



The Richlands' Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session Tuesday evening, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm, at the Richlands Town Hall. Present for the meeting were:

Marvin Trott, Mayor
McKinley Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem
Steve Marshburn, Alderman
Fran Pierce, Alderman
Han Jacobsen, Alderman

Also present for the meeting were: Eva Brown – Town Clerk, Gregg Whitehead – Town Administrator, Keith Fountain – Town Attorney, Thomas Bennett – Chief of Police, Johnathan Jarman – Public Works Director, Abby Cavanaugh – Advertiser News, Steve Scarborough and Paul Urban – Carter, Williams & Scarborough. L.L.P. Certified Public Accountants.

Approximately ten other citizens were also present for the meeting.

ABSENT: Alderman Tom Brown, work related.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marvin Trott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Steve Marshburn

INVOCATION: Reverend McKinley Smith

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman McKinley Smith, seconded by Alderman Hans Jacobsen to adopt the Agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES / DECEMBER 11, 2007 & DECEMBER 20, 2007

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman McKinley Smith to adopt the minutes for December 11, 2007 and December 20, 2007. The motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / CAROLINA SOUTH BUILDERS (HERITAGE VILLAGE & ROBERT JUSTICE TRACT)

Mayor Marvin Trott asked for input from Citizens and Board Members concerning Carolina South Builders rezoning request for (Heritage Village) and (Robert Justice Tract).

Mr. Danny Whaley, Vice President of Carolina South Builders was present to answer questions concerning their requests.

Mr. Carroll Beaty, local resident addressed the Board with questions for the Developers concerning their plans.

With no other comments, Mayor Marvin Trott declared the Public Hearing closed.

2006-2007 AUDIT PRESENTATION (CARTER, WILLIAMS & SCARBOROUGH

Mr. Paul Urban gave a presentation of the Audit for F/Y 2006/2007. Mr. Urban stated that the Audit has been completed and approved by the Local Government Commission. He stated that the Town completed the year in very good standing with 55% undesignated fund balance. Mr. Urban stated that overall; the Town is in good financial standing and used excellent managerial skills and fiscal restraint to ensure that revenues greatly exceed expenditures.

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Hans Jacobsen to accept the 2006/2007 Audit as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

CAROLINA SOUTH BUILDERS ZONING MAP AMENDMENT REQUESTS ORDINANCE # 2008-01 & 2008-2

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Hans Jacobsen to approve Ordinance 2008-01, per attached to these minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Alderman McKinley Smith, seconded by Alderman Steve Marshburn to approve Ordinance 2008-2, per attached to these minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

ONWASA REPRESENTATION RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Alderman Fran Pierce, seconded by Alderman McKinley Smith to adopt the "Resolution of the Town of Richlands Approving An Amendment To The Articles Of Incorporation Of Onslow Water And Sewer Authority". The motion was unanimously carried. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes. A copy of the Ordinance is attached to these minutes.

ECC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

By consensus of the Board, Mayor Trott appointed Alderman Hans Jacobsen to the ECC Board of Directors to represent the Town of Richlands. The motion was unanimously carried.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NOTES & UPDATES

Town Administrator Gregg presented a copy of notes and updates to the Board. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. He also gave an update on the Town's Finances and the house on Foy Street, owned by Ms. Bonnie Saunders.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Thomas Bennett presented a copy of the Police Activity Report for December 2007. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. He also informed the Board of the following items:

1. Chief Bennett will be attending the Chief's Conference in Asheville on January 19th thru January 24, 2008.
2. 1st Sgt Ron Lindig will become a full time Police Officer effective February 1, 2008
3. Chief Bennett stated that he will be discussing the Ordinance concerning skate boards and bicycles with the Public Safety Committee.

BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS

1. Alderman Steve Marshburn expressed his concerns on Charter Communication Franchise, the way it is being handled now.

CLOSED SESSION / PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Alderman Hans Jacobsen, seconded by Alderman Steve Marshburn to go into closed session to discuss personnel. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Alderman McKinley Smith, seconded by Alderman Steve Marshburn to go into regular session. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Trott stated that no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Fran Pierce to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Trott, Mayor

Eva C. Brown, MMC
Town Clerk