

**TOWN OF ELON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA SESSION MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Elon Board of Aldermen
June 7, 2021

Mayor Tolley called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Board members present included:

Mr. Montgomery, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Mr. Green
Mr. Allison
Mr. Ray via remote connection

Ms. Sharpe was not present as she was on vacation.

Staff present included Richard Roedner, Town Manager, Pam DeSoto, Assistant Town Manager/Planning Director, Kelly Blackwelder, Chief of Police, Misty Hagood, Finance Director, and Kathleen Patterson, Downtown Development Administrator.

Also present was Allison Tate, Alamance News.

Attending via remote connection was DiAnne Enoch, Town Clerk. to the absence of Ms. Enoch, the minutes were deferred to the Consent Agenda on June 15, 2021.

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY REFERENCE THE ITEMS LISTED WITHIN THE
CONSENT AGENDA**

PRESENTATION

A. Award Recognition - Police Chief Kelly Blackwelder

Chief Blackwelder addressed the Board, and described a recent call that Sgt. Brenner responded to, of an unresponsive male. The 42-year old male was found partially inside a motor vehicle at his residence. His wife had attempted CPR, but the patient remained unresponsive. Sgt. Brenner conducted a quick check of the subject, and determined that he had the symptoms of drug overdose. A past history was also indicated. Sgt. Brenner administered a dose of Narcan prior to the arrival of Rescue and EMS personnel, who transported the patient to ARMC. Following the call, Sgt. Brenner drove to ARMC to check on the patient, only to find him leaving the hospital, after refusing additional treatment. Sgt. Brenner informed the patient that if drugs were still present in his system, he could suffer a re-lapse overdose once the Narcan wore off. The patient then decided to go back to the hospital for further treatment.

For his quick response to the call, and his follow-up to the hospital, beyond the normal duty requirement, Sgt. Brenner has been awarded a Life Saving Award from the Elon Police Department.

In addition, prior to scheduling this award, Sgt. Brenner also received his Intermediate Police Certification.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public asked to address the Board.

PROCLAMATION

July as Park and Recreation Month and July 16 as Park and Recreation Professional's Day - DiAnne Enoch

Mr. Roedner explained that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month, and that July 16 is recognized as Park and Recreation Professional's Day.

Mayor Tolley asked that the proclamations be brought back on June 15 under the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Land Development Ordinance Text Amendment LDO #21-01 to Incorporate NC General Statute Chapter 160D Provisions - Pamela DeSoto

Ms. DeSoto gave a brief summary of the changes that were proposed to the LDO, confirming to the Board that the changes were required by State Statutes.

Mayor Tolley opened the public hearing on proposed amendments to the Elon Land Development Ordinance, LDO Amendment #21-01, incorporating recent changes to NC General Statutes, Chapter 160D.

No public comments were received.

Motion was made by Aldermen Greene to close the public hearing at 7pm on June 8, 2021 pending receipt of additional comments. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed FY 22 Budget and Budget Ordinance - Rich Roedner

Mr. Roedner provided the Board with a brief summary of the proposed budget, including staffing changes, utility fees, capital investments, and other notable changes to expenditures.

Mayor Tolley opened the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 22 Budget and Budget Ordinance.

No comments were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Allison to close the public hearing at 7 pm on June 8, pending receipt of additional comments as required by general statutes due to board members participating remotely. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S) AND RESOLUTION(S)

Resolution Authorizing Increase in Micro-Purchase Threshold - Misty Hagood

Ms. Hagood addressed the Board, and explained that the Federal Government was altering its requirements for bidding. Previously, any project using federal funds had a \$10,000 threshold where formal bidding was required. This has been increased to \$50,000. However, under NC Statutes, our limitations are \$30,000 or \$50,000 depending on the type of purchase. This change will allow us to conform federal bidding guidelines with those that we operate under here in NC.

Mayor Tolley directed that this item be brought back on June 15 under the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

First National Bank Entity Authorization - Misty Hagood

Ms. Hagood explained that we had transferred funds to a First National Bank Money Market account to obtain a better interest rate than our previous CD was giving us. This vote would authorize Mr. Roedner and Ms. Hagood to sign on behalf of the Town.

Mayor Tolley directed that this item be brought back on June 15 under the Consent Agenda.

Art Advisory Board Projects - Kathleen Patterson

Ms. Patterson summarized recommendations from the Art Advisory Board, which include four art-based projects for Downtown Elon, including a Yarn Bomb event, a Quilt Square treatment for certain crosswalks, commissioning an artist to paint the pedestrian side of our orange traffic barriers that are downtown, and commissioning an artist to paint our downtown fire hydrants.

Board members expressed great interest in, and support for, the projects mentioned. Bright colors were requested, and it was confirmed that the Yarn Bomb would be a temporary installation, or no more than a month.

Mayor Tolley directed that this item be brought back on June 15 under the Consent Agenda.

Elon Art Advisory Board Member Appointment - Kathleen Patterson

Ms. Patterson recommended that Wen Guo be appointed to the Art Advisory Board as our fifth member. Ms. Guo is an Elon resident, and Art Professor at Elon University, and has experience in using art in the realm of creative place making.

Mayor Tolley directed that this item be brought back on June 15.

Discuss, Consider and Resolution to Cancel the July 2021 Board of Aldermen Meetings

Mr. Roedner explained that in the past, this has been the practice, and that there didn't appear to be any significant issues coming forward that would require a meeting in July.

Motion by Mr. Green to cancel the July 2021 meetings of the Board of Aldermen. Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and all were in favor.

REPORTS

Town Manager

Mr. Roedner noted that as of June 7, the Town Offices were re-opened to the public for walk-in service. He also highlighted the 2020 Annual Report of the Elon Police Department, and directed people to the Town's webpage for a list of events and activities taking place in Town. Mr. Roedner also took a moment to recognize Jerry Stotzfus, from our Public Works Department, who received a commendation from the Elon PD after noticing the beginnings of a house fire. Jerry immediately called 911, and then jumped into action to evacuate the home, preventing potential injuries to the residents.

Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Mr. Green gave kudos to Chief Blackwelder for the wonderful report, and for taking the time to recognize her employees for their outstanding work. He also noted that Beth Schmidt Park was looking really good.

Mr. Allison seconded Mr. Green's comments about the Police Department Annual Report, and commented about the over-and-above job Sgt. Brenner undertook saving the victim of an overdose, and the extra effort in following up with a visit to the hospital.

Mr. Ray gave thanks to the Town Manager and staff for putting together a responsible budget for the coming year. He stated that he was in awe of the work our Police Department does every day. He also said that it was very exciting working with the Art Advisory Board, which has a very enthusiastic membership.

Mr. Montgomery summarized the process that is underway in developing a Resolution on Equality. He also offered his congratulations to Sgt. Brenner for his efforts. And he also commented about Beth Schmidt Park, and what a great asset it is to the community. He also offered his thanks to the Elon employees, and what a great job they do every day. Lastly, he inquired as to Ms. Enoch, and wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mayor Tolley offered his thanks to Pam DeSoto for helping run the on-line aspects of our meeting tonight in the absence of Ms. Enoch who is out ill. He also extended thanks to all of our staff and employees, who have worked so hard to maintain services over the past year, all the while dealing with the impacts and limitation caused by COVID.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be conducted Alderman Green made to motion to adjourn at 6:50pm which was seconded by Alderman Allison. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Jerry R. Tolley, Mayor

Town Clerk