

The Smithfield Town Council held its continued meeting on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. T. Carter Williams, Mayor; Mr. Andrew Gregory, Vice Mayor, Mr. Michael Smith, Ms. Connie Chapman, Mrs. Denise Tynes, Mr. Randy Pack, and Dr. Milton Cook. Staff members present were Mr. Peter Stephenson, Town Manager; Mrs. Lesley King, Town Clerk; Mr. William H. Riddick, III, Town Attorney; Mr. Alonzo Howell, Deputy Chief of Police, Ms. Judy Winslow, Tourism Director; and Lt. Matt Rogers, Smithfield Police Department. There were two (2) citizens present. The media was represented by Mr. Ryan Kushner of the Smithfield Times and Ms. Hillary Smith of The Daily Press.

Mayor Williams – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Smithfield Town Council continued meeting of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It is now 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Williams – We will start off tonight with the Upcoming Meetings and Activities.

Town Manager – Thank you, Your Honor. We have noted a couple of items. The first is the fireworks display at Clontz Park on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have listed 9:30 p.m. as the start time; but we have also seen 9:50 p.m. posted by Isle of Wight County. If you are there by 9:30 p.m., you should have luck on your side for the display. It is somewhat dependent on the company that shoots them off and, obviously, weather conditions. We will observe the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and town offices will be closed. We do have an item on the agenda tonight to reschedule the next Town Council meeting because of the holiday. It will move from the adopted schedule of July 5<sup>th</sup> to the following Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, right after the Planning Commission meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. I would like to thank everyone who was involved with the Olden Days weekend. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – Our next item is Public Comments. Is there anyone who would like to speak? Hearing none, we will move to a Resolution to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. We will have consideration by the Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We have a resolution to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2017/2018. It has been appropriately advertised and discussed. I would like to make a motion that we adopt the budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 as presented.

Councilman Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams - A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilman Dr. Cook voted aye, Councilwoman Chapman voted aye, Vice Mayor Gregory voted aye, Councilman Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – The next item on the agenda is a Motion to Approve the Annual Renewal and Amendment of the Town Manager's Employment Agreement.

Town Attorney – Mr. Mayor and members of Council, this is the seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) amendment of Mr. Stephenson's June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000 contract. The only changes would be the cost of living adjustment to his salary. He has also asked to go to the ICMA Conference in Texas. I did not have the dates so I left those out. It is in October. They are the only two (2) additions. Other than that, the contract is unchanged from prior years.

Councilwoman Tynes – Mayor Williams, I would like to make a motion that we table the contract since we just got it today. The Town Attorney said there were no changes but I would like to table it until our next Council meeting so we can discuss it.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made to table the renewal contract until our next Town Council meeting.

Councilman Pack – I will second that.

Mayor Williams – Is there any discussion?

Councilman Dr. Cook – I have a question. The Town Manager's current contract goes from July 1<sup>st</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup>. If we are tabling this until July 11<sup>th</sup>, does that mean that Mr. Stephenson is going to be working without a contract for those eleven (11) days? Are there any repercussions to that?

Town Attorney – No. It runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. It would be adopted on July 11<sup>th</sup> but effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Dr. Cook – I just wanted to make sure that there were no unintended consequences.

Town Attorney – Generally, this is adopted at the July regular meeting,

Councilwoman Tynes – But that is usually earlier.

Town Manager – It has been both ways; but since the Council meeting has been pushed back later, I would prefer to operate under a contract.

Mayor Williams – Is there any other discussion? We have a motion on the floor to table this until our July 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. It has been properly seconded. Roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilman Dr. Cook voted nay, Councilwoman Chapman voted aye, Vice Mayor Gregory voted nay, Councilman Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were two (2) votes against the motion. The motion passed 5 – 2.

Mayor Williams – Thank you all very much. We will bring this back up and give everybody a little bit better chance to read it and go over it. If you want to give Mr. Stephenson a call to ask any questions, he will certainly be glad to talk to you about it. Our next item is a Motion to Reschedule the Town Council Meeting from July 5<sup>th</sup> until July 11<sup>th</sup> due to the Independence Day Holiday.

Councilwoman Tynes – So moved.

Councilman Dr. Cook – Second.

Town Attorney – The ad has run in the newspaper for two (2) weeks.

Mayor Williams – Everything is in order. This just finalizes it. A motion has been made and properly seconded. Roll call vote.

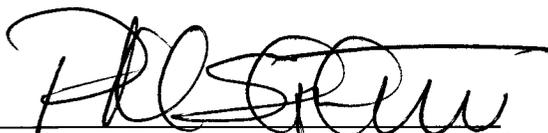
On call for the vote, seven members were present. Vice Mayor Gregory voted aye, Councilman Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Chapman voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilman Dr. Cook voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to New Business. Does anyone have any new business? Hearing none, we will move to Old Business. Does anyone have any old business? Hearing none, thank you ladies and gentlemen for coming out tonight. We stand adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Mr. T. Carter Williams  
Mayor



Mr. Peter Stephenson, AICP, ICMA-CM  
Town Manager