MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
July 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order virtually on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6: p.m.. Mayor Rennie Brantz presided. Council members present included Mayor Pro-Tem Loretta Clawson, Sam Furgiuele, Dustin Hicks and Nancy LaPlaca. Staff present included Town Manager John Ward, Town Clerk Nicole Harmon,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brantz welcomed all in attendance and invited Public Works Director Rick Miller to announce the winners of the 17th annual Every Drop Counts poster contest:

Oliver Shepherd-Powell	1st
Gabriel Visingard	2nd
Ana Rivera-Vazquez	3rd
Makenzie Hoffman	Honorable Mention

Mr. Ward indicated that there were currently 136 COVID-19 cases in the County, but zero hospitalizations and zero fatalities to date. He gave an update on state numbers before announcing an outbreak of 15 cases at the Goodnight Brothers processing center. Mr. Ward noted there would be a testing event on Saturday at Watauga High School and indicated that he would send out additional information through press releases.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ADOPTION

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, seconded by Council Member Hicks, Council voted to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye: Clawson, Hicks, Furgiuele, LaPlaca
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Scott Elliott of the Watauga County School Board spoke regarding the text amendment on the night's agenda for consideration regarding temporary classrooms installed at Hardin Park Elementary School. He indicated that the County Commissioners and the School Board were working collaboratively on a plan to renovate existing school facilities across the county as practically as financially viable. Dr. Elliott announced that the School Board voted last night to purchase property in Valle Crucis for a new school facility, which was one of the schools, along with Hardin Park, identified in a 2017 study that would be more cost effective to replace rather than renovate. He indicated that currently, the enrollment at Hardin Park School exceeded the architectural capacity, and that it had been that way for many years. Dr. Elliott noted that the School Board had worked to limit out of district transfers, but that due to recent class size legislation, and the area growing and developing, as well as specialized programs for children with disabilities being housed at Hardin Park School, enrollment remained high, which necessitated the need for purchasing mobile classroom units. He added that the mobile unit had be crucial to alleviating capacity issues at the school, and believed it would be needed for the foreseeable future until a new facility was constructed. Dr. Elliott thanked Town staff for their hard work and support for the Town's only public elementary school throughout the year.

Fred Hay of Boone read the following statement: "At the last Council meeting Pam Williamson spoke of her opposition to Council procedures. She did an excellent job, and I will not repeat her commentary. I am especially concerned with the proposal that for an item to be added to the Council meeting agenda, it must be approved by two Council members. This serves a purpose of silencing a Council member, and his or her ideas. This is not why we elected you, this is not democracy. I am troubled that this proposed change to Council procedures has been made for the purpose of silencing a specific Council member, in this case, Sam Furgiuele. Witness the unsigned, therefore cowardly, editorial printed in the Watauga Democrat on May 31st. It accused Councilman Furgiuele of being condescending, bullying and theatrical and of monopolizing and hijacking Town meetings, and that he had also acted this way in his former role of Town Attorney. This is not true. In all my years of serving on Boone's Board of Adjustment and Town Council, I have never witnessed this sort of behavior by Sam Furgiuele. I can speak with some authority on the subject since I have worked considerably longer with Mr. Furgiuele than any other person on Council other than Council person Clawson. Contrary to what is alleged in the editorial, and in comments made by some Council members, I always found Sam Furgiuele honest, honorable, well-informed, hardworking and easy to work with. A man committed to that which is in Boone's best interest. Don't get me wrong, Sam and I did not always agree, but we discussed and debated without rancor or resentment. Each of you new Council members ran on a platform of progressivity. Except for Furgiuele, you have, for the most part, not made progress, not suggested new ideas, not made proposals for Boone's improvement or in its defense. You have instead been mostly acting to the actions of former Town Councils. This is not progress. This is status. On the other hand, Council person Furgiuele has crafted many good proposals, such as his push to have a Town street named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the greatest American of any of our lifetimes. Or his comprehensive bill to protect us from the Coronavirus, a bill which met with considerable resistance by some on this Council. Just as similar ideas have been resisted by Trump ally Governors of states like Florida, Texas and Arizona where the virus is currently surging. Why the resentment, why the attempt at character assassination? Is it because Furgiuele is conscientious and trying to make good on his campaign promises while those of his cohort are not? It kind of reminds me of Trump's attack on Dr. Fauci. Please put these accusations and resentment behind you and work together for the betterment of our community."

Mr. Roy of Boone spoke as faculty members at Appalachian State University and stated that they had been sending their 3.5 year old to ASU's Child Development Center for about 2 years. He stated that it was hard to over emphasize the relevance of quality childcare for the society at large. Specifically, based on their experience, he and his wife felt strongly about the Child Development Center for the community, however, based on the average waiting time to secure a spot at the center seemed to be about 1 year. Accordingly, they felt that an expansion of the center would allow it to serve more families and thereby greatly benefit the community. Since they felt the most practical solution for the center was expansion, Mr. and Mrs. Roy expressed their gratitude to Council for approving the annexation request.

Michael Davis, Student Body President at Appalachian State University stated that Adam Zebzda, Director of External Affairs on the SGA had recently approached him with an idea for a formal student advisory committee for the Town of Boone. Mr. Davis added that as he thought about how challenging the fall semester would be, he thought this would be a proactive step continuing to build the bridge between students, Town residents and Town administrators. He stated that many students were cynical about their perceived ability to be involved in Town of Boone affairs, and believed that this committee could serve as a direct vehicle to the community for students concerns. Mr. Davis noted that he understood and respected that Town's inclusion of students on certain advisory boards, but felt that at times the positions could be hard to fill. He believed that forming a student advisory board would be more effective than continuing an informal process on an issue by issue basis. Mr. Davis indicated that the SGA was not interested in promoting its own interests, and was willing to designate a student representative which did not have to be a member of the SGA to another board designated by the Town. He also stated that he would be willing to contribute money for the costs. As to the notion that the committee would further divide students and citizens, Mr. Davis felt that the goal was the complete opposite. He added that he was disappointed that a month into his SGA term, the message of including students had been lost. Mr. Davis finished by stating that he looked forward to collaborating with Council in an open and transparent process in the event of a successful vote. Mr. Furgiuele asked Mr. Davis to stay on the call if possible until the discussion of the resolution was reached later in the meeting since he had several questions.

Gabby Romero, a student at ASU, spoke to Council regarding a municipal level, student led advisory board. She stated that her past three years at ASU had been wonderful in part because of the various ways communities she had worked with had been able to give back to the Town of Boone. Ms. Romero indicated that she had worked with groups who had donated smoke detectors in collaboration with the Red Cross to ensure the safety of Town residents, and helping to clean up the environment. She added that those opportunities led her to an internship that got her involved with local and state politics. Ms. Romero believed the internship gave her the skills to stay further involved in local politics and local voting rights issues. She believed that a student led advisory board would help to give back to the community that had given so much to them, and to allow the relationship between the students and the community to grow.

Diane Blanks signed up but was not available to speak.

Mr. Ward read the following comment from Maggie Sugg into the record: "The CDC provides an invaluable service for our community by providing much-needed, affordable, high-quality childcare. Many parents struggle with the ability to find childcare in Boone, and the CDC expansion is needed to address this issue. We highly support and hope the Town decides to allow for a CDC expansion."

Matt Dull from Appalachian State University thanked Council for their consideration of the annexation petition for the ASU Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund for the current Child Development Center to access public utilities to support an expansion of the existing Child Development Center. He reiterated the need for child care in the area as previously expressed by others earlier in the meeting, and noted that it ranked as one of the highest concerns among university employees when moving to Boone. Mr. Dull stated that having affordable, high quality child care was essential to attracting a high quality work force and keeping that workforce employed. By adding additional spaces to the existing daycare, Mr. Dull believed that it would put less strain on existing day cares in the area if the Child Development Center were allowed to expand. He added that this would provide additional full-time teaching opportunities and part-time student employee positions. Mr. Dull indicated the center currently served 68 children in Boone, and that the plan was to add 54 spaces for dependents of university students, faculty and staff, as well as a limited number of spaces for community members. Mr. Dull explained that the expansion would include a single story 5,000 square foot building that would be adjacent to the existing structure, and that improvements would be made to widen the existing access road, drop off/pick up zones and parking lot. He indicated there would be an additional storm water retention system installed as well as the addition of sidewalks along Poplar Grove Road and a pull-off to enhance the current AppalCART stop nearby. Mr. Dull stated that representatives had contacted property owners in the proposed annexed area to provide more detail about the plans.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING - ASU BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND ANNEXATION PETITION

Mayor Brantz opened the public hearing for the ASU Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund Annexation Petition. Mariah Stegall, Director of the ASU Child Development Center spoke to share some statistics pertinent to the proposed expansion of the Child Development Center. She indicated that Boone was a childcare desert, and that the reason for that was that there were a little over 1,100 children aged 3 and under in Watauga County and that there were currently less than 400 child care spots. Ms. Stegall stated that while the expansion would not be able to close the gap in care, it would be a step in the right direction of helping families to have more fruitful working experiences. She noted that the ASUCDC was active with the Children's Council Pathway to Accreditation program and in helping ensure that what they did was of the highest quality and to help be a model for other centers. There being no other speakers, Mayor Brantz closed the public hearing at p.m.

REQUESTED APPEARANCES

JAMES MILNER - APPALACHIAN COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

James Milner of Appalachian Commercial Real Estate appeared before Council to request an extension of the listing agreement for the sale of surplus property located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road. He indicated that everything in the agreement would remain the same and that only the dates would change. Mr. Milner added that he and Mr. Ward had met with a potential buyer at the site last week, but acknowledged that COVID-19 had put a damper on interest. He did believe that the property was still marketable, and stated that he had heard a lot of feedback and offers, but nothing that he and Mr. Ward felt should be brought forth to Council. Mr. Milner then updated Council on the potential sale of the surplus property located at 321 East King Street and noted that the buyer had recently performed some phase two environmental work at the site. Mr. Milner stated that the vendor performing that work could not deliver the results before the examination/due diligence period had expired. He then requested Council extend the buyer's due diligence period by one week. Mr. Milner indicated that he, the Town Manager and Town Attorney had been in communication with the buyer and that a closing date had been set, and did not believe the buyer would leave the contract at this point. Mr. Furgiuele asked to hear from Mr. Ward on whether he felt that both of Mr. Milner's requests were prudent. Mr. Milner clarified that an examination/due diligence period was set up to allow a buyer time to perform all of the reports and discovery they need to do. He stated that he had had multiple conversations with this buyer and that they had indicated the reason for the extension was to obtain the results from the phase two environmental work performed at the site and have time to review it. Mr. Ward stated that the thought all along was to sell the Public Works and Police Department buildings to increase cash flow in order to move ahead with a site plan for the new municipal complex. He shared a draft of a site plan for the complex, which was one of the greatest costs of the project. Mr. Ward felt that since the surplus properties were marketed before work began on the complex, the project came with time constraints, and that in order to move forward, the Town would have to lease the buildings. He added that if the Town had to extend these leases longer than the anticipated two years though, the additional profit from the sale of the property would erode. Mr. Ward announced that the draft site plan was around $10-12 dollars with a total project cost in excess of $40 million. He agreed with Mr. Milner's statement that he believed the buyer would move forward as planned with the closing on the 321 East King Street Public Works property. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether Mr. Ward advised Council to continue to market the property located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road and renew the listing contract. Mr. Ward stated that he did not believe it would hurt to go ahead and continue to market the property. He believed if that property were able to sell, that the income from that property, along with the income from the sale of the property located at 321 East King Street, Council would be much closer to being able to begin site work at the municipal complex. Mr. Ward added that once the site work was complete, buildings could be added in along with the potential addition of a second ABC store, which would be additional revenue. He reminded Council that they always had the ability to refuse an offer, but noted that if they chose to take the Police Department property off the market completely, that was concerning to him. Mr. Furgiuele made a motion to extend the due diligence period on the 321 East King Street contract for 7 days and allow for the substitution of the new Limited Liability Company as referred to in Mr. Milner's action request. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE:	AYE:	Furgiuele, Clawson, Hicks, LaPlaca
	Nay:	None
	Ulmer	Absent

Mr. Furgiuele made a second motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign and enter into an extension of the contract for the listing of the property located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE:	AYE:	Furgiuele, Clawson, Hicks, LaPlaca
	Nay:	None
	Ulmer	Absent

CHRIS THAXTON

Chris Thaxton, President of the Property Owners Association of University Village reminded Council of his presentation to Council last fall regarding deer overpopulation in Town. He believed that, due to the results of polls and surveys that deer overpopulation was a concern of University Village residents and residents of the Town as a whole. At his last appearance, Mr. Thaxton stated that he was directed by Council to do additional research and bring his findings back to present to Council which was what brought him back that night. He added that he had been working with conservation biology experts and others to develop and deploy a pilot study of deer and ticks in University Village, and noted that the study could be expanded throughout Town if needed. Mr. Thaxton stated that Dr. Michael Osborne and students had worked with him to set up camera traps that were motion triggered in a grid pattern so as not to be biased to any one area. He reported that so far, findings indicated that there was a high concentration of deer in the University Village and that they tended to travel frequently to locations where people fed deer on a regular basis. Mr. Thaxton added that Dr. Steve Segal prepared a tick density assessment of the community, and found a tick density of 65 lyme ticks every 1,000 feet of wooded area. In comparison, Mr. Thaxton reported that Western North Carolina's published mean density was about half that amount. Mr. Thaxton stated that there were not any confirmed cases of Lyme Disease in the University Village linked to deer, though there were residents who had been diagnosed with the disease. He added that Dr. John Davenport has been and will continue looking into practices from across the country and Canada. Mr. Thaxton stated that the research to date supported the conclusion that University Village did have a deer overpopulation problem, and the team agreed that it made sense to roll out a plan in phases. He added that in talking with Council Members Furgiuele, Hicks and LaPlaca, he believed the possibility existed where parties could be working together on a policy. Mr. Thaxton requested that Council send out a survey to Town residents to get a better understanding of their perception of deer and deer overpopulation, as well as ideas for ways to deal with deer overpopulation. He acknowledged that a survey was not an ideal instrument, but believed if properly executed could provide viable guidance. Mr. Thaxton stated that Dr. Kristan Cockerill, who was a specialist in surveys, worked with himself and Dr. John Davenport on the survey questions which were included in the agenda packet. He indicated that the Town could support the survey by allowing the Town logo to be placed on the web page, as well as sponsoring the survey count. Mr. Thaxton noted that Survey Monkey was a good tool to use and was $99 per month - he suggested 3 months. He also asked that the Town distribute an announcement about the surveys to help get the word out. Mayor Brantz asked whether this applied only to University Village or to the entire Town of Boone. Mr. Thaxton answered that the pilot study was only distributed to University Village, but that the proposed survey would be for the entire Town of Boone. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether Mr. Thaxton had access to the link in the footnote to the information contained in the tick study presented earlier. Mr. Thaxton answered that Dr. Segal wrote that information and that he would get the link to that information to Council. Mr. Furgiuele was concerned that a tool such as Survey Monkey would not be able to reach elderly people who may not be internet or computer savvy. Mr. Thaxton acknowledged that this was a valid point and that the survey would unfortunately not be able to include their answers. Mr. Furgiuele felt that doing in-person charrette meetings would be a more appropriate way to get feedback, and worried that the survey would not yield accurate results. He referred to the meeting materials and asked Mr. Thaxton how he planned to be as "inclusive of as many voices and opinions as possible". Mr. Thaxton answered that they would do whatever was possible to reach as many people as possible. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether it would be more appropriate for Council to appoint committee members through their normal process to ensure there was a diversity of view points and demographics. Mr. Thaxton stated that he was more than willing to put the time and energy into this project pro-bono and would work with Town agents in every step of the process. Mr. Furgiuele stated that in the survey questions presented, it suggested a possible Town-sponsored culling of deer. He added that when Mr. Thaxton had appeared previously, he had indicated that killing deer was not a part of his proposal. Mr. Thaxton replied by stating that there were a good number of people who supported culling deer, and believed their voice should be heard as well. He added that he would like to see people stop feeding deer, and noted that research was behind the idea that feeding deer was a big issue. Mr. Furgiuele indicated that he was in support of educating the public on the topic, and asked whether there were any other forms of wildlife Mr. Thaxton was in support of regulating. Mr. Furgiuele added that there were animals that some people might consider to be bigger pests, such as coyote, than deer. Mr. Thaxton answered that he believed the management plan to be a living document that evolved and changed as the needs of the Town changed. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson added that 2 years ago, her husband was diagnosed with Lyme Disease and was recently diagnosed with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. She stated that she believed the area had a major problem with ticks. Mr. Thaxton believed Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever to be a western US phenomenon, though there was concern that the disease could migrate with climate change. Ms. LaPlaca stated that she lived near Mr. Thaxton and that her home had been very much affected by the deer population. She indicated that in the years that she has lived here, the damage has become noticeable, and so has the increase in deer and traffic from the deer. Ms. LaPlaca thanked Mr. Thaxton for his work on the project. Council Member Hicks felt that a survey would not tie Council's hands in any way, and believed the issue would get dramatically worse over time. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson agreed with Mr. Furgiuele that a flyer in the water bill would give notice about a survey. Council Member Hicks suggested taking a phased in approach, and added that he did not see any harm in a survey being open for access for a few months, even though it may not reach everyone. Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to comply with Mr. Thaxton's request that Council sponsor a town-wide survey and that Council sponsor and distribute educational materials on feeding deer. Council Member Hicks asked whether the educational materials sent out in water bills include information regarding the survey. Ms. LaPlaca confirmed that it would. Council Member Hicks seconded the motion. Mr. Furgiuele stated that he would vote against the motion because he thought that this should be phased and believed that the education piece should be first, and that there should be a delay and a reexamination after a period of time. He added that he would not be against more than one round of education, since he felt it took a while for people to learn new behaviors. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson indicated that she would also be voting against the motion, not because she was against moving forward with something, but believed educational materials sent out in the water bill first would be more appropriate. Council Member Hicks asked whether Members Furgiuele and Clawson would support the motion if it included a delay in between the educational material and the survey, and also included a link to the survey on the Town website or even a call-in version. Ms. LaPlaca stated that she would be willing to amend the motion to allow for just the educational piece to start with. She then withdrew her first motion and made a second motion to move forward with the educational component of the project. Mr. Furgiuele seconded the motion. Mr. Ward asked whether Council wished for staff to draft educational materials and bring them back to Council for approval, or whether members would approve staff moving forward. Mr. Thaxton noted that he had presented draft materials in the meeting packet, but that he and his students could present more finalized materials to staff for their approval. Mr. Furgiuele suggested a friendly amendment that would authorize the Town Manager to approve the educational materials, but that the materials be shared with Council via email and they be given a short time (24 hours) to voice any objections. If any objections were voiced, the materials would then be discussed at the next Council meeting. Ms. LaPlaca accepted this amendment.

VOTE: Aye: LaPlaca, Furgiuele, Hicks, Clawson
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

CHRIS THAXTON - UNIVERSITY VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Thaxton stated that the UVPOA had asked him to look into building a Greenway access trail from East Ridge Road to the Greenway trail. He indicated that the property was zoned E-1 and was approximately a half acre. Mr. Thaxton stated that this access point was used all the time even though it was an easement for power lines and was very steep and slippery with large gravel. He added that the UVPOA would be willing to cover the cost of design, materials and long-term maintenance, and that residents would be willing to help with construction. Mr. Thaxton indicated that they had already obtained permission from BREMCO to move forward with the project, as long as access to power lines was maintained. He noted that the UVPOA was not willing to cover liability or insurance on the property. Mr. Thaxton stated that he had spoken with Christian Jackson who was on board to help with the project and planned on meeting with him later in the week to go over design ideas. Mayor Brantz asked whether any resident of the Town of Boone could use this trail. Mr. Thaxton answered that any resident should be able to use the trail, and that the trail would also include a channel to allow for bikes. Mayor Brantz asked whether Town staff had any questions or concerns about the proposal. Mr. Ward indicated that the Town owned the lot coming directly off of East Ridge Road and onto the power-cut that bisects the entire parcel, and asked who owned the neighboring section of property. Mr. Thaxton believed that the property was owned by ASU and was a part of the existing Kennedy trail system. Ms. Meade added that she had personally used this public access trail many times, and noted that the Town was already bearing the liability for the use of this property but would confirm with the Town's Safety and Risk Officer. With regard to Planning and other staff involvement, Ms. Meade stated that she doubted there were any requirements, but asked staff to speak for themselves. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether there would be liability concerns while the construction was taking place if the construction was being performed by citizens. Ms. Meade answered that she would have to talk to the Safety and Risk Officer, and that ultimately, if there were concerns, the Town could always ask for workers to sign a waiver. Mr. Ward believed that the same policy that covered volunteers for programs such as Adopt-a-Street would cover volunteers in this situation as well. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether the Town would dictate the specifications for the project since it would become Town property once completed. Ms. Meade responded that unless the Town wanted to accept new infrastructure she believed it would be possible to have a license agreement with the UVPOA that would put upon them the responsibility of maintenance. Mr. Furgiuele was unsure if the Town had to legally accept new infrastructure, but believed that if there was new construction on Town property of a public access to Town property that the Town owned it. He felt that if the Town was going to own the access trail, the Town should build it itself, or have a say in how it is built, similar to sidewalks in Town. Ms. Meade felt that Mr. Furgiuele's suggestion was one way to approach it and stated that she was not going to take a position on it, but felt that it might be more appropriate to approach the relationship in a way similar to the one the Town has with the climbers who perform the upkeep of the rocks and trail above the Jim Byrne Memorial Bridge on the Greenway. Mr. Thaxton asked whether having the project go through the proper permitting channels would address quality concerns. Mr. Ward asked Council to consider that if this project was going to be professionally designed, Town staff could be authorized to review the design and make any comments. He added that the Town had staff members who had built trails before and who were soil erosion experts. Mr. Ward stated that soil erosion was his biggest concern at this site, and believed that proper construction would improve water drainage at the site. He noted that the Town did not have a permitting process for trails, but believed that if staff was given the opportunity to review plans before construction, he believed that this would address the majority of concerns. Mr. Furgiuele clarified that Mr. Thaxton indicated there would be stairs construction, which would be more than just a trail. He also stated that the Town obtained permits for its own constructions projects, and felt this should be no different to allow for the proper inspections process, though he would support the waiver of fees. Mr. Furgiuele then made a motion to approve the request subject to a permit application if requested, that the fees for this permit be waived since the project was on Town property and would be an improvement to Town property; if there is any construction on the site that would require permitting and inspections that they take place in the normal course. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Furgiuele, Clawson, Hicks, LaPlaca
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

ADAM ZEBZDA - APPSTATE'S SGA

Adam Zebzda, Director of External Affairs for the Davis Hunter Administration of AppState's Student Government Association presented Council with a resolution and a request for the creation of a student-led municipal advisory board. He urged Council to work in cooperation with the Student Government Association to establish this advisory board, which he called the "Mountaineer Committee", and believed this action would not only facilitate student involvement but would also improve Town/Gown relations. Council Member Hicks felt that Council should consider approving the request. Mr. Furgiuele asked how many members would be on the committee and who would make up the committee. Mr. Zebzda responded that he would like to keep in line with other Town committees with around nine members. He added that he would like for the committee to be comprised of students and for SGA members to be limited to an ex-officio capacity. Mr. Furgiuele asked how often the committee would meet and what Town staff would be needed to operate the committee, if any. Mr. Zebzda answered that he hoped to reach a consensus after receiving recommendations from Town staff, Council and students, but that speaking for himself, he hoped that the committee would meet 1-2 times per month following a similar structure as other Town committees. He stated that he would like to reserve one or two seats for County Commissioner representatives, a Town Council Member representative, and area residents to ensure that everyone's perspectives were represented. Mr. Furgiuele asked about the eligibility of the members of the committee. Mr. Zebzda indicated that he hoped to work with the SGA and the Chancellor's Cabinet to ensure there was a wide variety of viewpoints represented on the committee. In terms of eligibility, Mr. Zebzda stated that the committee membership would be similar to other Town committees, with students being vetted to make sure they did not have any outstanding conduct issues. Mr. Furgiuele noted that in the materials provided by Mr. Zebzda, there was only reference made to planning and zoning matters, and asked whether this was the only interest of the committee. He also asked how Mr. Zebzda believed this committee would interface with other Town committees who had legal obligations relative to such things as zoning procedures. Mr. Zebzda referred to previous drafts and amendments of the Comprehensive Plan which stated that Council should allow for student representation on various Town boards. While he was grateful to be a part of the student voice on the Planning Commission, Mr. Zebzda indicated that he found filling out the Town's board application to be a daunting and intimidating task, and believed that many students felt the same way. Mr. Furgiuele asked who would staff the committee, and noted that he believed that since it would be a Town-created board, it would be subject to public meeting and open records laws. Mr. Zebzda volunteered to do as much as it took to get the committee off the ground if allowed by state law. He added that if allowed, he would follow all recommendations from the Town as well as all mandates and would work with the Town Attorney. Mr. Zebzda indicated that if that was not an option, SGA was in a position to offer some funding to the Town for staffing. Mr. Furgiuele asked for clarification in the preamble of the resolution as to who the Town and University leaders were who were advocating for the committee. Mr. Zebzda answered that Council Members LaPlaca and Hicks had voiced their support of the committee prior to the Council meeting. He added that he believed it to be in the best interest of the University for the Chancellor and others to support the committee and believed they would do so. Mr. Zebzda noted that SGA, a University sanctioned committee, was supportive of the committee. Mr. Furgiuele indicated that he was in support of the concept of this committee, but did not believe the proposal was quite ready. He believed there were details that needed to be addressed before Council endorsed a concept. Mr. Furgiuele added that there were several empty seats on many Town boards and committees in addition to this proposed committee, and asked Council to consider on those boards where possible creating a student seat similar to the one on the Planning Commission with a shorter duration than normal, to be filled by a student representative. He also suggested a simplified application for those seats. Mr. Zebzda clarified that Council's approval of this resolution would not mean a committee would be formed overnight, but would create accountability to create the committee within the deadline of May 2021. Mr. Furgiuele reiterated that he was in support of the committee, but was concerned about staffing it. Mr. Zebzda asked Council to table the adoption of the resolution to allow for further discussion of the resolution and research. Mr. Ward stated that upon his arrival in 2014 until the last year, he was able to meet once a month with an SGA liaison to review the Council agenda in detail. Mr. Ward felt this review time was beneficial and did not dedicate staff resources. He noted that all agendas and minutes were posted through the Town meeting software. Mr. Ward also indicated that he and the Mayor attended regular Town and Gown meetings and was concerned about duplication of meetings. Mr. Zebzda confirmed that the approval of this resolution would not cause those meetings to cease, but would allow regular students who did not hold SGA positions to provide input. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether Council could consider a motion to approve the sense of the proposal instead of the formal resolution and to allow Mr. Zebzda time to meet with Mr. Ward to see whether additional details could be worked out and brought back for adoption. Mr. Zebzda was in support of this approach, and Mr. Furgiuele made this as a motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion. Ms. LaPlaca thanked Mr. Zebzda for his time, and stated that with 17,000 students and 20,000 non-students, talk was cheap and action was better and commended him for his work on the Planning Commission and his work on this item. She added that it was time to bring in new voices.

VOTE:	Aye:	All
	Nay:	Nay

Mr. Furgiuele made a second motion that at the regular meeting in August that Council be provided with a draft application form for student positions, as well as a list of all possible Town boards and commissions to which a student position could be added, though not to prevent students from applying for regular seats. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion. Mr. Furgiuele clarified that he would defer to staff whether this would be an additional seat or a current vacancy.

VOTE:	Aye:	All
	Nay:	Nay

Ms. LaPlaca noted that she had been encouraging students to apply for seats on the Sustainability Committee and believed that it was paying off.

Mayor Brantz declared a break at p.m. Council reconvened at p.m.

