeding in the area. She stressed that 25 MPH is not slow enough in the area because of the more narrow streets, golf cart use, and the dead end street. She asked that the Town consider lowering the speed limit, adding a stop sign, or a sign that said “Village of Maisonettes – No Outlet”.
- James Bohannon of the Maisonettes showed his support for the requests of Linda Cornish, and also added that the blind curves limit visibility. He also added that increase in club membership caused additional traffic on Bermuda Run Drive leading up to the Maisonettes.
- Ron Lewandowski of 103 Bermuda Run Drive shared that he has tried to warn speeders that feel they don’t need to go slower than 25 MPH. Says it is not safe to play with his grandchildren in the street.

3. Presentation of the 2017-2017 Town Audit

Tony Brewer of Eddie Carrick, CPA’s office presented an overview of the audit to the Town Council. Audit will be shared on the Town’s website.

4. Town Council and Planning Board Joint Session to Review Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town Council was given an opportunity to review the proposed vision statement, goals, and objectives with the Planning Board prior the proposed Public Hearing on the update to the Comprehensive Plan at the November 14 Town Council Meeting. At the direction of Mayor Rethmeier, the Council reviewed several bullet point slides and made recommendations change a few words in the plan.

Council Member Rick Cross made a motion to hold a Public Hearing at the its November 14, 2017 Town Council meeting to hear public content on the update to the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Mike Ernst seconded the meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

5. Items for Consideration

A. Recommendation to Appoint Bryan C. Thompson as Planning Board Member Alternate

The Planning Board Alternate member position, previously held by Rick Cross, has not been filled. It was deemed that the position be filled after completion of the update to the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Board Chair, Christy Schafer asked Bryan Thompson of 218 James Way if he would serve as a Planning Board Alternate member. He is willing to serve at the pleasure of the Town Council, which must make the appointment. The term of the alternate member position expires 6/30/2019. Christy Schafer stressed that she felt it important that someone be added before the end of 2017 as she comes off the Planning Board in June, 2018.

Council Member Rick Cross made a motion to add this as an action item for the November 14 Council Meeting. Council Member Jerry West seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3) in favor and one (1) opposed.

6. Approval of the September 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Council Member Ed Coley made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2017 Agenda Meeting. Council Member Jerry West seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

7. Other Business

A. Request for Maisonettes Speed Limit Change/ Signage.

Town Manager Lee Rollins shared an email from Stephanie Winfrey of the Maisonettes. He also provided guidelines for setting Speed Limits with the Council. Changing the Speed Limit in the area would require a Town Ordinance.

Town Council members were encouraged to visit the area and it was also encouraged that local law enforcement's perspective be requested.

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to, in the interim, erect a sign in the Maisonettes that says "Caution, Slow Speed", and also a STOP sign. Council Member Ed Coley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Council Member Jerry West made a motion to engage with the new Community Officer on a comprehensive study on unsafe speed within the entire Town of Bermuda Run. Council Member Rick Cross seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a motion of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

8. Council/Mayor Comments

- Ed Coley – He is glad to see the Planning Board and others move away from the “Burkdale type” idea as retail in general is changing. The sensitivity about “big box” stores needs to continue. Concerned that the bridge w/ the arch that has been approved near Winmock is like the one he passes near Raleigh – and he never sees anyone walking on that bridge. He asked for an update regarding the BBT Soccer Park expansion and was thankful that they were not planning to change the zoning for that area as it was not fair to the Kinderton Village residents. In the past 12 years, he feels that 95% of what the Council has accomplished has been good. He also added that quality education is a key element for the Comprehensive Plan. Feels that Charter Schools would be positive.
- Jerry West corrected Ed Coley about the bridge in Raleigh as he’s seen walkers using it. He also thanked the Planning Board for their efforts on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Mike Ernst stressed that there is plenty of opportunity to attract retail business to the Town. He questioned if there could be a way to encourage the 100 residents that are still on septic to switch over to the sewer system. He asked also about the lights for the roundabout as we are still waiting on a timeline from Duke Lighting. Shared that landscaping at the roundabout needs trimming back in order to see current lights/signage.
- Rick Cross stressed that the communication regarding a new community officer needs to continue as many residents have questions. He appreciated input of the residents at today’s meeting. Said “hats off” to everyone that participated in the Comprehensive Plan.

- Mayor Rethmeier told the Council that the feedback regarding the announcement about the enhanced law enforcement has been very positive. A "Town Hall" would be planned in order to introduce the new community officer. The State has not approved the 35 MPH speed limit change resolution by the Town. He also thanked the Planning Board, Town Hall Staff, and everyone that participated in the Comprehensive Plan.

9. Town Manager Comments -

Town Manager Lee Rollins told the Council that he had shared with them an article from the Washington Post regarding Housing Issues/Affordable Housing. Workforce Housing is an issue that impacts Bermuda Run and Mocksville.

10. Adjourn

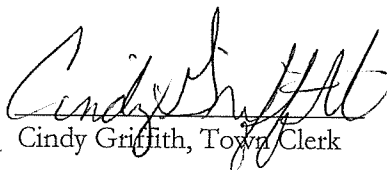
With no further business, Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ed Coley. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Rethmeier, Dr. PH - Mayor



Cindy Griffith, Town Clerk