

Dear Board,

I hope this packet finds you in good health and spirits. As you can see we have a very light agenda this month, barring any unforeseen developments between now and Tuesday. Mayor VeHaun will not be with us this month as he is traveling to Portland, Oregon for a conference and won't return until late Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning. The Mayor's absence will require that Mayor pro tem Giezentanner be empowered to act as the presiding officer at this meeting. A Resolution authorizing this step has been placed in the consent agenda. Also located under the consent agenda are our year ending journal entries that will finalize the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year and allow us to proceed to audit.

A brief executive session will be necessary to advise the Board of where things stand in regard to Versant.

Finally, I have asked the Board to schedule a public hearing at your regular August meeting to discuss the matter of chickens. While I am sure that we will hear more than one or two jokes regarding this matter, the truth is our ordinance needs to be updated to –in my opinion- more tightly regulate the ownership of “urban/suburban chickens”. There is a growing trend in America and particularly in the Asheville area towards raising chickens in the back yard. This week I was going over the ordinance and realized for the first time that it does not appear to place a maximum number of birds that a person can keep so long as they have an acre or more of property. Further, no specific restrictions speak to the matter of how far away from the property line or dwellings a chicken coop must be constructed other than those contained in our zoning ordinances as it relates to buildings. Additionally, no restrictions or regulations are in place that specifically address the health/ safety concerns related to raising domesticated fowl in an urban/suburban environment. I have enclosed some materials for your review that have been put forward by a group that advocates on behalf of expanding urban fowl production because it provides a good overview of some of the regulations that have been put in place around the country and provides several points for consideration. I would like to alter this ordinance, but ultimately believe that we will hear from certain segments of the population on this matter and would like to hear what they have to say prior to taking action. Further, a public hearing will assist – I believe- in notifying the general public that rules and regulations on this type of activity exist.

As always, please call me with any concerns or questions related to this agenda or the Town. Thank you once again for your service to our community.

Yours truly,

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**Town of Woodfin
Board of Aldermen Meeting
July 19, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

Meeting

Meeting Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda
Approval of the Minutes

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor pro tem to act as Presiding Officer.
2. Consideration of Motion to Accept the Year Ending Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Executive Session-*The Board will meet in private chambers to discuss legal matters before the Town.*

Public Forum-*Citizens may address the Board concerning various topics after being recognized by the Mayor.*

New Business

1. Consideration of Motion to Establish a Public Hearing on the Matter of Modifying Certain Portions of Chapter 91 of the Woodfin Code of Ordinance.

Reports

Police
Parks and Recreation
Public Works
Administration

Adjournment