

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Recessed Meeting from June 3, 2024
Thursday, June 20, 2024

A Recessed Meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams reopened 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] Steve McCormack

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[X] Rhonda Stallings – Administrative Assistant
[X] Various members of the public were in attendance

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

Introductions were made between the few members of the Board of Commissioner who had not yet met the proposed candidate for the position of Director of Public Works, Ashley R. Barnes.

At this time, Commissioner Peed made the motion to enter in to Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Once returning to open session, a motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to hire Ashley R. Barnes as the Director of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and passed with a 4 to 0 vote. It was made clear by Mr. Barnes that he had to have surgery on his hand and intended to begin work for the Town around September first, once he was cleared to do so by his physician.

Council and those in attendance took a brief break for refreshments the staff had provided.

Next on the Recessed Agenda was the consideration of the proposed 2024-2025 General Fund budget and the proposed 2024-2025 Water and Sewer utility budget. The Clerk provided the amended line-item budget for both the General Fund and the Water and Sewer utility. After much discussion regarding the cost of fuel driving up the costs of shipping and chemicals used to treat the water and sewer, the budget discussion closed and a motion was made by Commissioner Peed to approve the proposed 2024-2025 General Fund and Utility Fund budgets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormack and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Adjournment/Recess

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner McCormack to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk