

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Tuesday, January 3 2023, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: [x] Clif Williams, Mayor

Commissioners Present:
[X] Omar Bahhur
[X] Coley Jordan
[X] Jeff Peed
[X] Tina Taylor

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[X] Chuck Bonner – Former Public Works Director and Backup ORC
[X] Various members of the public were in attendance

Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Peed led in prayer.

A motion to amend the proposed agenda to add an update from the Aurora Leadership Council Chairman, Kurt Ryan was made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Jordan with a vote of 4 to 0 vote.

A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment presented.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the August 1, 2022, meeting were approved on motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

New Business

Otto Rodzel asked the Commissioners to consider a new purpose for the Aurora History Museum. He felt that an art gallery would be a better use of the space and would draw more tourism than a local history museum. The matter was discussed at further length, and it was noted that the Aurora History Museum was part of the strategic plan developed by the Aurora Leadership Council and adopted by the Town Board of Commissioners. Mr. Rodzel was thanked for his input and was also congratulated on the renovation work of his property on 5th Street.

Aurora Leadership Council Chairman Kurt Ryan gave an update to the board which included the upcoming ALC calendar that will be shared soon and the consolidation of ALC Committees from 9 to 7 committees. Also the ECU Students are working on the Bailey's Creek Housing Feasibility Study as well

as a Main Street “streetscape” Study that should be shared with the Town Council soon. They are also talking about an “eco-tourism” study that would look at water connection and waterway access.

Old Business

Under Old Business, the Clerk shared the first review of the RK&K engineering service contract for the Golden Leaf Foundation awarded grant for the “Aurora Drainage Ditch and Tributary Maintenance Plan.” The Clerk advised that she would speak to the engineer regarding the same language changes the Board had requested in the previous RK&K agreement for the RCCP Phase 3

At the request of the Town Clerk, a motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and approved with a vote of 4 to 0 to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1); and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

Adjournment/Recess

When the meeting returned to regular session, a motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to recess the meeting until the evening of January 23, at 6:00 P.M. to conduct a Public Hearing to receive Public Comment on the Proposed Ordinance Amendment to allow for Tiny Home Parks as a Special Use Permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk