

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, February 13, 2017
Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

Attendance:

Present:

Maureen Burger, Town Council President
Matt Neff, Town Council Member
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Craig Skelton, Town Council Member

Absent:

Michael Wernke, Town Council Member
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member
Lynn Yates, Town Attorney

Others present:

Greg Burger	Greg Cislak
Cathy Cislak	David Fishman
Richard Dickinson	Richard Ciambrone
Karen Ciambrone	Sue Stevens
Kelly Noga	Thomas T. Bennett
Tony Knoble	Joshua Barker, IMPD North District Commander
Cameron Radford	Honorable Joseph Hogsett, Mayor of Indianapolis
Kristin Kothe	

Agenda and discussion:

1. M. Burger called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with three council members present.
2. R. Parrin administered the Oath of Office to Craig Skelton filling the vacancy created from the resignation of Steve Moss.
3. M. Burger asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December, 2016. There being no comments, on a motion by M. Neff, seconded by C. Skelton, a unanimous vote approved the minutes.
4. M. Burger introduced Mayor Hogsett and newly appointed North District IMPD Cmdr. Josh Barker.

The Mayor updated the Council and residents on several areas of interest. These included an introduction of Cmdr. Barker. He fielded questions about zoning variance approvals and suggested that Emily Mack, Director - Department of Metropolitan Development, attend a Town Council meeting to discuss the variance approval process in detail. This should include the enforcement of developer commitments associated with variance approval.

The Red Line bus service was discussed. At this point, it is uncertain if a future Federal budget will include the funding of the approved amounts for this development. On the other hand, the City Council will be considering the tax increase approved by voters in the last election for mass transit funding. If

approved, the tax receipts could be used by IndyGo for other transportation programs should the Red Line not receive Federal funding.

Cmdr. Barker advised the audience that he expects to continue managing the district in a similar manner as his predecessor, Chris Bailey. The North District is the IMPD's largest covering 79 sq. miles of a diverse part of the City. He shared his contact information and urged attendees to advise him of any concerns. You may contact him at Joshua.barker@indy.gov

5. R. Parrin reviewed the January 31, 2017 financial report. Cash balances were unusually high in several funds due to extraordinary items. These were the Security System donations at \$92k, the Community Crossings matching grant of \$42k and the Town's match of \$42k. Other cash balances are sufficient for normal operating expenses.

6. A. Kasper reported that there were two burglaries in Meridian Hills recently. Neither was a 2nd story break-in.

7. M. Neff briefed the group about the security system project. Bids were received and the low bidder, Siemens, was selected to negotiate final terms and scope. There will be license plate recognition and video cameras that will monitor all Town ingress and egress. We expect to finalize this order soon, as contributions received are sufficient to fund the project. The Capital Campaign has reached 54% resident participation and efforts will continue to solicit support from the 46% who have not yet contributed to this Security fund. Ms. Burger announced that the funding total as of February 12th is at \$132K, which includes a generous gift from Dave and Jessica Lindsey for \$40,000 dollars.

8. Reports were made by the Sense of Place committee.

- M. Burger advised that the street vacation for the north Morningside access to 82nd St. has been resolved.
- T. Knoble addressed the Council about his variance request for a new home at 7922 Hillcrest Drive. He presented documents showing the set-back variance and noted that the neighboring property owner has no objection. It was also noted that the building height from the street will be close to that of the existing house. M. Burger gave Mr. Knoble a list of the Town's new construction rules and requested that they be included as part of the contractor's commitments. On a motion by C. Skelton, seconded by M. Neff, the Council unanimously supported the variance request as long as the commitments are included.
- M. Burger advised that the directory update is complete and expects it to be published and distributed by month end.

9. M. Burger noted that a Council subcommittee will meet to explore options for improving revenues and funding capital improvements. The first meeting will be held by month end.

10. New business:

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by M. Neff, seconded by C. Skelton, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Hollyhock Hill restaurant.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer.