

February 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Martin called the special called meeting of the Lawrenceville Town Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on February 24, 2020.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called; Present: Mayor Scott Martin; Council Members: H. B. Brockwell, Jr., Phil Gilson, Dora Hardy, Robert F. Pecht, III, Alice Talbert and Teya Whitehead. Also present: Town Manager, C. J. Dean, Police Chief, Everette Gibson and Town Clerk, Wanda Johnson.

Absent: Council Member Joyce Bland, Town Attorney W. C. Outten, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Brockwell, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to approve the agenda as presented.

PROPERTY MATTERS

Mr. Brockwell reviewed information from Marc Wagner with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources regarding amending and updating the Lawrenceville Historic District. The Town recognizes the need for several buildings to be updated from non-contributing to contributing properties in order to receive Federal and State Historic Tax Credits. DHR has advised that a private owner, a business, a non-profit group, a religious group, a Virginia Indian Tribe, or government agency can apply for amendment/update. Mr. Brockwell commented that the Brunswick IDA has applied for the entire district. Going forward, the Town could apply to use grants from Storms Michael and Florence to have buildings moved from non-contributing to contributing properties. The first action for an individual property is to submit DHR forms Part 1 and the Preliminary Information Form (PIF).

Mr. Brockwell asked Town Council to support the rehabilitation of the property at 123 West Hicks Street with a letter of support, not money. The Town applauds the efforts of the Brunswick County IDA to move this building from a non-contributing to a contributing property. A draft letter is in the packet.

On motion by Mr. Brockwell, seconded by Mr. Gilson, and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to make grammatical changes as necessary, clarify Part 1 and PIF, and send a letter of support, signed by the Mayor, to the Brunswick IDA regarding the building at 123 West Hicks Street.

PERSONNEL MATTER

CLOSED SESSION-MOTION TO ENTER THE CLOSED MEETING

“Mr. Mayor, I move the Lawrenceville Town Council enter into a closed meeting pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for the purpose of discussing personnel and contractual matters.” Motion: Mr. Pecht. Second: Ms. Hardy. Roll call vote: Mrs. Bland, absent; Mr. Brockwell, aye; Mr. Gilson, aye; Ms. Hardy, aye; Mr. Pecht, aye; Mrs. Talbert, aye; Ms. Whitehead, aye.

MOTION TO EXIT A CLOSED MEETING AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

“Mr. Mayor, I move the closed meeting be adjourned and the Lawrenceville Town Council convene again in open session.” The motion was made by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried by all ayes.

CERTIFICATION

“Be it resolved to the best of my knowledge (i) only public business matters exempted from open meeting requirements, under Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.” Motion: Mr. Pecht. Second: Ms. Hardy. Roll call vote: Mrs. Bland, absent; Mr. Brockwell, aye; Mr. Gilson, aye; Ms. Hardy, aye; Mr. Pecht, aye; Mrs. Talbert, aye; Ms. Whitehead, aye.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF C. J. DEAN

On motion by Mr. Brockwell, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to accept the resignation of C. J. Dean, effective April 2, 2020, with the utmost regret.

APPOINT INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

On motion by Mr. Brockwell, seconded by Mr. Pecht and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to appoint Everette Gibson Interim Town Manager effective April 2, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adjourn the meeting.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk