

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 – 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: Mayor Jackie Sergent, MPT Calvin (C.J.) Harris, Jr., Commissioners James (Danny) Currin, S Quon Bridges, Ron Bullock, Patricia Fields, Teresa Gilreath, and John Tovey. Also present were City Manager M. Alan Thornton, City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, and City Clerk Cynthia Bowen.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sergent called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Reverend Bruce Beck with West Oxford Baptist Church opened the meeting; the Pledge to the flag followed, led by Commissioner Ron Bullock.

COMMISSIONER CURRIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR SERGENT

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

DELEGATIONS

- Mayor Sergent presented the Yard of the Month electronically to Cynthia Jones of 304 Peace Street.
- Mayor Sergent read a proclamation in honor of National Police Week.
- Mayor Sergent read a proclamation in honor of Historic Preservation Month.
- Finance Director Hak Ung gave a brief update to the Board on the Finances for the City.
- Police Chief Al Coley gave a brief update to the Board distinguishing fact from rumor on Facebook regarding the crime in Oxford.

ACCEPTED THE SUFFICIENCY OF PETITION CERTIFIED BY THE CITY CLERK ON A NON-CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION OF 2 PARCELS OF LAND TOTALING 4.91 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED OFF OF HWY 158 BY LAND SEITZ, LLC.

No Discussion

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN INPUT ON ANNEXING AND ASSIGNING A ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO THE PROPERTY OFF HWY 158 AT THE CORNER OF THE I-85 ON-RAMP. THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION SHOULD BE A B-2 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) IF THE PROPERTY IS ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LIMIT.

Mayor Sergent opened the public hearing. No comments via Zoom or prior to the Zoom meeting. Mayor Sergent closed the public hearing. Due to electronic meeting regulations, this meeting will be

recessed for 24 hours, and this vote will not take place until Thursday, May 14, conclusion of this recessed meeting.

ACCEPTED THE SUFFICIENCY OF PETITION CERTIFIED BY THE CITY CLERK AND CALLED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE JUNE 9, 2020, REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO HEAR CITIZEN INPUT TO ANNEX 2.89 ADDITIONAL ACRES FOR OXFORD PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

COMMISSIONER CURRIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PETITION AND CALL FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE JUNE 9TH REGULAR BOARD MEETING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO HEAR CITIZEN INPUT ON THE FY 2020-2021 BUDGET.

City Manager Thornton presented the FY 2020-2021 Budget and requested a public hearing be called for the June 9th regular Board meeting. The budget included a 2.5% COLA for the City employees, Commissioner Tovey thanked the City Manager for his work on presenting a balanced budget and wished that the City could do more for the employees. Commissioner Bridges asked about Parks & Recreation being affected by the COVID 19 crisis, to which CM Thornton replied that all departments would be affected. Still, Parks and Recreation would see the effects sooner than most.

COMMISSIONER TOVEY MADE A MOTION TO CALL FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING THE JUNE 9TH REGULAR BOARD MEETING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

DEMOLITION ORDINANCE ADOPTED TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 501 HENDERSON ST.

No discussion.

COMMISSIONER FIELDS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE DEMOLITION ORDINANCE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPTED THE 2017 B WATER LINE RESOLUTION THAT ACCEPTS A LOAN OFFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,855,562 AND THE ASSOCIATED CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE 2017 B WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

No discussion.

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT 2017 B WATER LINE RESOLUTION AND THE CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TASK ORDER AMENDMENT FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2017 B WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH MCGILL ASSOCIATES.

No discussion.

ADOPTED THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE (SDF).

No discussion.

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE WATER AND SEWER DEVELOPMENT FEES. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Approved tax releases to Terry Lee & Judith Ann Hatch totaling \$4.44

Approved the March & April 2020 Financial report.

Approved the following meeting minutes:

March 2, Agenda Session * **March 10**, Regular Session * **April 23**, Special Meeting

COMMISSIONER BRIDGES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER GILREATH MADE A MOTION TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL THURSDAY, MAY 14TH AT 9:15 AM. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Cynthia Bowen, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jacqueline vdH Sergent, Mayor