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Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

The Wendell Town Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016, in the Board Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Virginia Gray presiding. Present were Commissioners Ben Carroll; Jon Lutz; David Myrick; John Boyette; and Jason Joyner; Teresa Piner-Manager; Sherry Scoggins-Special Assistant to the Town Manager; Jonnie Driver-Clerk; Jim Cauley-Attorney; Butch Kay-Finance; Bill Carter-Police; David Bergmark-Planning; Patrick Reidy-Planning; Allison Rice-Planning; and Tamah Hughes-IT.

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. due to technical problems.

Chief Bill Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance and, Invocation was given by Mr. Bennie Collins of Wendell Baptist Church.

Adjustment and approval of the agenda

No adjustments were recommended for the agenda. Commissioner Lutz made a motion to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1 – Public Comment Period

Mr. Ray Hinnant – 205 Dogwood Trail stated he would like to thank Teresa and all the staff for such a wonderful job decorating the Downtown area at Christmas. He said he thought it looked the best it had ever looked and that he and Carol really enjoyed it.

Regina Harmon – 6616 Tales Branch Road said she agreed with Mr. Hinnant, it was the best Christmas ever. She thanked Teresa and staff for all they did. She said she would also like to thank Mr. Don Williams for the Lake Myra Light Show display and to show her appreciation she would like to present him with a check from the Wendell General Store.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Minutes from Monday, December 14, 2015 Board of Commissioners' meeting
- b. Approval of the October 2015 Wake County Tax Report
- c. Approval of the 2016 Wendell Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

Commissioner Lutz made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Presentation by Vicki Miller, Grassroots Coordinator with the League of Municipalities.

Ms. Miller said she had been to several meetings around the state over the years, but she did not think she had ever heard a thank you being issued to the governing board. She said if we could bottle that up, it might be good for the rest of the state.

Ms. Miller stated the main goal of the League of Municipalities was to enhance the quality of life of North Carolina residents through the cities and towns that were members of our organization which focuses on government. She said the League was a membership organization that provides a variety of services to our League Member's such as advocacy, insurance, training and cost saving programs, legal information as well as communications.

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Ms. Miller said a primary role was to advocate to the General Assembly for cities like Wendell about their needs, and interest in the state. She said there were 540 forty cities and towns like Wendell who were members of the League. She said there were about 3,200 elected officials who provide leadership on the League board as well as those that made up the policy committees.

Ms. Miller said the League Leadership was Mayor Lestine Hutchens of Elkin President, Mayor Bob Matheny of Zebulon First Vice President, and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Lazzara of Jacksonville, Second Vice President.

Ms. Miller said cities should care about the work of the League of Municipalities because...

- Your hometown is where you live, work, raise your families, play, and contribute
- You want your town to be prosperous, vibrant and safe.
- When people live closer together, more services are expected and necessary
- Your hometown needs the ability to make its own decisions that provide the conditions for the best quality of life possible for individuals, neighbors, and fellow residents.

Ms. Miller said the League believed that building relationships with state elected officials was vital in developing an understanding of issues impacting cities and towns. She said the bottom line was about relationships.

Does not have a conclusion. Thanked the Board? Asked if they had questions? Asked how the League could be of assistance? Asked the board to be more involved?

Item 4 – Public Hearing on a Zoning Map Amendment request to rezone 2.365 acres of land (excluding ROW) located at 3000 and 3001 Wendell Boulevard from R3 to CMX.

David said the applicant in this request was Mark Forestieri, Director of Wake County Facilities Construction & Design, and had requested a change in zoning classification for two properties totaling 2.365 acres (identified by PIN #'s 1784429908 & 1784427802). He said the area was currently zoned Residential-3 (R3), and was being requested to be rezoned to Corridor Mixed-Use (CMX). He said the rezoning request applied to the portion of PIN # 1784427802 on the northeastern side of Wendell Boulevard. The portion of that parcel on the opposite side of Wendell Boulevard was currently zoned CMX.

David said the property located at 3001 Wendell Boulevard contained an existing single family dwelling which was planned for removal and the property at 3000 Wendell Boulevard was vacant. He stated all current property owners support this rezoning request.

David said Wake County was contemplating the purchase of real property for use as an EMS Station to serve the Town of Wendell. He said an EMS Station was a permitted use in CMX zoning. He said the other parcels along Wendell Boulevard were currently zoned CMX.

