

The Smithfield Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. T. Carter Williams, Mayor, Dr. Milton Cook, Mrs. Denise N. Tynes, Ms. Connie Chapman, Mr. Michael Smith and Mr. Andrew Gregory, Vice Mayor. Mr. Randolph Pack was absent. Staff members present were Mr. Peter M. Stephenson, Town Manager; Mr. William T. Hopkins III, Director of Planning and Public Works; Mr. William H. Riddick, III, Town Attorney; Mr. Steve Bowman, Police Chief; Ms. Lesley G. King, Town Clerk; Ms. Judy Winslow, Director of Tourism; and Ms. Ellen Minga; Town Treasurer. Others in attendance were Mr. Al Casteen; Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors, Smithfield District. There were two (4) citizens present. The media was represented by Ms. Abby Proch of The Smithfield Times and Ms. Allison Williams of The Daily Press.

Mayor Williams – I would like to call the Smithfield Town Council meeting of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 to order. We have with us tonight, Mr. John Vicci. He is working on his Eagle Scout badge with Troop 36. Would you please come up and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

*All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.*

Mayor Williams – I would like to welcome everyone here tonight. It is good to see you. Welcome spring. We will start with our Town Manager with the Informational Section.

Town Manager – Managers Report. Thank you, Your Honor. Welcome everyone. There are a couple of extra agendas for tonight's meeting over on the table. We do not have any advertised public hearings this evening. We do have a number of items on the consent agenda which Council members will go through momentarily. We do have one old business item regarding Windsor Castle Park RFP/Offer to Purchase. The meeting schedule for the month has a Windsor Castle Park Foundation Board meeting on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall. On April 9<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Smithfield Center. The Board of Historic and Architectural Review will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting that evening. We have a special Finance Committee meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to work in earnest on the budget. Our committee meetings are April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Smithfield Center. We have a lot of special events happening this month

beginning this Saturday. I think we have three Saturdays in a row, the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and the 20<sup>th</sup>, with activities happening throughout town and especially here in the historic district. Also, the spring newsletter will be going to the printers tomorrow subject to a couple of items being approved tonight. We have the content full and ready to go to the printers. One of the items is the Community Clean-up Days where we allow people to get rid of old furniture, appliances, TV's, carpet, and all sorts of non-hazardous odds and ends. Those three dates are April 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup> three consecutive Saturdays like we have done in the past. It will be in the newsletter and advertised in the local newspaper to which area of town will be which day. It is always a great time to get rid of odds and ends. The March Activity Report was included in the electronic packet. I will be happy to answer in questions. We remain busy and as you said, we are looking forward to embracing spring. I hope everyone had a happy Easter.

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Mr. Stephenson. Are there any questions from Council? Next we have Public Comments. This is an opportunity for the public to come forward and speak on matters that matter to you. Do we have any public comments?

Town Manager – Yes sir. The first is Chris Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy – My name is Chris Kennedy. I live at 1615 Wilson Road. I am President of Smithfield Recreation Association. I just wanted to take a few moments to go over the upcoming motion on the new sports complex in Smithfield. The organization that I represent is all about the children and nothing but the children. We spend countless volunteer hours there supplying the baseball fields, the grounds, instruction, and mentoring the children of Smithfield and Isle of Wight County and teaching them the game of baseball. The need in the county and town has grown significantly over the years. Our numbers have increased dramatically to the point where we have outgrown our current facilities. We are starting to have to turn away children that would like to play baseball because we just do not have the room or capacity to grow any farther than we are. With all of the additional adult sports that are now being played at Nike Park some of the fields in the past were available to us for practice and games are no longer available to us except on a slim basis. We did have field two at Nike Park every night from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. that is no longer the case. We still have access to the library field next to the YMCA but it has a small number of age groups that can actually play on that field. The older kids that field is not suitable. So with all of the practices,

games, and increased membership for softball and baseball there is just not enough room. There is nowhere to expand with our current ball fields. We are kind of land locked up there. The facilities are old. They are forty plus years old. They were gratefully donated by the Beale family many years ago for the children of Smithfield. We have been good stewards of that ball park for that many years. The lights and drainage are very large expense items that we cannot handle much longer. There are some fields that are very difficult to play on at night because of the lighting. Lighting is a very expensive item to fix. We cannot just put new lights in. As you have seen over at Nike Park they have spent a significant amount of money to put lights on one field. As for drainage we have to bring in \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 worth of dirt every year to replace the dirt that has washed off from the fall and winter rains. The drainage alone would cost in the neighborhood of \$350,000.00 to \$400,000.00 to replace. We do not have that kind of money. We are a non-profit organization. We only take in what we need to put uniforms on the children and maintain the park. With the new ball park we would be able to put in a champion's field. It is a special program that Pony puts on. Pony is an organization that we are affiliated with for special needs children. It would be a field that would have no trip hazards with astro turf and completely handicap accessible. It would be for children that cannot come play baseball with everyone else because of their special needs. We turn away thirty plus children every year because they cannot compete in the division that they have to compete in because of their age. You cannot have twelve year olds playing with nine year olds. There are ten, eleven, twelve, and thirteen year old children who need to still play T-ball. You cannot put a thirteen year old child on a team with five year olds. It would be dangerous. They could hurt someone. This field would accommodate that. It would give them the opportunity to play baseball, run around the field, and be like the other kids. They only have one field in the area now which is in Virginia Beach. It has been a great success. It would give us the opportunity to affiliate with them and to get more children involved that currently do not have the ability to get out there with the regular kids. Thank you for your time. Does anyone have any questions?

Mayor Williams – Anyone else signed up for public comments?

Town Manager – Yes sir, Your Honor. The next sign up is Ms. Shelley Spears.

Ms. Spears – Good evening. Thank you for this opportunity to address each one of you. My name is Shelley Spears. I reside at 1415 Cypress Creek Parkway. Mr. Jim Parks, President of Cypress Creek Homeowner's Association, is on vacation I am here representing him and the neighborhood of Cypress Creek. I prepared the remarks so that I could keep it simple and brief regarding the proposed development on the approximate eighty acre parcel of land along Great Springs Road. This parcel includes the new Rescue Squad which has already broken ground. It includes a church and the proposed sports complex that you all will be discussing later this evening. Due to the current location of the new Rescue Squad and the potential helicopter pad which is close to some of the houses there. Combined with the proposed development of the church and the sports complex on that acre tract the impact will be predominately to the neighborhood and golf course in Cypress Creek. We understand that these are services to the town. We do understand that and can appreciate the value that it has. Since learning about the proposed additional development about two and a half weeks ago, we have taken a very positive, proactive approach to understand the issues and facts of the proposed development and the related cumulative impact to the adjacent property particularly in Cypress Creek where we live and are property owners. Based on initial communications it appears that many if not all of the residents are extremely appreciative of the contributions that Mr. Joe Luter and Smithfield Foods have made to our community and the pending donation from Mr. Larry Pope and Smithfield Foods to develop another recreation area in partnership with the town, county, and the Smithfield Recreation Association. There is no doubt that Windsor Castle Park is a shining example of generous giving with the highest standards. Our desire is to keep a very open mind and engage collaboratively with the town and county on important planning issues including water, drainage, and road issues including safety, volume and light pollution from the field lights, ingress and egress points, and ball park operations as it would impact the neighborhood in terms of PA systems. Also, there will be related financial resources both cash and in kind to both the development and operational budget and costs. We have already reached out to the Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Gregory, and the President of Smithfield Recreation Association. Thank you all. We have not talked to Mr. Hughes as much but we look forward to working with you. All of you appear to be very open minded and willing to have Cypress Creek contribute to the

planning and to ensure that we are working as a collaborative community based team.

Through face to face meetings over the last couple of weeks I feel that you all seem to understand our concerns. I appreciate that. You have indicated that you want to work with us to help mitigate potential impacts through careful planning. We have discussed ways to leverage and expand the opportunities as well. Finally, we have had a brief discussion with Supervisor Al Casteen. I have also gone to the Board of Supervisors meeting to hear about this. My husband attended a Planning Commission meeting last week. I also went by the York County Sports Complex that the Vice Mayor directed me to as an example of what this particular park could look like. I took the time to really drive around and look. I have also walked the track of land including the perimeter. I am trying to have an open mind approach to looking at it and educate myself on the issues. As a neighbor to the surrounding property, I look forward to working with all of you. Are there any questions?

Mayor Williams – Thank you very much. We appreciate your input. Do we have anymore public comments?

Town Manager – We did but they decided not to speak.

Mayor Williams – Is there anyone else? If you did not sign up you can still come forward.

Mr. Danny Hughes – I live at 20648 Riversbend. I am the former President of Smithfield Recreation Association. I have a vested interest in the facility, league, and more specifically the kids in this community. Mr. Kennedy already spoke to you about the need and what is going on with the facility. I want take a moment to talk to you about what we bring to the table as an organization and the importance of that. We fill a void in the town and county by providing much needed recreational activities. Because we do not have a Parks and Recreation that supports or offers baseball and softball programs for our youth, we do that. We have done it very well for forty plus years. This is a service that the community desperately needs. I attended the Board of Supervisors meeting one of the things that we listened to was the economic study and the future of the county. How do we attract and bring new families to our area. How do we showcase Isle of Wight County and Smithfield? You have to provide a quality of life. That quality of life has a lot to do with our kids. If we do not have the recreational facilities and the sports programs that families desire to have accessible for their kids then we are

missing out. The economic impact that we bring to the town and county while it may not be as evident in terms of dollars and cents as you look at your budget. We interlock with leagues throughout the Isle of Wight County, Surry, Windsor, Nansemond River, Suffolk, and Holland. All of these people we compete against week in and week out for nine months out of the year. In addition to that we play with other organizations throughout Hampton Roads. This is in the form of various tournaments and other opportunities. With the tournaments we have an opportunity to bring people into town for a day, weekend or week. Last year, we were the proud hosts of our regional baseball tournament which brought in teams from Greensboro, Fayetteville, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Danville, Virginia, and Northern Virginia. They were here for a week. I filled hotel rooms at the Hampton Inn and even as far as the Comfort Inn. That benefits our merchants and business owners. It helps everybody. It helps the Town of Smithfield. I want you to be cognizant of the economic impact that we bring not only to the services that we offer to our citizens by providing these youth sports programs. We do have a very important part in this community as well. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Williams – Thank you. Next is a Briefing by Mr. Al Casteen, Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors, Smithfield District.

Supervisor Casteen – Good evening Mr. Mayor and members of Council. The Board voted to extend the letter of intent to purchase from Hope Presbyterian Church for six months. The Board voted to dissolve the Boykin's Tavern Advisory Committee. The Director of General Services introduced the Stormwater Management Program to the Board and will present a proposal to address funding for the mandated program at the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting for consideration. Information since then indicates a potential annual fee of \$72.00 per residence with commercial fees being based on total impervious surfaces. This is another one of those unfunded mandates that you are so familiar with. We are trying to address it as economically as we can. We want to start high enough that we will be steady. The Board voted to fund the Sheriff's office budget shortfall of \$125,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance. The Board voted to accept the donated 2006 Crown Victoria from the Town of Smithfield. Thank you very much. We appreciate it. The Board also voted to accept the donated 2004 Harley Davidson motorcycle from the City of Portsmouth Sheriff's office. We give our thanks to them as well. The Board voted to advance to the schools \$112,000.00 from open purchase

orders and textbook funds from last year. We continue to work on that. We are also working to ensure that all salaries get funded with the school system as well. We feel that is well covered. Mr. Tim Hillegass was reappointed to serve on the Industrial Development Authority. On a split vote the Board voted to authorize the County Administrator to sign a letter of commitment developed with the County Attorney to support the proposed ball field complex to include the following: a boundary line adjustment to include the property within the Town of Smithfield limits; the donation of approximately 20 acres for the complex, and the county's financial support of the ball field complex for \$200,000.00 to be paid at \$25,000.00 a year for eight years beginning in 2014. Bailey, Casteen and Darden voted to support the ball field complex. Alphin and Hall voted against the ball field complex. The Board voted to have the County Administrator to prepare a resolution to honor the Citizen of the Year which was later revealed to be Mr. Johnny Stallings. Are there any questions?

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Supervisor Casteen. Next is our Summary of Consent Agenda Items. The chair of each Committee will briefly discuss what we have already discussed in Committees. We will start with the Police Committee Chair, Ms. Connie Chapman.

Ms. Chapman – Police Committee Summary. Thank you, Mayor. Item C-1 is a motion to approve a new parade route for the Smithfield Christmas parade downtown. It will be on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Part of the proposed route used to line up on James Street which caused a lot of back up and gridlock. What we have now is a proposed route to come down Jericho and Cedar Street. The next item is C-2 which is a resolution to request the Smithfield Police Department to be a Certified Lock-Up Facility from the Virginia Department of Corrections. I spoke to the Chief about this. It is basically a housekeeping item of the town that we would need to follow the protocol from the Virginia Department of Corrections in order to be able to temporarily house those accused. Next is item C-3 which is a motion to approve amendments to the Isle of Wight Emergency Communications Center Memorandum of Understanding. I do not have any specific notes on that.

Town Manager – This is a housekeeping item that has already been approved by the Town of Windsor and Isle of Wight County. Last year, due to the new census, the funding formula for expenses that go above and beyond that we receive for the E911

funding that goes through the state and comes back to localities. There is a funding formula percentage. The bottom line is that the Town of Smithfield's percentage because of population change calls for service and number of phones in the jurisdiction went from twenty-five to twenty-eight and half percent. There were also a few other housekeeping items related to the state legislation which has changed regarding the E911 funding over the last ten years. A title change for chief of emergency services and so forth. It has already been approved by Windsor and Isle of Wight and needs to be approved by the town as well to go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Williams – Next we have Vice Mayor Gregory for the Finance Committee Summary.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Finance Committee Summary. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We have four items under the Finance Committee. Invoices over \$10,000.00 requiring Council's consideration. We have four this month. The first is \$34,061.52 to REW Corporation who is one of our electrical contractors. Item B is a general obligation bond payment to USBank in the amount of \$25,723.13. The last two items are quarterly contributions. The E911 dispatch contribution to the county in the amount of \$24,643.75 for our portion of the 911 operations. Next is our quarterly contribution to tourism in the amount of \$52,494.00. Item C-5 is a motion to approve a proposed recreational complex/ball field concept and funding commitment of \$200,000.00 as the town's contribution. Item C-6 is a resolution to authorize the Town Treasurer to continue banking services with TowneBank and Farmers Bank. Mr. Pack, Ms. Minga, Mr. Stephenson and I sat down with several financial institutions and felt that TowneBank and Farmers Bank still served our needs to what we were looking for. We are going to continue those relationships. Item C-7 is a resolution to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute a contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for audit services. This is actually a change. We will be changing auditors for the upcoming fiscal year. The same group of people sat and interviewed with several potential audit companies that wanted to compete for the business. We got good reviews for Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates from their references. They are saving us a significant amount of money. We are looking forward to that relationship.

Mayor Williams – Are there any questions for the Finance Committee?

Councilman Dr. Cook – I think we need some clarification for item C-5 which is a motion to approve recreational complex/ball field concept and the funding commitment of \$200,000.00 from the Town of Smithfield. I want to pull it for comments.

Mayor Williams – Item C-5 is pulled from the consent agenda. Now we move to Public Works Committee Chair, Mr. Michael Smith.

Councilman Smith – Public Works Committee Summary. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We have a few things on the agenda tonight. The first is a motion to renew the street maintenance contract with Blair Brothers, Inc. for one additional year. We have been very pleased with their efforts through the years. There are many things that they do that they do not charge for just to be cooperative with the town. I also have a motion to authorize the Town Manager to accept the street paving proposals from Blair Brothers, Inc. There are several proposals that are listed. They fall under the budget. According to our Town Treasurer, if we do not have the money then some of those will be cut out. Wayne is working with her on that. They need to move forward on some issues of streets that have not been paved in twenty five years. We also have a motion to approve AVES Refuse and Recycling Collection contract renewal as amended. This is a contractor that has worked for the town collecting our refuse. There are some changes that have been made. We will not have general refuse collection twice a week it will be once a week. The second time they will collect the recycling. Anyone who does not have recycling will get a can whether they want it or not because we are really trying to push that. Also there are set aside dates on Wednesdays for yard debris. You can call the town one week in advance for that. The newsletter that is going out that will describe all of this to the citizens about how they need to respond for these special collections. We also have a motion to approve the Smithfield 2020's lamp post flower pot initiative. This is going to be great. They are starting with two lamp posts. They have been given permission to put hanging baskets on two lamp posts. They are going to take care of these themselves. However, as it grows it will be done professionally. This is just to initiate a beautification project in the town for tourism. I think some people are already doing it. This will make our town more beautiful which is what we are all trying to do. Item C-12 is a motion to approve the Smithfield Woman's Club request to place pinwheels at the Town's entrance sign for the month of April in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. They did this last year with great success. They do catch your eye. It

is a meaningful thing. It does remind everybody what this prevention month is all about the children. Are there any questions?

