

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE
Special Meeting
September 15, 2015

On September 15, 2015, the Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Ron Powell, and Bill Wheeler present, held a special meeting at the Burnsville Town Center. Also in attendance were staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder and Jeanne Martin; and town attorney Heather Hockaday. The Mayor, who presided, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a worksession to consider and possibly take action on the following:

- Utility Customer's scheduled payment -
- Amendment to Section 801 of the Zoning Ordinance
- Salary study
- POW/MIA flag/recognition day
- Planning for future work sessions
- Council assignments to various town departments

Utility Customer's Scheduled Payment – Ron Powell made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried. Staff members Brian Buchanan and Leslie Crowder were excused.

After reconvening in open session, it was announced that there would be no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Amendment to Section 801 of the Zoning Ordinance – Attorney Heather Hockaday explained some issues that have recently come up concerning omissions from the list of permitted uses in the C-1 and C-3 zoning districts. Because it was unclear whether the omissions were intentional or otherwise, the issue was brought to Council for clarification.

After discussion of permitted uses in all three zoning districts, Ron Powell made a motion to refer the following recommendations to the Planning Board for consideration:

- Review Section 801 of the zoning ordinance. Consider an amendment to add tattoo parlors to the list of permitted uses in C-3.
- In both C-2 and C-3, remove the distance restrictions of 1000' from like-businesses and 400' from residential-zoned properties, and permit operations from 12 noon to 10 p.m. on Sundays.
- In the C-1 zoning district, tattoo parlors should be prohibited.
- In the C-1 zoning district, add back language dealing with off-street loading and visual buffer strips between commercial and residential properties that abut one another. This text was inadvertently omitted when amendments were adopted in December, 2014.

Theresa Coletta seconded the motion, which carried.

Bill Wheeler made a motion to conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance on October 1, 2015. Theresa Coletta seconded the motion, which carried.

Salary study – There was a discussion about the proposed salary study. Councilors discussed proposals received from Robert Branch and the NC League of Municipalities. It was noted that the cost of both proposals is comparable, although actual expenses would be an additional cost in the NCLM proposal. Robert Branch’s study would be conducted at a maximum cost of \$7,000.

Councilors discussed the idea of personalizing the salary study proposed by Mr. Branch to include changing the towns he will consider in his approach, looking at job classifications, etc. Theresa Coletta made a motion to have Mr. Branch work with the Personnel Policy Committee to discuss Council’s concerns, tailor a new *Efficiency/Salary Study* contract to our needs, and return the revised contract, which is not to exceed \$7000, to Council for action. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.

POW/MIA flag/Recognition Day – Councilors reviewed material provided by the American Legion on the national *POW/MIA Recognition Day* and were told the American Legion would provide a flag if we would fly it on assigned days during the year, beginning on September 18th. Councilors were interested in participating.

Planning for Future Work Sessions – Councilors were asked to limit work sessions to consideration of a maximum of two issues, unless an emergency item develops. Items for consideration should be emailed to Jeanne Martin.

Council Assignments to Various Town Departments – This issue will be tabled until after the municipal election in November.

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Wheeler and carried.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Theresa Coletta, Mayor