

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
February 7, 2022 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 7, 2022, 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 – Public Works Director
[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 approve the proposed Agenda was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor with a 4 to 0 vote.

Public Comment
None Received

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the Recessed meeting of August 17, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Jordan, with a 3 to 0 vote.

Guest Speakers

Joy Dunn with the Aurora Richland Township Chamber of Commerce introduced their newly appointed board: Kim Clark and Sherrie Hope and Dee Hemby who was unable to attend. Joy Dunn expressed the Chamber's focus on commerce and the revitalization of the Main Street business district. The Town Council received the introduction to the newly appointed Board of the Aurora/Richland Township Chamber of Commerce and wished them well and looked forward to working with them in the future.

Sharon Holland with the Aurora Leadership Council, gave a presentation to council introducing the "Aurora Fish and Farm Festival" scheduled to take place on October 22nd and 23rd, 2022. The two day event will highlight local agriculture and fishing and boating. The festival will be

centered primarily on Main Street from the library to the Methodist church. This annual event is designed take place near the waterfront on one end of Main Street and near the History Museum at the opposite end. The ALC is planning two stages for music offering a variety of entertainment throughout the festival culminating with a concert at the stage nearest the waterfront on Saturday evening. The ALC is working on lining up venders to offer a host of artisan crafts and food and will coordinate with Beaufort County Sherriff's Department on security throughout the event. The introduction of the Farm and Fish Festival was well received by council and all in attendance. Please see the attached flyer.

Kurt Ryan, Chairman of the Aurora Leadership Council, announced the launching of the "Aurora and Richland Township Service Members and First Responders Hometown Heroes Banner Program." The banners will display hometown heroes on one side and "Welcome to Down Town Aurora" on the other side. The response in the community has been wonderful and there are many veterans and first responders in our community that deserved to be recognized. The Chairman provided a flyer (see attached) that explains the process. The goal is to have them up and displayed on light poles by Fossil Festival. The Mayor expressed the gratitude of the Town Board to the Aurora Leadership Council in this long overdue effort to thank our veterans and our first responders.

Old Business

The Clerk announced the Golden Leaf Foundation Flood Mitigation Grant opening. The proposed grant ties in well with the ongoing Resilient Costal Communities Program in process. The Mid-East Commission, who is administering the RCCP, has offered to write the in depth application, utilizing the data obtained from the RCCP with councils approval. The motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to have the Mid-East Commission Prepare the application for the GLF Flood Mitigation Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

New Business

Under New Business, regarding the Aurora Industrial Park, the Clerk presented a Resolution and Amendment, as prepared by the Town Attorney, to amend the original Land Purchase Agreement to allow the seller a tax-free exchange. After review of the amended agreement and resolution (attached) a motion was made by Commissioner Peed and a seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Upon a request from the engineering firm on the project, The East Group, the Clerk requested a motion be made to allow them to file state applications for both the stormwater management permit and the NCDOT driveway permit. The motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Also under New Business, the Clerk informed the council that a citizen had filed for assistance with their water utility and the Town would need to consider the agreement with state Low Income Household Assistance Program (LIHWAP.) The motion to allow the Town to participate

in the LIHWAP was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mayor and Board Comments

The Mayor announced that Golden Leaf Foundation President and CEO Scott Hamilton will pay a visit to Aurora on April 14th. He also advised that he had invited the Beaufort County Commissioners to come visit the Town and that may take place on April 20th. The Clerk reminded all present to please attend the "Open House" being conducted for the Resilient Coastal Communities Project on February 14th at the Community Center at 6:00 P.M. Citizens will get a chance to help prioritize projects to enhance our community's resilience to flooding.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Jordan with a 4 to 0 vote.


Clif Williams, Mayor


Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk

AURORA FISH AND FARM FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 22-23, 2022

- Two-day street festival highlighting agriculture and water (fishing/boating) with live music, fishing tournament, bicycle tour of area farms, 5K/fun run
- Centered primarily on Main Street from library to Methodist church, near waterfront, history museum, other Town-owned lots/property, and privately owned lot by water tower
- Vendors with tables/tents on Main Street; food trucks; access-controlled biergarten; children's activities area; boating/farming equipment displays; agricultural and fishing/boating-related info displays; 4H/FFA; farmer's market
- Two music stages with a variety of music going on throughout both days, evening concert on Saturday night on stage closest to the waterfront
- Solicit sponsors to fund stages, entertainment, etc.
- Request Beaufort Co. Sheriff support, ensure FD/EMS on stand-by, real-time first aid onsite
- Small fee for vendors who are selling items, and slight upcharge on beer/wine tickets, plus small part of fishing tournament entry fee, and sponsorship funds to benefit Partnership for Aurora-Richland Township
- Progress to go back into Town revitalization efforts
- Need permit and then can get started working with different subcommittees to move forward. Currently developing a logo/branding for the event for marketing materials.

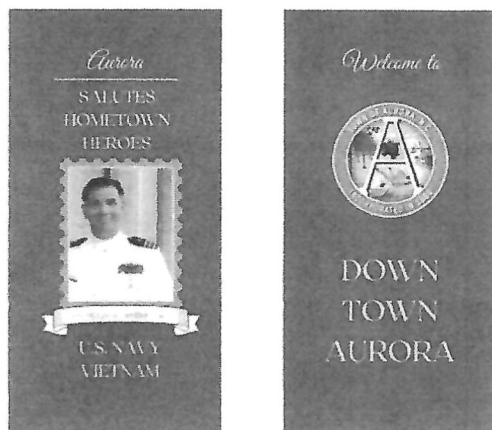
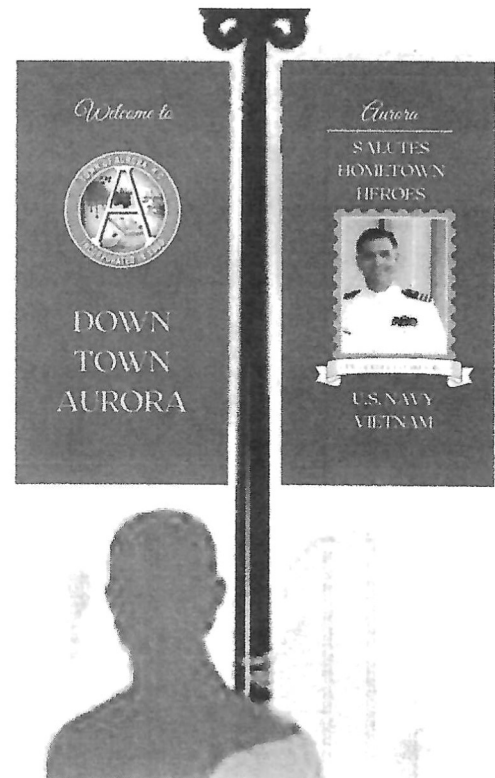
Aurora and Richland Township is Honoring its Service Members and First Responders!

AuroraNC is launching a Hometown Heroes Banner Program as a living tribute for our community. We want to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces and First Responders to build pride and a sense of service in our town and township.

If you know of a loved one that you would like to honor, please complete the attached form.

Each 'hero' banner will have "Downtown Aurora" on one side, and your hometown hero displayed on the other. The goal is to get at least 33 heroes adorning every telephone pole on Main Street before Memorial Day.

Please join this noble cause. For just \$130, each family will get a high-quality 24" x 48" banner with their Hero displayed on one side, and the town's crest on the other. Hardware mounting kit is included in the price.



Military Service Example (Front/Back)
\$130.00

3 Easy Steps

- ✓ Fill out application
- ✓ Email hi-resolution photo
- ✓ Mail check and application

Make Check Payable to "Partnership for Aurora & Richland Township Progress" or "PART-P"

Mail Check and Application to P.O. Box 235 - Aurora, NC 27806

Email Hi-Resolution Photo to PARTPNC@gmail.com
Online Registration form located at <https://www.auroralife.us/hero>

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF AURORA:

That Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between the Town of Aurora and Max F. Thompson, Jr. and wife, Mary Guilford Thompson, a copy of which is attached hereto, be and the same is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of the Town.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.


CLINT WILLIAMS, MAYOR


JUDITH S. LANNON, TOWN CLERK

NORTH CAROLINA

BEAUFORT COUNTY
PROPERTY

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR
PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY is made and entered into effective as of the ____ day of February, 2022, by and between TOWN OF AURORA, a North Carolina municipal corporation ("Buyer"), and MAX F. THOMPSON, JR. and wife, MARY GUILFORD THOMPSON (collectively, "Seller").