David said at the December 21, 2015, meeting the Planning Board voted 7-0 in favor of the requested zoning map amendment. He said staff recommended approval of this rezoning request.

Mayor Gray opened the Public Hearing for comments.

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Lucius Jones – 410 Selma Road stated he was Vice Chairman of the East Wake EMS Service. He said the East Wake EMS was very interested in the property rezoned and having a new the EMS Station which would be built by the county. He said they had been trying to get a new station for a long time and it looked like it might come to fruition.

Susan May – 3009 Wendell Boulevard said she was also in support of the zoning of the property to CMX. She said she believed this would be beneficial to everyone.

Attorney Cauley said the reason for the rezoning request had been represented to the board, but in making the decision, the board should review and consider the entire table of permitted uses allowed in that category before determining the rezoning is suitable for that location.

Mayor Gray asked the Town Manager to place this item on the agenda for January 25, 2017, for action.

Item 5 – Public Hearing on a Special Use Amendment request by Hephzibah Baptist Church to amend the site plan to include a new storage building.

Allison Rice, Planner stated Hephzibah Baptist Church had submitted an application to amend their current Special Use Permit (SU13-02) to include a new 20' x 40' storage building on their site.

Allison said the applicant was currently building the addition to Hephzibah Baptist Church according to the guidelines dictated in SU13-02. The proposal represented a change to the previously approved site plan and was in conflict with one standard within the UDO, which required accessory structures be built behind the primary structure. Building the storage area could be located in the side yard if it were constructed as an addition to the primary building, but this would initiate a host of other building code requirements that would greatly increase the cost of the structure. The applicant had submitted this application to amend their special use permit to allow a detached storage building be built to the side of the primary structure. The storage building would be located approximately 192 feet from Wendell Boulevard.

Allison stated in order to mitigate the negative effects of building the storage building within view of the street, Hephzibah had proposed building the four exterior walls with the same brick material and patterns as the primary structure. The roof would have the same shingles, and five cypress trees would be planted between Wendell Boulevard and the storage building to obstruct the view of the accessory building from the street.

Allison said staff's opinion was the applicant had adequately addressed concerns regarding the location of the storage building through their use of building materials and landscaping, and that the applicant had specified the number and type of tree being used as a buffer. She said any changes in the future, would require the applicant to apply to amend the permit.

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing for comments. Those wishing to speak were sworn in before making comments.

Mr. Paul White stated he and his partners owned property across the road from Hephzibah Church and they had no objections to the storage building.

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Nathan Miller-599 Coopers Hawk Trail, said he was the Associate Pastor at Hephzibah and the church loved the town and was looking forward to making the site look better by removing the trailers that were now on the property. He stated that the church planned to build the storage building to look like the church. The property would look much nicer.

Commissioner Boyette asked if the storage building would replace all the trailers that were currently on the site. Mr. Miller said yes.

Commissioner Lutz asked if this was a deviation from the original plan, and when you got into it you saw that it would not work. Mr. Miller said at one point the church was trying to submit a plan to put a mobile trailer out back, but we decided to put storage into their existing building plan that was currently being built. We had put some storage into their Phase 3 plan which was the sanctuary that would go on the front of Wendell Boulevard side, but at that time finances were not sufficient to move forward with Phase 3 and we were not certain when we would be able to start on Phase 3, but storage is needed now.

Mr. Mark Johnson of G&G Builders stated the main reason Hephzibah could not put the storage building behind the building was because of the kitchen that was in the Fellowship Hall. They were going to use the storage building for the stage equipment they use every Sunday. He said if we had connected it to the building, it would become a part of the existing Family Life Center and the building codes that are now in place would have to apply to the Family Life Center which would be very costly.

Mayor Gray closed the Public Hearing and requested that this item be placed on the agenda for action January 25, 2016.

Item 6 – Public Hearing to formally close an unimproved portion of right-of-way known as Wendell Falls Parkway.

Commissioner Ben Carroll asked to be recused from this discussion. Commissioner Lutz made a motion to recuse Commissioner Carroll from the vote and discussion of Item 6. The motion passed unanimously.

