

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON, NC

September 6, 2016

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Williamston met in special called session on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room at Town Hall.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Mayor Pro Tem Al Chesson, Ronell Rodgers, Jerry Knox and Junious J. Horton
Interim Town Administrator: Brent Kanipe
Town Clerk: Christina Craft
Finance Officer: Linda Harrison
Director of Planning and Development: Brent Kanipe
Town Attorney: Daniel A. Manning
Human Resources Administrator: Martha-Brown Lilley
Planner/Zoning Officer: Jamie Heath

ABSENT

Commissioner William Coffield and Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

The Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mayor Pro Tem led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Knox offered the invocation.

AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

The Mayor Pro Tem asked if there were any adjustments to the Regular Agenda or if the Board wished any items to be removed or added to the Regular Agenda. *It was moved by Commissioner Knox, seconded by Commissioner Horton and unanimously passed to approve the agenda as presented.*

PUBLIC HEARING

Board Approves the Town's Request to the Local Government Commission to Seek Installment Financing

The Interim Town Administrator reported that when the Town borrows money, it is a requirement to obtain approval of the Local Government Commission (LGC) prior to acquiring installment financing. The funding will be used for street repair and construction in the Annexation Area "A." The Interim Town Administrator stated that the damage to the existing road to install water and sewer lines was more than anticipated and is part of the reason for the additional cost. The LGC is comfortable with the amount of financing to be requested. There are funds in the General Fund and Powell Bill to cover the cost. It is in the Town's best interest to borrow the funds and maintain the fund balance for emergency situations. The State requires local governments to maintain a sufficient fund balance. The Town is not pledging the tax base and would not have to raise taxes to repay the loan. The Mayor Pro Tem asked for public comment. George Griffin III reported that he lives in the Annexation Area "A." He reported concern of any more overruns and the quality of contractor's work. He thanked the Board for their service.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-136 Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20

The Interim Town Administrator requested the Board to approve the Resolution 2016-136 as required by the Local Government Commission to authorize the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. *It was moved by Commissioner Horton, seconded by Commissioner Rodgers and unanimously passed to approve the Resolution 2016-136 Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. Resolution 2016-136 is hereby attached with the minutes of this meeting and incorporated in the Town's Ordinance Book for future reference.*

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Board Grants the Finance Officer Authority to Sign Local Government Commission Related Documents

The Interim Town Administrator requested the Board grant the Finance Officer authority to sign all documents related to the Local Government Commission (LGC) documents.

It was moved by Commissioner Horton, seconded by Commissioner Knox and unanimously passed to authorize the Finance Officer to sign documents related to the Local Government Commission documents.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Horton, seconded by Commissioner Rodgers and passed to go out of regular session into closed session to address a Personnel Issue N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6).

It was moved by Commissioner Knox to go out of closed session and into regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Horton and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Town Clerk

Mayor