Zebulon Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting Minutes March 29, 2023

Present: Glenn York, Beverly Clark, Quentin Miles, Shannon Baxter, Larry Loucks, Jessica Harrison, Joe Moore-Town Manager, Mike Clark-Planning, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk

This was a meeting of the Boards from Wendell, Knightdale, Rolesville and Zebulon as well as their Town Managers, clerks and various other staff members.

Mayor Glenn York welcomed everyone and introduced the speakers for the evening. Brandon Jones with NCDOT and Kimberly Moore from Congresswoman Ross's office.

A meal was shared beginning at 6:00pm before presentations began at 6:30pm.

There was a presentation by Brandon Jones, Division Five Engineer with NCDOT gave a presentation on transportation and traffic. He explained the funding options available and how the point system worked. Brandon explained about all way stops, signals and the timeframe to get those items in place.

Bridge replacement was discussed and how the needs were met. The role of CAMPO in projects, contingency and other funding and how that funding worked.

Commissioner Miles left the meeting.

Commissioner Shannon Baxter introduced Kimberly Moore with Congresswoman Ross's office.

Kimberly Moore gave a presentation on funding and how to work to get it funded. Ms. Moore stated that it had to be over \$100k and should be creative and think outside the box. Needed to show it was a good idea and a viable project.

Criteria for projects were the project would happen with or without their help, there were other pots of money invested, and it covered multiple areas. It was stated that a regional water partnership project was a \$3 million project that got funded. Their office normally submitted 15 projects to appropriations and some that were submitted previously were body cameras, solar panels, Triangle water partnership, Garner Senior Center, Pleasant Grove Community Center, GoTriangle bus stops in Wake County, Small Business Development Program, and they want to be a part of affordable housing. Anything that could help the vulnerable community like the elderly and homelessness were projects they wanted to fund. All the criteria was on the website for Congresswoman Ross's office. The applications would be submitted online as a Google doc and the deadline was March 16th.

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They were looking for projects that were shovel ready and could spend their appropriation within 12 months. It could not be something that would take three years to complete.

Commissioner Baxter spoke about SB317 and that it should not go through. Several other municipalities are pushing back on this currently. Mayor York said that the Wake Mayors had talked about SB317 and would be writing something in opposition.

Mayor York recognized Joe Moore to give an update for Zebulon.

Joe Moore, stated that Zebulon was joining the Main Street program, looking at a bond referendum, Five County Stadium.

Rolesville stated a lot was going on, but he would keep it short. Rolesville was listed as the safest place in NC. The Main Street project was underway for \$21 million.

Mark Swan, with Knightdale, said they also had a great deal going on. They had a new communications director, received accreditation for Parks and Recreation, another fire station was breaking ground, and finally Harper Park playground had been installed.

Virginia Grey, with Wendell, said that they broke ground on the Pleasant Grove Community center, traffic calming and pedestrian study with all way stops was underway, closing sidewalk gaps by the park, facility improvements, a new gazebo at town square, new shelter and bathroom at the park, 40th anniversary as a tree city celebration, the Towns 120th anniversary, Buffalo Creek and Main Street greenway, and finally to wrap up what Wendell had going on was Hollywood Park – neighborhood park and amenities.

The next meeting of the EWLGA would be in Wendell

Glenn York thanked Brandon Jones and Kimberly Moore for their presentation, and Hugh Gallagher the new chef at the stadium.

The meeting wrapped up at 8:45pm.

Adopted this the 1st day of May 2023.

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Glenn L. York—Mayor

Lisa M. Markland, CMC-Town Cler