Planner Patrick Reidy said Old Oak Construction had requested to formally close a portion (3,797 Square feet) of Wendell Falls Parkway in Wendell. He said Wendell Falls Parkway fronted the property now owned by Old Oak Construction, more commonly known as The Richardson House. He stated on August 20, 2008, a final plat was recorded for the realignment of Richardson Road as part of the Wendell Falls development and creation of Wendell Falls Parkway. On that plat, a new lot line and property line was shown. A final plat may show the additional right-of-way dedication, but cannot reduce previously dedicated right-of-way without official closure enacted by resolution.

Patrick stated the requested portion of Wendell Falls Parkway had never been improved and opened to the public or accepted for maintenance by NCDOT; though it was still shown as right-of-way on Wake County's GIS records. He said Old Oak Construction sought to formally close this portion of Wendell Falls Parkway in an effort to install a septic system. Patrick said NCDOT District Engineer, Reid Elmore, had indicated that they were in support of the closure.

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Patrick said Old Oak Construction owned all of the right of way land fronting Wendell Falls Parkway. Old Oak would gain sole ownership of the right-of-way if closed. He said the required ten foot wide multipurpose path should fit within the remaining right-of-way. If it cannot be accommodated, the applicant agreed to dedicate any necessary right-of-way to fit the path. He said if the road closure was approved, the applicant would record the final plat with the Wake County Register of Deeds.

Patrick said staff recommended approval of the Order Closing an Unimproved Road Right-of-way.

Mayor Gray said just for clarification, Commissioner Carroll was the applicant and that was why he had recused himself from the proceedings. Patrick said that was correct.

Commissioner Boyette said he understood that the reason for the right-of-way closing was to install a septic system, why would this property not be connected to the sewer system. Patrick said the existing line was further from the property than the City of Raleigh Connection Policy required. In the future, Wendell Falls will probably be running a line to serve the Parkway. He said the City of Raleigh had indicated they would waive any connection policy because of the cost and distance from the existing line.

Mayor Gray said it was her understanding that this was a house cleaning matter that was left behind by the former developer as a result of the foreclosure by Mercury Development. Mayor Gray asked if the right of way on the GIS map already indicated a change. Patrick stated the right-of-way change was shown on the plat from 2008. The plat shows the old right-of-way line and the new right-of-way line; however the new right-of-way line was never abandoned by the town. Mayor Gray said so this was a housekeeping issue that was not resolved after the foreclosure.

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. No one wished to speak for or against the closing of the right-of-way and Mayor Gray closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Lutz made a motion to approve the closure of the unimproved right-of-way on Wendell Falls Parkway. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carroll returned to the dais.

Item 7 – Review and action of a Façade Grant request for 11 and 13 W. Fourth Street.

Patrick Reidy stated at the January 4, 2016 meeting, the Appearance Commission reviewed a Downtown Façade Grant application for the December 31st deadline period.

Patrick stated the Appearance Commission members recommended to the Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3 to 0, approval of the downtown façade grant application for 11 and 13 W. Fourth Street in the amount of \$1,000. He said 13 W. Fourth Street was currently occupied by a retail store and 13 W. Fourth Street was currently unoccupied.

Patrick said the owner Clarence Davis Jr. submitted an application for the façade grant which proposed to add a fabric awning over the front doors of the building which contains 11 and 13 W. Fourth Street.

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Patrick said the estimated cost for the project was \$2,125.00, and the amount applied for by the applicant was 1,000. He said the façade grant program permitted a 50-50 match (up to \$1,000) from the town to the applicant based on project costs.

Commissioner Lutz made a motion to approve the Appearance Commission recommendation for the approval of a façade grant for 11 and 13 W. Fourth Street. The vote was unanimous.

Item 8 – Introduction and discussion of a Conditional District project proposed for W. Academy Street.

Patrick Reidy stated tonight was an introduction of a possible project and no action was being requested.

Patrick said the applicant Lucius Jones and Evergreen Construction Company met with town staff to discuss the development of a senior housing tax credit project (known as Wendell Haven Senior Living) on the vacant 12.75 acres located along W. Academy Street using tax credits available from Wake County. The project would use 5.51 acres and have 48 units, 24 one bedroom units and 24 two bedroom units with each unit having its own kitchen and bathroom like a traditional apartment. He said it would include a community gathering room with a common kitchen, and library. He said the development also proposes a small gazebo as well as a raised garden bed to be considered as the amenity to meet the active open space requirement. This gazebo and garden bed would not meet the 9,000 square foot requirement for active open space. He said additional amenities would be required through a standard development process.

Patrick said the proposed development would be reviewed as part of the Conditional District (CD) development review process. Conditional districts provide greater flexibility by allowing the Town Board to grant deviations and apply additional conditions to a project based on site-specific needs. Patrick said the Master Development Plan would be heard by the Planning Board January 19th for a recommendation and a public hearing and final action would be heard and approved by the Board of Commissioners. He said the Master Development plan would establish project parameters and would create unique development conditions for the project.

Patrick stated on September 10, 2012, the Wendell Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution (R-10-2012) which recognized Wake County had an affordable housing policy for the distribution of affordable housing amongst the Wake County Municipalities. He said Wendell had a higher proportion of Government Subsidized housing than other municipalities in Wake County and that policy generally directed tax credit projects away from Wendell since we had a higher proportion. He said for future tax credit projects, the County would require a letter of support by the Town Board before receiving Wake County Funding Approval.

Patrick said if the Conditional District were to move forward and be approved by the Town, the Board would be asked to provide a letter of support before plan approval.

Patrick said the developer must submit the formal tax credit application package by January 22, 2016 to the NC Housing Finance Agency and has requested that the Town Board receive this introduction in advance of that submittal to receive feedback. The applicant would take the feedback and evaluate the

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board's disposition toward the potential project, financial, location and desired changes before making application to Wake County and the State.

Patrick said a developer may claim tax credits over a ten year period equal to the present value up to 70 percent of the qualified cost of the project. He said the credit rate was reduced to 30 percent for projects receiving other federal subsidies or acquiring existing housing. He said rent for these units cannot exceed 30 percent of the family income.

Patrick said the applicant had proposed several changes that deviate from the UDO. While the conditions of the Conditional District would be reviewed by the board as part of the master development plan, the applicant had requested preliminary feedback from the town board to determine project feasibility. He said the site plan requested modification of the following six development standards as part of the Conditional District:

1. The UDO requires right-of-way dedication along Wall Street and Short Street. The UDO also requires pavement widening, curb and gutter, and sidewalks along Wall Street. The UDO also requires pavement widening, curb and gutter, and sidewalks along Wall Street, Short Street, and W. Academy Street. The applicant proposes additional right-of-way dedication along Wall Street, but does not provide additional dedication along Short Street. The applicant has also requested not to construct the widening of road pavement, curb and gutter, or sidewalks along any of the three streets.
2. The applicant requests reducing the minimum number of required parking spaces due to the senior living use. The UDO requires 73 spaces, while the applicant is proposing to reduce it to 53 spaces (1 per each unit and 10 guest spaces).
3. The applicant requests to not provide the three required bicycle parking spaces.
4. The Udo requires useable porches and stoops (defined as a minimum of 8' deep) to form a predominate motif on the front and/or side of the building, extending more than 30 percent of the façade. The applicant is providing a focal porch in the center of the building and Juliet balconies on the 2nd story units. This combination totals 23 percent of the façade.
5. The UDO requires that all elevations visible from the street provide doors, porches, balconies, and/or windows for a minimum of 60 percent of the front façade and 30 percent of the side and rear elevations. The proposed building elevation has 38 percent of the front façade using the required design elements. If the three foot wall recessions were permitted as shown on the plan and counted as a design element, the front façade would equal 53 percent of the front façade.
6. The UDO requires the front entrance to be raised 1.5 feet above the finished grade. The applicant requests that the standard be removed since the development would provide for senior housing.

Patrick said while not formally being requested on the site plan, staff recommended that a 7th request be included. Waive the requirement of Section 3.3(W)(2) of the UDO. That standard required that uses front on a street no less than a collector street designation in the R3 zoning district. West Academy is not listed as a collector street, and identified as a local road. Thus the applicant would require this standard to be waived in order for the project to be approved.

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Patrick stated if the applicant moved forward with the Conditional District application and the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners approved the Master Development Plan, staff would bring the action before the Town Board requesting that Mayor Gray submit a letter to Wake County exempting the project from the affordable Wake County Housing Policy. He said the letter of exemption would provide the Town Board's consent for the project to move forward and be considered as a tax credit project.

Patrick said given that the project was expected to come before the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners as a Conditional District, staff asked the board to raise and discuss any known issues they would have in supporting the tax credit project prior to the applicant submitting applications to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and the Wake County Human Services Board for tax credits.

Commissioner Carroll asked what the plans for the rest of the property were. Patrick said that had not been discussed. The applicant stated right now his focus was on this portion of the property. At this time it was to remain R-3 and anything allowed in the R-3 District could be built. Commissioner Carroll asked what would be the age of the applicants. Patrick said the minimum age requirement was 50 years.

Commissioner Lutz said that with only 5 guest parking spaces, it seemed to low. How many people would be employed at the location? Patrick said the developer did increase the parking for guest to 10 spaces from the original submittal. Lucius Jones said under normal circumstances senior development usually required less parking because half of the people that live there would not have cars. He said Wake Forest and Raleigh had a formula they used for 1 space per unit plus 5 or 10 spaces over that.

Commissioner Joyner asked what was the logic behind not installing curb, gutter, and sidewalks. Mr. Jones said the property was located on W. Academy Street which did not have any curb and gutter or sidewalk, so if you put a sidewalk it would start nowhere and go nowhere. The building would face the interior at the courtyard, so there should not be any activity from the building on Academy Street. Commissioner Joyner said you provided information that about half of the residents would not have vehicles, so they may want to go out for a walk. Mr. Jones said the project would provide for paved walkways within the development with a gazebo and a raised garden. Commissioner Joyner asked if the UDO required sidewalks. Patrick responded yes.

Mayor Gray said the board required Hephzibah Church to install curb and gutter and sidewalks and they also start and stop and don't go anywhere at this time, but you have to start somewhere. If you do not start requiring sidewalks and curb and gutter eventually other growth would occur and it would be left for the tax payers to pick up the cost. She said we had really taken a stand on curb and gutter and she would encourage everyone to stand firm on that decision. Mr. Jones said you can do that but you do not have any other curb and gutter on the whole street where it has already been developed. Mayor Gray said you have to start somewhere.

Commissioner Myrick said he did not have any questions, but did want to share a concern. When you think about affordable housing he definitely did not think of the picture the Board had been presented, but it would increase the 11.6 number from the report. Mr. Jones said the people renting would be over the age of 55 and could not afford to pay \$1500-\$2000 a month rent on an apartment. There was a need for this housing. Commissioner Myrick said he understood the need, but when he saw 11.6 percent affordable housing and when families were looking to move to the area and did their homework, those numbers scare them.

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Mayor Gray asked Mr. Jones where the people that live in these apartments come from. Mr. Jones said mostly from the surrounding area. Our real estate business was often asked if there was anywhere in Wendell that their elderly parents could live. Mr. Jones stated that he thought this would be a good source for those people. Mayor Gray asked Mr. Jones if he saw this project as making Wendell more attractive to younger families. Mr. Jones said yes, because when they move here there were places that their parents could move and retire.

Commissioner Myrick asked if it was correct that these residents essentially have no income. Mr. Jones said no, they had income, this was not subsidized housing, they pay rent, and they pay income tax. Mayor Gray said the only reason we were giving this request consideration, since we do have a resolution adopted saying we were going to follow Wake County's Policy was because the property was currently zoned R-3 and there was no design standards for single family housing as opposed to this project which would be commercial and might be prettier in the end. She said was worth not following the resolution we adopted in this matter. This was a very unique situation, but she thought the curb and gutter and sidewalk was a deal breaker. She said the other things that you had asked for were items that would accommodate senior housing and she understood those requests. She said she would like to see more open space. Lucius said this land was not located where you would want to build high end homes and he thought it would be a great alternative.

Patrick said state building code required the building to have a sprinkler system, and water and sewer was already in front of the site. It would also have an elevator. He said the elevations could be a part of the conditional approval when we get to that point as well as the active open space.

Lucius Jones said he knew the project was called affordable housing, but it was not subsidized housing. The county, state and federal governments would put money into this development in the form of tax credits. He said we were getting a really nice development for a lower cost we could rent for less money and that was where your tax credits come into place. These units would cost probably \$10,000-\$12,000 less per unit if you didn't have to meet the requirements of the tax credit program.

