

Dear Board:

I hope all of you are having a chance to enjoy this early spring weather. Your agenda this month is fairly busy with lots of public hearings, but I do not anticipate that there will be much controversy (if any) attached to these matters.

At our last budget meeting there was some discussion of a proposal from Buncombe County regarding the Reynolds Mountain Tax Increment Financing District. As the Board requested I have made arrangements for the County Manager to join the Board for a brief meeting on this issue on Thursday, April 18 at 12:00 for lunch and discussion. Please attend this briefing if you are available and please let me know if you will not be able to attend. Given the sensitivity of these contract negotiations and that no vote will be taken I will consider this meeting to be closed to the public as allowed by state statute.

Also, Mayor VeHaun will be touring our newly elected Congressional Representative Mark Meadows on a tour of the new public safety facility located at the old Buncombe County Landfill. The Mayor would like me to extend an invitation to the entire Board of Aldermen to join us for this event which will take place at 3:30 on Wednesday, April 30. I will provide more information on where we will meet and any further details as I get them. Needless to say after being forgotten by our Congressional Representatives for so long this is another great opportunity to put our issues front and center as we were able to do when Representative McHenry visited recently. These sorts of events are more than flattering but can help pave the way, as you know, for us to receive better assistance from Washington when we need it. Please let me know if you will be able to attend this important event.

As always please call, email, or text me with any questions you might have regarding the agenda or anything else related to the Town for that matter. Thank you once again for granting me the opportunity to work for the Board and the Town of Woodfin.

Yours truly,

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**Town of Woodfin
Board of Aldermen Meeting
April 16, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

Meeting

Meeting Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

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

New Business

1. Public Hearing on the Acceptance of Certain Roads into the Municipal Street System of the Town of Woodfin Municipal Street System.
2. Consideration of a Resolution Accepting Same.

You will find enclosed a copy of the public notice as well as a map of the roads along with your resolution that would accept these roads into the municipal street system. The roads are in good shape and will add considerable mileage to our upcoming Powell Bill allocations and should not be in need of serious work for many years to come. It is my recommendation that we accept these streets.

3. Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning of Certain Parcels Located Along Leisure Mountain Road as R-21.
4. Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Such Zoning.

You will find enclosed a copy of the public notice as well as a map of the area in question along with your resolution that would zone this area R-21. This zoning classification was recommended by staff as it allowed for existing homes that are in the neighborhood to continue as "rights of use" as well as allow for similar types of homes to be constructed on the presently undeveloped parcels. This zoning will also prevent the placement of double wide mobile homes on any of the parcels which was a major concern of the property owners. The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously endorsed this proposed zoning classification and public sentiment at their public hearing on the matter was supportive. Staff recommends that you proceed with the proposed zoning of the parcels as R-21 a medium to low density residential classification.

5. Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning of Certain Parcels Located Along Weaverville Road as C-S.
6. Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Such Zoning.

You will find enclosed a copy of the public notice as well as a map of the area in question along with your resolution that would zone this area Community-Shopping (C-S). This zoning classification was recommended by staff as it allowed for continued use of these properties as Commercial units and this seemed the highest and best use of the properties in question. The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously endorsed this proposed zoning classification and there was no opposition expressed. Staff recommends that you proceed with the proposed zoning of the parcels as C-S a high intensity commercial classification.

7. Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning of Certain Parcels Located Adjacent to Leisure Mountain Road as MV.
8. Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Such Zoning.

You will find enclosed a copy of the public notice as well as a map of the area in question along with your resolution that would zone this area Mountain Village (MV). This zoning classification was recommended by staff as it allowed for minimal disturbance of green space and was determined to be the zoning classification best able to provide for environmentally sensitive development of this high profile land as well as maximizing its potential for economic development within our community without disrupting existing adjacent uses. The Planning and Zoning Board endorsed this proposed zoning classification and public sentiment at their public hearing on the matter was supportive. Staff recommends that you proceed with the proposed zoning of the parcels as M-V a master plan required residential classification.

9. Consideration of a Resolution Establishing the Week of May 6-10 as Spring Clean Up Week in the Town of Woodfin.

As the Board is aware each year we designate a Spring Clean Up Week in the Town to encourage people to get rid of their accumulated junk and debris. After consulting with Johnny we have determined that his crew would best be able to accommodate this extra load the first week in May. This will also allow us ample opportunity to get the word out to our citizens regarding the matter.

10. Consideration of a Resolution Reappointing Several Members to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Woodfin.

This resolution would reappoint all members of the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment for an additional 2 year term.

11. Consideration of a Resolution Suspending Article III. Pay Plan, Section 16.

This resolution would suspend the portion of our Personnel Ordinance that allows for an annual employee salary increase to match the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). While I recognize that the Board would like to retain this benefit, I do not believe that it is prudent to increase any expenditure lines (however worthy) until our financial picture is clearer. Should the Board wish to reinstate this policy in either the near or distant future it need only revoke this temporary suspension. I continue to work on the budget and we hear increasingly difficult and conflicting news out of Raleigh. Since our last meeting we have had an opportunity to speak directly with

every member of our legislative delegation about our concerns and have received various levels of support for “not hurting” local government, but it is hard to see how some of the proposed tax reforms that are being pursued at present will not negatively impact our bottom line. I will continue to keep you posted on these developments as I learn more.

Executive Session – The Board of Aldermen will adjourn to private chambers to discuss legal, contractual or similar matters protected by state statute.

Reports

Police

Public Works

ABC Report

Administration

Storm Water Report

Adjournment