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, Buyer and Seller entered into an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property dated April 20, 2021 ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Buyer and Seller desire to amend the Agreement as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. That Paragraph 22 be added to the Agreement as follows:

13. Tax-Deferred Exchange. In the event Seller desires to effect a tax-deferred exchange in connection with the conveyance of the Property, Buyer and Seller agree to cooperate in effecting such exchange; provided, however, that the exchanging party shall be responsible for all additional costs associated with such exchange, and provided further, that a non-exchanging party shall not assume any additional liability with respect to such tax-deferred exchange. Seller and Buyer shall execute such additional documents, at no cost to the non-exchanging party, as shall be required to give effect to this provision."

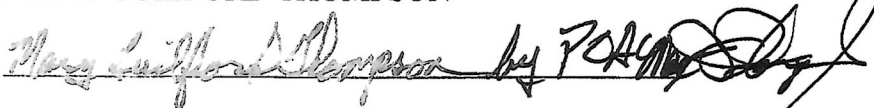
SECTION 2. That except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Buyer and Seller have caused this document to be properly executed effective as of the day and year first above written.

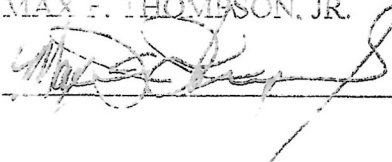
BUYER: TOWN OF AURORA

By: 
Cliff Williams, Mayor

SELLER: MARY GUILFORD THOMPSON


Mary Guilford Thompson by POA 

MAX F. THOMPSON, JR.



January 2022 public works report

- 1) South village #9 water theft.
- 2) 2 inch water line break @ old snowden school
- 3) Bay city crab sewer line
- 4) Water plant new PLU
- 5) Lift station on third street
- 6) Waste water inspection

Board Report

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January 2022 Report

Curt Hendrix, Parks and Recreation

Activity	Contact	Discussion
Wellness Walk	Denise Bonner The Venue	Ladies are participating on a regular basis. The group started on January 11 th . They walked 24 miles in January. The group meets in front of the chamber at 9:00am on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The walk is approximately 3 miles each time.
Community Garden	Joy McCracken Renee Spivey Joy Dunn	Continue to clean beds.
Maintenance	Chuck Bonner	Continue to maintain the restrooms. The walking group is using this location as a regular stop.
Nature Trail	John Prescott	I have a scheduled meeting with John Thursday Feb 10 th at 2:00pm. This is regarding use of the Nature Trail and how it can be utilized. The birding group is interested in the trail. I would also like to have a haunted trail in the fall. Camping is also an activity that can be discussed.
Paddling Kayak, Canoe, SUP		Collecting information to start a program.
Fishing	Jim Dillon	The Fossil Festival is interested in Having a Fishing Tournament. Jim is willing to assist me in organizing an event for the kids.

Aurora Fossil Museum	Cynthia Crane	Board Meeting January 28 th
Snowden Summer Activities	Tanya Long	I have been working to get Tanya some interest and sign up sheets to create summer programs for the school kids.
ALC	Kurt Ryan	Attended the Faith Based Luncheon
ABC Aurora Birding Club	Joy McCracken	This Group started on February 2 nd we had 8 members at our first meeting. We decided to call it the ABC. We will meet every other Wednesday at the library at 10:00am Next meeting is February 16 th
Pickleball		2 Groups have been started this month and Pickleball has been put on hold. I have been in touch with Terresa Hamilton, Rec Director in Washington. I will be visiting her and Bobby Andrews at the Rec center soon. No meeting scheduled.
Up-coming Events		
Basketball		Spring 2022 TBD
Pickle Ball		No dates scheduled
Museum Gala in Atlantic Beach		February 22 2022/ Postponed until Jan 2023
Fossil Festival		May 27 th through 30 th 2022
Fishing Adult		Spring 2021
Fishing Kids		Summer 2021
Golf		Program TBD Dates Spring / Summer 2021
Tennis		Program TBD Dates Spring / Summer 2022
Wellness Walk		Program Dates Started January 11th 2022 Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am-10:30am
ABC Aurora Birding Club		Wednesdays at the library at 10:00am
Grant Writing		February 22 nd and 23 rd