

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.
AGENDA MEETING OF THE OXFORD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OXFORD CITY HALL – COMMISSIONERS’ BOARD ROOM

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: Mayor Jackie Sergent, MPT Calvin (C.J.) Harris Jr., Commissioners James (Danny) Currin, Al Woodlief, Frank Strickland, S Quon Bridges, Ron Bullock, and Patricia Fields. Also present was City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, City Manager M. Alan Thornton, and Administrative Assistant Rebecca Whetstone

Absent: City Clerk Cynthia Bowen.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sergent called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to add a closed session to the March 12th regular meeting to discuss himself. Attorney Burnette and the Mayor requested to know which relevant section of the NCGS his request would be covered. After some discussion, Attorney Burnette suggested that the closed session be tentatively added to the Agenda and he will look into it and gather more information. Commissioner Strickland said that this is in regards to a letter written to the City Manager and everyone including the Attorney General was copied on it. Commissioner Fields stated that the letter came from Michael Mohammad, not the NAACP. She did not put any meaning to it; Attorney Burnette stated that he dismissed it and he did not think it warranted a response. Commissioner Bridges said that he doesn't see what purpose it would serve to go into closed session to discuss this. He then asked Commissioner Strickland what he was trying to get from a closed session. Commissioner Strickland stated that he would like his name cleared with the Board. Mayor Pro Tem stated that we should follow the Attorney's suggestion. When asked what resolution Commissioner Strickland wants, he stated that he wants to have his say.

In a raised hand vote to tentatively put a closed session on the March 12th Regular Agenda pending a decision on the legality of a closed session to allow Commissioner Strickland to clear his name with the Board, Commissioners Woodlief, Bullock, Currin, and Strickland voted yes, and Commissioners Fields, Bridges, and Harris voted no.

AGENDA SET FOR THE MARCH 12, 2019 REGULAR SESSION

The Board set the agenda for March 12, 2019, Regular Session.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

On Item # 4 – The Mayor asked who would be represented and Commissioner Woodlief stated that the new managers would be at the meeting and he will forward their names to the City Clerk.

On Item # 5 – MPT Harris requested clarification. City Planning Director stated that the Oxford zoning Ordinance needed to include a definition of a Craft Distillery as well as the ability to have a craft distillery somewhere other than the B3 district. MPT asked if there is a location in mind, to which Ms. Hart said, "Yes."

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bridges – Reported that his sister is very ill but stable and requesting continuing prayers.

Commissioner Currin – Asked if the streets such as Broad and College Street will not be repaired before 2021. Can someone speak to DOT and get this fixed. City Manager stated that he and City Engineer Ratliff would have this discussion.

Commissioner Strickland – Stated that the rumor is that if the court employees get a ticket that they would be dismissed

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

Cynthia Bowen, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jacqueline vdH Sergent, Mayor