COUNCIL MATTERS

CONSIDERATION OF CASES HEARD AT THE JUNE 22, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Shook presented a request for consideration on Case PL03541-013120 and PL03608-022820 ASU General Use Zoning Map Amendments, with the Planning Commission recommending denial on both of these cases. Mr. Furgiuele noted that many of the people who had spoken at the night's meeting in support of approval spoke of the need for expansion of the Child Development Center. He asked for clarification that Council members were not to consider any specific plans when making their decision since this was a request for general rezoning. Ms. Shook confirmed that this was the case and clarified that the Planning Commission wanted to make clear that they were in support of child care in the community, but were uncomfortable with moving forward with a recommendation of E-1 because of the variety of uses that the University could choose to put there after approval. She noted that the commission was more comfortable with the University coming back with a conditional district zoning application which was site specific. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson asked whether the two cases could be divided and voted on separately. Ms. Shook explained that the first case was Town initiated and went along with the zoning request, and that the second was requested by ASU and was a request to rezone the parcel which was already inside Town limits. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson stated that she was pro-child care, even though she was aware of the voting rules, and wished that she could find a way to move forward with approval of the expansion of the Child Daycare Center. Mr. Hicks asked whether, depending on Council's vote, there was an opportunity to come back at a later date with alternative options for the Child Daycare Center, such as creating a new district specifically for childcare or whether ASU day care could be added as a permitted use in other zoning districts. Ms. Meade responded that the way zoning was set up currently for the University, there were only a few zones which allowed university uses and they allowed all university uses. Prior to that, Ms. Meade explained that all zoning districts were based on different uses, and could have been permitted as a use during the previous format. She added that other than conditional district, the only way something like this could be approved would be for the Town to reconsider how it approached zoning districts and how they applied to the University. She noted that Council would have to consider going back to the old approach of authorizing university uses in general zoning districts instead of university only zoning districts. Ms. Meade stated that there were reasons that excluding ASU from other zoning districts was done, such as encroachment of the University into the B-1 area. In response to a question from Mr. Hicks, she stated that there was a way to address both of those issues, but it would involve rethinking the entire UDO which would be a substantial and lengthy process. Ms. LaPlaca asked how long ago this change was made, and whether it was Council who initiated the change. Ms. Meade answered that it was approximately four years ago, and that it was a Council-initiated change that went through the UDO process. Ms. Shook responded that the UDO was modified four years ago, but that the actual changes took place much longer ago than that. At the time, Council was concerned about the University purchasing property off the tax rolls, and concerned about university owned property moving into the downtown area. Ms. Meade added that this approach was not unusual or atypical for university Towns, and believed it to be a way to keep a university campus together. Ms. LaPlaca asked whether that was why the University was unwilling to go along with conditional zoning in the past. Ms. Meade believed this to be unrelated, and indicated that she believed the University to take the position that in order to move forward with a conditional district permit, the University has to engage in a Council of State authorization process. She added that the University could undergo this process, though it would take longer, but that it was her understanding that there was a policy against doing so. Mr. Hicks asked whether it would be possible to have the UDO set up in a more specific way, to which Ms. Meade answered that she could draw up additional zoning districts that would allow a much more narrow range of university uses, though it would have to go through the usual UDO amendment process. Mr. Hicks asked how long that process would take. Ms. Shook answered that it would take approximately three months, though it depended the scheduling cycle. She indicated that Council could create and set the standards for any zoning district it wanted, though she would suggest thoughtful consideration of each zoning district and its intent. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson agreed with Council Member Hicks and believed there should be options. Ms. Meade confirmed that Council was asking for a zoning district that the University could take advantage of with a few uses that were believed to be compatible with residential districts which might include child care, small office buildings, etc. Members Clawson and Hicks confirmed that this was their wish. Mr. Furgiuele stated that he too supported child care, but that there was a long-standing concern from members of the community that the University would, after it purchased a property, expand its footprint without that being a Town approved action, similar to what happened with the Methodist Church/Turchin Center twenty years ago. He stated that he would like to request that the University apply for conditional district zoning and stated that he would be willing to endorse it if they did so. Mr. Furgiuele added that he had concerns with potential administration changes at the University, and the possibility of the University expanding its footprint. Council Member Hicks asked whether Council would consider easing the fees associated with a conditional district zoning application should the University decide to apply. Ms. Shook noted that if Council chose not to move forward with the request as advertised as E-1, she was unsure what other actions could be taken. Ms. Meade asked whether if the zoning of a property failed, it had been standard policy to give the property owner an opportunity to withdraw its annexation petition. Ms. Shook stated that it was her understanding that the University would still want to move forward with the annexation even if the zoning request failed. Ms. Meade stated that she would research the question. Ms. LaPlaca asked the ASU representative if this item did not go forward as the University had requested, how much would this result delay the University's ability to provide child care. Ms. Shook was unsure whether or not Council could accept additional public comment since the public hearing had been closed. Ms. Meade answered that generally speaking, the public hearing and the public comment prior to the public hearing are the comments Council needed to take into consideration, but Council could vote to reopen the public hearing if they so wished. Mr. Furgiuele stated that since this was a general rezoning request, he did not feel it was germane to be discussing the effect of the decision on the provision of childcare, to which Ms. Meade agreed. Ms. Shook confirmed that the Planning Commission was not allowed to reopen a public hearing, but believed that Council was allowed to reopen if they wished. Ms. Shook indicated that staff set the packet up as if Council was moving forward with the case. She added that the ordinance included options for Council's consideration. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether if the application was denied, the University could come back with a conditional district zoning application. Ms. Shook answered that there was no prohibitions or time limits in this scenario. Mr. Furgiuele

stated that he was in support of child care and that he was in agreement with everything that had been said in support of it. He then made a motion that the application to amend to the Town's zoning map was inconsistent with the comprehensive plan and other adopted plans of the Town because it allowed a variety of university uses which were inconsistent with the surrounding low density residential neighborhoods. Mr. Hicks asked whether there was no other way to form a commitment outside of this zoning structure. Ms. Shook stated that there was not.
The motion died due to lack of a second. Ms. Shook reiterated that according to the ordinance, Council should endeavor to take action no later than sixty days after submission, and if it failed to take action within ninety days of the Planning Commission's actions, such action shall be deemed a denial of the proposed amendment. Mr. Hicks tried to second the motion, which had already failed. He asked whether the same motion could be offered, to which Ms. Meade answered that she did not believe it would be proper to do so at the same meeting. Mayor Brantz asked whether this item could be postponed until the next meeting. Ms. Meade stated that there was no motion so it could be brought back. Mr. Hicks asked whether there was any way to request ASU to move forward with requesting conditional district zoning, or if the request had to proceed through the denial process. Ms. Meade believed that the request had already been heard. Mayor Brantz asked whether this item could be discussed at the next meeting. Ms. LaPlaca stated that she was in support of ASU's request and understood the reservations of the Council and Planning Commission. She was disappointed that Council could not offer a path forward at this time. Ms. Shook noted that even if this request had been approved, ASU would have had to have obtained a special use permit to move forward due to the transitional zone. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether any use that ASU made would invade a transitional zone or whether there were potential developments which could be done by right on that property. Ms. Meade answered that this statement was true, but because of the measurements of this particular property that there was not a way to develop on it without encroaching onto a transitional zone. Ms. Shook indicated that there was a 200 foot transitional zone, and that even the ASU-owned property next door would still have R-1 property adjacent to it. She clarified that she was not saying that anything the University would ever do in the future would trigger a transitional zone. Mr. Hicks asked whether a transitional zone would allow Council to specify uses, to which Ms. Shook answered that it did not. Ms. Meade reiterated that this item could be brought back by any Council member since the previous motion failed. Ms. Shook asked if there was no other motion and if a Council member brought this item back during a future meeting, how would staff plan. Ms. Meade responded that the member would request the matter be placed on the agenda the same as any other item and that no other notice requirements would be needed. Mr. Hicks asked for clarification on the time limit for giving a second once a motion has been made. Ms. Meade stated that there was no set rule, but generally a second, or at least a signal that one was considering a second, needed to come on pretty quickly.

Case PL03942-060520 Temporary Classrooms

Ms. Shook noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval with the changes as presented in the packet. Mr. Furgiuele made a motion that the proposed amendment, as amended by the Planning Commission, is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted plans of the Town, citing the same Comprehensive Plan policies as had been cited in its recommendation, policies 2.1.1(E)(1) and 2.3(D). Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Aye:	Furgiuele, Clawson, Hicks, LaPlaca
	Nay:	None
	Absent:	Ulmer

Mr. Furgiuele made a second motion to approve the proposed amendment and that the proposed amendment was reasonable and in the public interest because the case has been made that this was a needed amendment, that the construction time was realistic in light of the costs and procedures involved, and that this amendment would facilitate the smooth operation of the school system. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Aye:	Furgiuele, Clawson, Hicks, LaPlaca
	Nay:	None
	Absent:	Ulmer

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA & MEETING PROCEDURES

Mayor Brantz stated that things have changed enormously in the last couple of years, and believed that Council should also change its perspective and its operational procedures to fit the changing times. He opened the floor for discussion regarding how agenda items were submitted, how meetings were operated and how much time was allocated to each agenda item. It was his hope that discussion along these lines would help Council develop more efficient Council procedures and more productive Council meetings. Mayor Brantz noted that these suggestions were not comprehensive, but were ideas that had occurred to him over the last several years. He believed that the current guide in terms of how to submit agenda items was excellent, but questioned when staff time should be assigned to an agenda item. Mayor Brantz wondered whether staff should hold off on researching agenda items until those agenda items were approved by Council. He then referenced the rule that Council not take up new items after 10:30 p.m. and stated that he was unsure of how often it was enforced. In terms of how Council meetings proceeded, Mayor Brantz believed that his suggestions were being adhered to lately. They included: the person making the motion spoke first, all Council members would then be called upon to speak on the proposed motion, with comments being directed to the Chair. He felt that Council should continue to follow Roberts Rules of Order in its deliberations. Mayor Brantz suggested that comments be kept to 5-7 minutes unless Council granted an extension. He also believed that public speakers should be limited to 4 minutes. Mayor Brantz stated that he was not suggesting any action or a motion, but hoped to stimulate discussion in these areas. Mr. Ward indicated that his intern, Anna Twigg, had prepared a report as a part of her internship. Ms. Twigg presented her report as included in the packet. After Ms. Twigg's presentation, Ms. LaPlaca asked whether Mayor Brantz wanted suggestions on the three areas of discussion, in particular, time limits on speaking. Mayor Brantz answered that he believed Council had to be flexible and set standards that were not absolute in case there were issues that needed more attention than others. Ms. LaPlaca suggested opening up discussion regarding setting a time limit per person per agenda item. Mayor Brantz reiterated that he believed flexibility was key. Ms. LaPlaca agreed, but felt it was good to have guidelines also. Mayor Brantz stated that he noticed in Ms. Twigg's report that a number of towns did have time limits for Council members and public speakers, and believed that time limits could be helpful in situations where many people have signed up to speak during public comment. Ms. LaPlaca felt that it would also be helpful when one Council person dominated the debate continually, and felt it was important to set guidelines. Ms. LaPlaca suggested a time limit of 7 minutes per Council member, per agenda item and asked for other members' thoughts. Mayor Brantz noted that this would be an informal rule. Ms. LaPlaca agreed, and added that there would be room for flexibility. Ms. Meade clarified that Ms. LaPlaca was suggesting this rule to apply to Council members as opposed to public speakers. Ms. LaPlaca stated that Council already had a 3 minute time limit on speakers during public comment, and that she was suggesting Council members adhere to Robert's Rules of Order and speak for no more than 7 minutes per agenda item. Mr. Hicks felt that there was some sense to this suggestion, but had some hesitation as well if a topic needed more deliberation. He believed that formalizing the current rule that a Council member should not speak more than once until all other members have had the opportunity to do so may be more appropriate. Mr. Hicks added that he was not in favor of having two Council members in support of an agenda item before it could be placed on the agenda, but suggested that if Council wanted a staff report in advance of a meeting, it could be beneficial to use that process. Ms. Meade noted that there were open meeting limitations of what could be done outside of a Council meeting, and believed what Mr. Hicks suggested would be improper. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson stated that the suggestion that an item must have the support of two Council members was absolutely ridiculous. Ms. LaPlaca stated that she had worked for legislative bodies that had a similar requirement because it was helpful to know there was at least some level of support for a matter. She stated there were many instances where a topic was discussed only to have a 4-1 vote. Ms. LaPlaca believed that the most important of Mayor Brantz's suggestions was that members show respect to one another, and stated that she had been screamed at by one Council member, yelled at, called unqualified, and felt that members needed to agree to abide by these ethical considerations and by limiting discussion and encouraging participation. She felt that if a formal request for comments was made to each member, more comments would be received. Mr. Furgiuele stated that he had some questions, but was unsure Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson was finished, and if not he yielded the floor to her. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson reiterated that she believed it to be ridiculous that a member could end up in communication with the entire Council trying to get support for an item, and did not believe that could be done. Ms. Meade indicated that it could be done, as long as it was done one Council member at a time. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson stated that she had never approached a Council member on a particular matter before. Ms. Meade stated that one could argue that it was best not to do so, since it could undermine the transparency of the meeting, but believed there could be counter arguments as well. Mayor Brantz felt that it could polarize the Council. Mr. Furgiuele stated that he believed several of the comments during the discussion were aimed at him, and that Council was still dealing with violations of the suggestions that had been made. He indicated that there was some repetition in Ms. Twigg's presentation in terms of the decorum part and that the rules were similar from place to place. Mr. Furgiuele added that he thought they were all good, and acknowledged that he had not always followed those suggestions and apologized. He strongly objected to requiring the endorsement of another Council member for each agenda item for several reasons. Mr. Furgiuele believed if implemented, this rule would add an enormous amount of work to staff because of the verification process which would be required. He was also concerned with encouraging dialogue amongst Council members behind the scenes. Mr. Furgiuele stated that it appeared that this happened sometimes, such as within the current meeting when a couple Council members were cited as working together with someone who had made a proposal to Council, but that it should not be mandated. He believed it was a small price to pay for meetings to go long for people to hear discussion out in the open. Mr. Furgiuele added that as the person who had put many agenda items on the agendas of this Council and the one before than any other of the members of Council, he could only remember one item that did not get a second, which was his proposal for amortization of non-conforming uses in low-density neighborhoods. He noted that he had proposed over 100 agenda items in the 2 1/2 year since he was elected to the Council, and that most of them had passed unanimously, though some of them were in the pipeline for staff work. Mr. Furgiuele referenced his proposal of renaming New Market Boulevard after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and indicated that no motion was ever made on his original proposal, and that might not have received a second, but that the discussion led to the renaming of Hunting Hills Lane to the general satisfaction of most people in Town. The third item that Mr. Furgiuele was concerned about was the changing of the agenda amendment process in the Town Code from a unanimous vote to a majority vote. He believed this was a mistake because changes in the agenda would not give public notice as opposed as calling a special meeting. Mr. Furgiuele added that he objected to limiting discussion without an actual motion to limit discussion in that many of the things Council discussed were important to the community, and that rather than an artificial time limit, they deserved whatever discussion was necessary. He believed the 10:30 p.m. time limit was fair and was agreeable to incorporating it into the Town Code, but felt it, too, should be flexible if there was a pressing issue. Mr. Furgiuele added that he was agreeable to the meeting being in the Mayor's hands and was agreeable to a 7 minute "opener" and for everyone to be given the chance to speak before members could speak for a second time. Mr. Hicks indicated that the suggestions that Mr. Furgiuele had pointed out as being against were the suggestions that he was most in favor of adopting. He believed that Council had already seen a change in its behavior just by these suggestions being brought up. Mayor Brantz suggested that Council work to come together and work toward those basic ideals that everyone agreed on. Ms. LaPlaca stated that she would like to have some sort of guidelines to limit discussion, and to potentially apply a "round robin" type rule with time limits for discussion, otherwise she did not have confidence that this would stick. Mayor Brantz agreed and stated that he would be willing to work on a proposal of general guidelines. Ms. LaPlaca was in favor of that proposal. Mr. Hicks was as well, and ask whether Mayor Brantz wanted members to submit the items they found of the most importance to them. Mayor Brantz felt that this would be helpful and asked members to submit them to Mr. Ward or himself. Ms. LaPlaca reminded members that Ms. Ulmer was not in attendance, and felt it was important for this item to be brought back so that she could weigh in.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE LOCAL JUNALUSKA LANDMARK PLAQUE & DETERMINATION OF PLACEMENT

Due to the late hour, Mr. Furgiuele asked that the 10:30 p.m. time limit be suspended and that items 4-7 be discussed due to their importance. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson was in agreement. Ms. Meade indicated that closed session could be handled on Thursday as well.

Mr. Furgiuele stated that he had read the history of the Junaluska neighborhood presented and wished that there was a way to share it with the community such as adding an insert into the water bills. He added that he was in favor of the allocation of funds if they were available, the text as presented and supported that the marker be placed at the north east corner of the intersection of Queen and North Depot Streets. He added that once a COVID-19 vaccine was approved and it was safe to do so, a ceremony should be held at the appropriate time, possibly during a First Friday similar to what took place for the dedication of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson was in agreement and stated that it had been a pleasure working on this project on the Historic Preservation Commission. Dr. Eric Plaag indicated that the County owned the property in question, and that the Town would have to obtain an easement from the County in order to place the marker on their property. He added that the marker could also be placed at the end of the meter strip at the bulb-out located on Queen Street. Dr. Plaag stated that Mr. Ward had suggested to the commission that the marker could also be placed along the planting area across from Lost Province near the solar charging station at the Depot Street parking lot. He indicated that the HPC was divided on the first two options and intrigued by the third option and noted that they were not making a specific recommendation since they could not come to an agreement on which was the best location. Diane Blanks stated that the community wanted the marker placed on the corner by the library. Mr. Furgiuele made a motion to support the request financially, place the marker at the northeast corner of the intersection of Queen and North Depot Streets near the library (with the provision that it could be worked out with the County), that the language on the marker be adopted as proposed and that a ceremony be held at the appropriate time, possibly during a First Friday similar to what took place for the dedication of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Furgiuele, Clawson, Hicks, LaPlaca
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT - UPPER JUNALUSKA WATER STORAGE TANK RE-COATING

Upon a motion Mr. Furgiuele by seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, Council voted to approve the award of contract to in the amount of $154,000 for the upper Junaluska water storage tank re-coating.

VOTE: Aye: Furgiuele, Clawson, LaPlaca, Hicks
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

FOGPP ANNUAL FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Mr. Miller indicated that WWTP staff requested that due to COVID, Council waive this fee and he concurred. This would be a reduction of approximately $7,300 from the water and sewer fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Furgiuele seconded the motion. Ms. LaPlaca asked whether Mr. Ward had any comments. He answered that he was in support of the request, and believed it was a way to support local businesses with minimal impact to the Town.

VOTE: Aye: Clawson, Furgiuele, Hicks, LaPlaca
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER FOR CONTRACT SFRB2019: BRIDGE BEAM END REPAIRS TO STATE FARM BRIDGE

Mr. Furgiuele made a motion to suspend the 10:30 p.m. agenda rule. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Furgiuele, Clawson, LaPlaca, Hicks
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded by Mr. Furgiuele, Council voted to approve the change order as presented for Contract SFRB2019: Bridge Beam End Repairs to State Farm Bridge.

VOTE: Aye: Clawson, Furgiuele, Hicks, LaPlaca
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REVISION OF TITLE VII (TRAFFIC CODE) OF THE TOWN CODE

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, seconded by Council Member Furgiuele, Council voted to approve the revisions as presented.

VOTE: Aye: Clawson, Furgiuele, Hicks, LaPlaca
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ward noted that members would need to select their highest priority questions for the police forum scheduled for July 22nd and email them to him. Due to the number of questions received, staff did not believe they could adequately answer them during the time set aside for the forum.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, seconded by Ms. LaPlaca, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 p.m.

VOTE: Aye: Clawson, LaPlaca, Furgiuele, Hicks
Nay: None
Absent: Ulmer

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

Rennie Brantz, Mayor