

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OXFORD
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VIA ZOOM

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Oxford met at the above-mentioned time and place. All members of the Board and local news media were notified of the same as well as the purpose of the meeting.

Present via Zoom: Mayor Jackie Sergent, Commissioners James (Danny) Currin, S Quon Bridges, Patricia Fields, Ron Bullock, Teresa Gilreath, S Quon Bridges, John Tovey, City Manager M. Alan Thornton, City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, and City Clerk, Cynthia Bowen.

Absent: MPT Calvin (C.J.) Harris Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sergent called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. Prayer by Reverend Bruce Beck, West Oxford Baptist Church. Mayor Pro Tem, Calvin “C.J.” Harris Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

COMMISSIONER JOHN TOVEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE TWO ADD-ON ITEMS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 4A – Resolution

Add-on item – Consider extending emergency paid sick leave under certain COVID related conditions.

OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR SERGENT

Mayor Sergent read the opening remarks statement as stated on the agenda with no conflicts of interest noted.

DELEGATIONS

- Audit presentation – There was some questions on the drop in expenditures. The Commissioners and Mayor thanked Director Ung and the finance department for a job well done.
- Feasibility Study Fee Proposal & Pool Option with Cost Estimates. – Chris McLuckie and Rachel Cotter joined the meeting to discuss pool options and a possible feasibility study.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Item 4A an add-on item

Resolution for authorizing the City Manager, Planning Director, and Finance Director to sign all requisitions for funds from the CDBG: 20-V-3524 grant adopted.

Mayor Sergent asked if the Oxford Housing Authority would still be included in the wi-fi for the downtown area since they are so close. City Manager stated that the OHA was provided with some boosters. Ms. Yount confirmed those routers were from the Natural Sciences out of Raleigh

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR AND PLANNING DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL REQUISITIONS FOR FUND FROM THE CDBG: 20-V-3524 GRANT. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 4B

The Clean Water Education Partnership (CWEP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adopted.

No discussion

COMMISSIONER TOVEY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CWEP MOU. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 4C

The Board adopted the Series Resolution authorizing the Water and Sewer System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note.

Mayor Sergent wanted to know if we raised our payment would it decrease our interest and loan length lower than 40 years, City Manager stated that it would be like prepay and would make a little difference.

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE SERIES RESOLUTION. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 4D

The Board signed their reaffirmation statement of the Code of Ethics for 2021.

No discussion.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGES MADE A MOTION FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN THE CODE OF ETHICS STATEMENT. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Add-on item – Consider extending emergency paid sick leave under certain COVID related conditions.

City Manager stated that he had anticipated the Federal Government extending the emergency paid leave for COVID-19 but since they did not, he was requesting the Board extend paid leave until the end of March. Hopefully by that time, most if not all employees will have had the vaccine. Commissioner Tovey asked if they have already used sick time for COVID will they get their time back.

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE EMERGENCY PAID LEAVE FOR COVID-19 UNTIL MARCH 31, 2021. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Approved the December Financial Report

Approved the following meeting minutes:

November 30, Agenda Meeting December 8, Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONER CURRIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. NO DISCUSSION. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER FIELDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Bridges requested a Public Safety committee meeting to discuss turn-over in the Police Department.

Commissioner Tovey thanked Dud Frazier for his service.

Cynthia Bowen, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jacqueline vdH Sergent, Mayor