Commissioner Carroll said you mentioned during the application process it would be an income check, what was the amount of income they must have to qualify. Mr. Jones said 50-60 percent of the median income which was about \$30,000 per year as the minimum.

Commissioner Myrick said on the two bedroom units, if they don't fill up, would you rent them to one person. Mr. Jones said yes.

Item 9 – Request to close a section of Main Street on Saturday, March 19, 2016 for BMX event.

Manager Piner said last year was the Town's first BMX Protown Exhibition Event, and it was located on Main Street between Fourth Streets and Depot. She said we were proposing that again this year. She said Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Polaski could not be in attendance tonight and she was not familiar with the conversations he had with the businesses regarding the closing, but we wanted to make sure that the event would not interfere with any of the businesses such as the Hair Studio and other places that people may need to reach during the event. She said we would make arrangements for anyone who needed to get close to those businesses. She said the event was scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2016, in Downtown Wendell. She said staff was requesting to close this portion of Main Street to encourage downtown pedestrian traffic. She stated the street would be closed from 9:00 am

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until 5:00 pm. The first exhibition would begin at Noon followed by an autograph session and riding clinic, and the second show would begin at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lutz said he really enjoyed the event last year, and he knew that we had food trucks there, but he would want to make sure that the restaurants were also promoted. Teresa said she thought the event would be a positive for the existing restaurants and this was something we definitely would look into.

Commissioner Lutz made a motion to close Main Street from Fourth Street to Depot Street for the BMX Protown Exhibition. The vote was unanimous

Item 10 – Scheduling of the Town Board Retreat

Teresa said we were looking to schedule the retreat for this year. She said some possible dates were as early as January 23, through March 5. She said it was important to have all the board members present at the retreat. We could work around staff if there were any that could not attend. She said we would like to focus on where we left off last year, give the board a report, and see if we could set the goals and objectives for this year as we move forward to our budget season.

Mayor Gray asked Teresa if she had any suggestions on dates. Teresa stated March 5th was one date she had in mind because the facilitator who came last year was available. Teresa said February 20th Jeff would not be able to attend. He would be with group with the Town sponsored ski trip.

Commissioner Lutz said he would like to have it on February 20th, and he knew Jeff would not be able to attend, but March seemed like such a long time. Teresa said David Bergmark would not be able to attend on March 5th. Mayor Gray said we may need David discussion on development and growth.

Mayor Gray asked if everyone was ok with Saturday February 20th. Everyone responded yes. Mayor Gray said while we were on this item, she would like to go ahead and set the date for the 2017 retreat and that way everyone would have it on their calendar and could plan around it. She said she would suggest Saturday January 7th or Saturday 21st. Teresa said from staff perspective, just returning from the holidays and not knowing what research and materials may be needed, January 21, 2017 may be better for staff. Everyone was in agreement for January 21, 2017.

Item 11 – Commissioners' Comments

Commission Joyner had no comments.

Commissioner Boyette said the National Championship Football games started in 6 minutes between Clemson and Alabama.

Commissioner Myrick said he attended a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce last week where they were preparing their schedules for the year and there are some exciting things coming to Wendell this year.

Commissioner Lutz had no comments.

Commissioner Carroll said he also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week and the calendar was filling up quickly. He said Traci Hicks would be putting the master calendar out soon. He

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said he was also glad to see that the downtown stores were starting to fill up and a lot of good things were going on. He said he would encourage everyone to spend their money locally.

Item 12 – Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Gray stated she also attended the Calendar of Events at the Chamber, and there was a lot going on. She said Tuesday, January 12th was Spirit Night at Wendell Elementary, and it would be held at Agave Restaurant from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. If you do not have dinner plans please go out and have dinner with them, a portion of the proceeds would go to the school. She said it was really nice for one of our local restaurants to do this for the number one Magnet Elementary School in the Nation.

Mayor Gray said she also found out today that the new playground equipment would arrive at the park next week. She said she planned to go out and watch them put it together.

Mayor Gray said she was interviewed today for the Mayor Monday radio show and her interview followed the Lieutenant Governor, so maybe someone kept it on long enough to hear a little bit about Wendell. She said it was her hope that more opportunities like this would let more people know about Wendell.

Adjourn

Commissioner Lutz made a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Virginia Gray, Mayor

Attest:

Jonnie S. Driver, Town Clerk