

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF A REGULAR RESCHEDULED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Rogers, Mayor Pro Tem
André D. Knight
Reuben C. Blackwell, IV
Richard Joyner
E. Lois Watkins
W. B. Bullock
Chris Miller
David W. Combs, Mayor

STAFF PRESENT:

Rochelle D. Small-Toney
Pamela O. Casey
Chris Beschler
Natasha Hampton
Tameka Kenan-Norman
Ken Hunter
Will Deaton
Amy Staton
Nicki Gurganus
JoSeth Bocook
Richard J. Rose

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Hunt, Hunt Williams Development, LLC
Cedric Johnson, BCW Consulting
Mary Nash Rusher, Hunton & Williams, LLP

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed all present. He explained the guidelines for Committee of the Whole work sessions and added that a personnel matter will be added to the closed sessions scheduled today.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. Motion was made by Councilmember Joyner, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried that the City Council go into Closed Session at 4:04 p.m. for discussion regarding a personnel matter and all were excused from the room with the exception of the City Councilmembers.

The minutes of the Closed Sessions (personnel) shall be placed on file as **ESM-518** and (economic development) **ESM-581a** at the end of **Minute Book 35** upon approval for release by the City Attorney.

REGULAR SESSION. The Mayor Pro Tem convened the Committee in regular session at 6:41 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION - BUILDING REUSE GRANT AGREEMENT/LARGERKO, LLC - THE MONK
HOTEL - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ADDED TO AGENDA IN OPEN MEETING)
- Rochelle D. Small-Toney**

City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney recommended that the LarGerko, LLC/Monk Hotel grant agreement, including a deed of trust, be added to the agenda for the 7 p.m. meeting for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 7 P.M. MEETING

By consensus, it was agreed that the public comment period during the 7 p.m. meeting will be one hour.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - PARKING OF OVER-SIZED COMMERCIAL
VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIALLY-ZONED PROPERTY - Will Deaton**

The City Council was provided with an Ordinance Amendment relative to parking of oversized commercial vehicles on residentially-zoned property and amending the Ordinance adopted on July 9, 2018 to allow commercial vehicles and trailers in excess of 25-feet in length, or 10,000 pounds gross weight rating, to park in the rear yard (behind the primary structure) on parcels having an area of one acre or more

Mayor Combs stated he believes one acre is too small for parking commercial vehicles.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. *By consensus, the Committee recommended approval of the amendment.*

SHARED USE PARKING AGREEMENT/EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Chris Beschler

City Attorney Richard J. Rose advised the City Council that Edgecombe Community College has agreed to execute the shared use parking agreement and have signed short-term extensions.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. *Motion was made by Councilmember Joyner, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried that the Shared Use Parking Agreement with Edgecombe Community College be recommended for approval.*

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION/WALTER "BUCK" LEONARD HOUSE - Will Deaton

The City Council was advised that the Rocky Mount Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing at its January 22, 2019 meeting to consider designation of the Walter "Buck" Leonard house as

a local historic landmark and the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office approved the Study List application for the house at their October 12, 2019 meeting. It was recommended that Council approved the house at 605 Atlantic Avenue for such designation.

Council was advised that said designation would result in a 50% deferral of taxes for the Leonard family.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. *By consensus, the City Council recommended scheduling of the Public Hearing, as required*

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES - Pam Casey

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. *By consensus, the City Council authorized adding a presentation relative to Boards/Commissions/Committees to the agenda for the upcoming City Council Retreat.*

ADJOURN. There being no further business for the Committee of the Whole, by consensus, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Pamela O. Casey
City Clerk