Mayor Williams – Next is Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Chair, Dr. Milton Cook.

Councilman Dr. Cook – Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Summary. First item is a motion to approve the franchise agreement renewal with Charter Communications. The Town Manager has hashed out some of the details that were holding it up so now it is ready to go. Next item is a motion to authorize a public hearing for the town boundary line adjustment at Battery Park Road and Great Springs Road for May 7<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

Mayor Williams – Anyone want to pull either of them? At this time we need a motion to approve the consent agenda items C1 - C14 with the exception of C-5 which is pulled for further discussion.

Councilman Dr. Cook – Mr. Mayor, I make a motion that we approve the consent agenda items C1 – C14 except for C-5.

C1. Motion to Approve New Parade Route for the Christmas Parade.

C2. Resolution to Request the Smithfield Police Department to be a Certified Lock-Up Facility from the Virginia Department of Corrections.

C3. Motion to Approve Amendments to IOW Emergency Communications Center MOU.

C4. Invoices Over \$10,000 Requiring Council's Consideration:

a. REW Corporation	\$34,061.52
b. USBank (General Obligation Bond)	\$25,723.13
c. E911 Dispatch - Quarterly Contribution	\$24,643.75
d. Tourism – Quarterly Contribution	\$52,494.00

C5. Pulled from Consent Agenda

C6. Resolution to Authorize the Town Treasurer to Continue Banking Services with TowneBank and Farmers Bank.

C7. Resolution to Authorize the Town Treasurer to Execute a Contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for Audit Services.

C8. Motion to Renew Street Maintenance Contract with Blair Brothers, Inc. for One Additional Year.

C9. Motion to Authorize the Town Manager to Accept Street Paving Proposals from Blair Brothers, Inc.

C10. Motion to Approve AVES Refuse and Recycling Collection Contract Renewal as Amended.

C11. Motion to Approve Smithfield 2020's Lamp Post Flower Pot Initiative.

C12. Motion to Approve Smithfield Woman's Club Request to Place Pinwheels at the Town entrance Sign for the Month of April in Support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

C13. Motion to Approve Franchise Agreement Renewal with Charter Communications Cable.

C14. Motion to Authorize a Public Hearing for Town Boundary Line Adjustment at Battery Park Road and Great Springs Road for May 7<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Roll call vote.

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

Mayor Williams – The motion passed. Next we will go back to item C-5 – Motion to Approve Proposed Recreational Complex/Ball Field Concept and Funding Commitment of \$200,000 as the Town's Contribution.

Councilman Dr. Cook – For something this size and scope I think it is appropriate that we take this out of the consent agenda. I believe in this. I think people need to know that this is not a vote to build ball fields. If I am incorrect, please correct me. We are approving money to start the ball rolling to do the research that is going to be required in order to build ball fields. There are a lot of questions that are still unanswered in my mind. There are going to be more questions that come up that will need to be answered that we do not know yet. I think we need to let the public know that as a Council we like the idea of ball fields there. We are willing to fund it but a lot more research is going to be required. That is what we are doing tonight is approving the money as part of a step for building the ball fields.

Vice Mayor Gregory – I would like to comment also since I have had a fair amount of involvement from the beginning. Obviously, this goes back several years. I am glad Ms. Spears spoke up to speak on behalf of the Cypress Creek Homeowners Association. Mayor Williams and I have taken a decent amount of time over the last two to three weeks to meet with them on several occasions to listen to their concerns. I attended the Board of Supervisors meeting where the County Board approved this. We are grateful for that. One thing that I announced on behalf of Smithfield Recreation Association at that meeting was that part of the Construction Committee which is mainly comprised of Smithfield Recreation Association Board members. They have also invited the Town Council, Board of Supervisors, and the Cypress Creek Homeowners Association to have a representative to sit on the Construction Committee. I thought that was a great leap of faith and a great step in the right direction to make sure that all parties that are involved do have input as we move forward with the potential development of that project. I would say that Councilman Dr. Cook is correct. If this moves forward this evening and we get the memorandums of understanding from the County, Town, and Smithfield Recreation Association the next step is the environmental research. This has to be done on any development of property. We need to make sure that from wetlands, environmental, and a stormwater standpoint that all of them are looked at. Many of these are issues that Cypress Creek is concerned about. We have to make sure that it is affordable to deal with those things. There has already been some outreach by the County, Hope Presbyterian Church, and Smithfield Recreation Association to potentially work together to deal with any stormwater issues that may arise not only from the ball fields but also the church development and the Rescue Squad. I am actually very proud of the town, county, and the neighbors so far. It has been very collaborative. It has been very cordial. There has not been one concern that has been brought up that has been unreasonable. I do not think there is one concern so far that is insurmountable. I am pleased that this is here. We have a great shot at doing something very special in the town that will not only benefit the children but create an economic impact in the town and give tourism another feather in their cap. I am really excited about that. I know there were some concerns about Smithfield Recreation Association being a member only group. I have received assurances from Smithfield Recreation that no child has ever been turned away due to finances or ever will and with

the development of this new complex that policy will stay in place. The YMCA does with any family that has financial hardship to be able to play ball softball or baseball no matter their socioeconomic status. We hope that this will be a beacon that will draw more children to the Town of Smithfield to participate in youth sports because we know what an impact that has on our kids and the type of things that it keeps them away from. Team sports are about being a part of something bigger than yourself. It is a big part of why I am the person that I am today. Mayor Williams and I already have another meeting scheduled with Cypress Creek on April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to the neighborhood to their clubhouse to address any additional concerns that are popping up. If the funding is there then we hope to get some positive reports from the engineers which they do not work for free.

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Mr. Gregory. Are there any other comments?

Councilman Smith – This has moved pretty fast. We have all known about this. It is hard to deny any child this opportunity. For us to have this opportunity is also paramount. As we go forward, I would like for us to move cautiously, deliberately, and respectfully to our neighbors in this ball field area. It is not just the neighbors who are adjacent property owners or across the street. It is also our town and what it brings to us. I think the opportunities are great. Sometimes it takes six months to get parking stripes and in two months we have to consider a ball field. A lot of ground work has been laid. We have a great opportunity here to make this happen and make everybody happy. The concerns that have been brought up will be addressed. I want everyone to happy about this.

Councilwoman Tynes – Councilman Smith has pretty much said what I wanted to say. There are other neighborhoods within our community that it will probably have an impact on. I spoke with Mayor Williams and Vice Mayor Gregory about it. The Lakeside Heights area will be affected. Mostly what I have been hearing is from the Cypress Creek area. Lakeside is not directly adjacent as far as land but it will have an impact. I have some concerns about the younger residents of that community because they use that roadway which is hard to walk. There are no facilities as far as pedestrian paths for them at this time. I would like Council to keep that in mind so that we keep all of our citizens safe.

Councilwoman Chapman – I echo the sentiments of the rest of the Council. I think it is a wonderful opportunity for the town. I see only great things coming from it. I really admire Smithfield Recreation Associations offer to incorporate someone from the Cypress Creek Community, Town and County onto the collaboration of the whole effort to be part of the committee.

Mayor Williams – For the last forty years, I have lived two doors down from Beale Park. My wife and I are really going to miss that park. The crack of the bat, the lights coming on, and the screaming of the little kids will tug at your heartstrings. It is wonderful to hear those kids on that field and not up and down the street somewhere. It gives them an opportunity to grow up with some values. I want everyone to ride by Beale Park in the summer afternoons to see how many moms and dads are out there supervising all of those children. It is amazing. I did it. I was there when my kids were smaller. It has given the children values. The problem is that there are three hundred and twenty-five children. We can move up to a whole lot more children. Since this thing has started I have taken on another job which is the ball park. My phone is constantly ringing. Every single person that I talk to has excellent questions. All of them do not have good answers. We are not going to satisfy every single person out there. There is no way in the world that we are going to do that. We are going to do our level best. We are going to form a board with somebody from all aspects around to be able to build this park. We are going to need a lot of volunteers. We only have 1.6 million dollars to build this facility. It has to be first class. We need everybody's involvement. We are getting a lot of that. We have 1.6 million questions and we are going to work on them. We are going to do our level best to get them done. I want to set the record straight on one thing since the press is here. One million dollars is being donated towards this complex which is coming from Smithfield Foods only and it was initiated by the CEO Mr. Larry Pope. He wanted soccer fields to begin with and that is what he earmarked his money for. After a little bit of nudging we have ball fields. That is what we really need. Supervisor Casteen make sure we have a lot of soccer fields at Nike Park. We are all in this together. When it first started it amazed me how much tension it was with people coming and saying no. Now everybody is starting to work together and it is becoming a community project. Everybody understands the need for this. We just need to work together. I commend Vice Mayor Gregory for working with me on this. We have taken

the bull by the horns. I will be so glad to give this over to somebody else. Are there any other comments from Council?

Vice Mayor Gregory – I make a motion that item C-5 be approved as presented.

Councilman Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Are there any further questions?

Town Attorney – Mr. Mayor, I think you probably need to clarify it a little bit. The tag line there is probably not enough to fully describe what you are doing. It would be a motion to approve the recreational complex/ball field concept with a funding commitment of \$200,000.00 as the town's contribution and subject to successfully reaching memoranda of understanding with the County of Isle of Wight, Smithfield Foods, and Smithfield Recreation. The devil is in the details and that is the detail. It needs to be successfully negotiated and brought back to Council for final approval. Basically, as Dr. Cook initially alluded to and Mr. Gregory expounded on, I think that is what you intend to do tonight.

Vice Mayor Gregory – I will amend my motion to add that this is contingent on receiving memoranda of understanding from Isle of Wight County, Smithfield Foods and Smithfield Recreation Association.

Councilman Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – I have a revised motion and a second. Roll call vote.

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

Mayor Williams – The motion passed. Thank you very much everybody. We have a long way to go. Next is a Motion to Approve the Town Council Minutes for the Meeting of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Town Attorney – I have reviewed them and made some minor corrections and I would recommend that they be approved as revised and corrected.

Vice Mayor Gregory – So moved.

Councilwoman Chapman – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Roll call vote.

On call for the vote, six members were present. Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Vice Mayor Gregory voted aye, Councilman Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Chapman voted aye, Councilman Dr. Cook voted aye and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were not votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – The motion passed. Next is New Business. Hearing none, we will move to old business.

Councilman Dr. Cook – I have an item for old business. It is probably something that you will want to bring back to Committee. It is a concern that I had with the lot on the corner of Washington Street and James Street. We have talked about putting a house there by Habitat for Humanity. I would like to bring that back before we proceed to discuss whether or not this is the best use for that piece of real estate before breaking ground and signing contracts.

Mayor Williams – Is there any other discussion on bringing this back to committee at the end of April? Mr. Stephenson will see to that.

Town Manager – Yes sir.

Councilwoman Chapman – I just wanted to publicly recognize Chief Bowman and several of his officers put on a basketball tournament this past Saturday to benefit the Relay for Life at the Smithfield High School. I believe they had nine or ten teams. I just wanted to let you know that it was very well organized. I appreciate the effort that the gentlemen put into it specifically Sgt. Jones and Sgt. Meyer. Thank you for a well run event. I think they are already making plans for next year.

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Ms. Chapman. Thank you, Chief Bowman for all you do. Is there any other old business?

Town Manager – I just have the one item that I mentioned earlier. I did not know whether we needed to discuss that in closed session or open session.

Mayor Williams – We will take it to closed session.

Town Attorney – We need a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing disposition of publicly held property.

Councilwoman Chapman – So moved.

Councilman Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Roll call vote.

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

*Town Council went into closed session at 8:22 p.m.*

*Town Council went back into regular session at 8:43 p.m.*

Town Attorney – We need a motion to go back into open session.

Councilman Dr. Cook – So moved.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Second.

Mayor Williams - A motion has been made and properly seconded. Roll call vote.

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

Town Attorney – Mr. Mayor, we need a motion that during the closed session there was only a discussion of the disposition of publicly held real property.

Councilman Dr. Cook – So moved.

Councilwoman Tynes – Second.

Mayor Williams -A motion has been made and properly seconded. Roll call vote.

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

Mayor Williams – Any other business to come before Council?

Town Manager – Yes sir. We need a Motion to Grant the Request for a Six Month Extension to Windsor Castle Development, LLC for their Offer to Purchase Subject to Negotiation dated March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regarding Windsor Castle Farm Request for Proposals.

Councilman Dr. Cook – So moved.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Roll call vote.

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

Vice Mayor Gregory – Do we need a motion to authorize what was discussed in closed session? Did we already certify it? Can we do that please?

Mayor Williams – We already did.

Vice Mayor Gregory – Okay.

Mayor Williams – Is there anything else to come before Council this evening? We stand adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
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T. Carter Williams  
Mayor

  
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Peter Stephenson, AICP, ICMA-CM  
Town Manager