

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN  
Special Called Meeting - Virtual  
August 18, 2020

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Those present were Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd (joined at the Municipal Building), Council Members Herman Lewis, Rich Glenn, Ricky Leinwand, Paula Greene, Howell Clark Jr., Town Manager Eddie Madden and Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Department Heads joining the Zoom Meeting included Police Chief Tony Parrish, Finance Director Sharon Penny, Code Enforcement Officer Cameron West, Town Clerk Juanita Hester, Director of Communications & Marketing Terri Dennison and Planner I Woody Horton. Representative from the Press joining by Zoom included Emily Williams.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell opened the meeting and called upon Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to give the invocation. Town Manager Eddie Madden amended the Agenda to include Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) – Real Estate. A motion was made by Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, to approve the Agenda to include Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) – Real Estate (Unanimous).

Approval Of Previous Minutes

Council Member Herman Lewis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, made a motion to approve August 3, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes – Virtual (Unanimous).

Item #1: PUBLIC HEARING: APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Mayor Sylvia Campbell opened the Public Hearing and called upon Mr. Josh Outlaw with The Adams Company to present. Mr. Outlaw noted this is the second of two Public Hearings required, and the application is due Monday, August 31, 2020. The total estimated CDBG program cost is \$750,000.00 which is the maximum. The proposed project will include housing acquisition, clearance, reconstruction, rehabilitation, community park improvements, and general administration. Housing is the primary activity. With the help of Mr. Cameron West and Town Manager Eddie Madden, three homes will qualify for the program in the event the Town is awarded the grant. One will be rehabilitated and two reconstructed. Martin Luther King Jr. Park will have a sidewalk from the park to Cape Fear Farmer's Market and playground equipment. Mayor Campbell asked Mr. Outlaw if he could tell who the applicants are. Mr. Outlaw stated the owners of the recommended units are Mrs. Rosa Murchison at 708 South Hill Street, Mr. Darryl Rhodie 1103 Williams Street and Ms. Martha Ann Midyette 2407 West Broad Street.

Town Manager Eddie Madden reported there were no written comments from the public received for this second virtual public hearing. Mayor Sylvia Campbell then closed the Public Hearing.

Item #2: RESOLUTIONS AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

**A) – Resolution #2020-18**

Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, moved to approve Resolution #2020-18 to authorize submission of a formal CDBG-NR Application (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

**B) – Citizen Participation Plan**

Mr. Josh Outlaw with The Adams Company noted the Citizen Participation Plan is to describe how the Town will involve citizens in the planning implementation and assessment of the CDBG program. Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, moved to approve the Citizen Participation Plan (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

**C) – Resolution #2020-19 for LGFCU Financial Partners, LLC**

Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, moved to approve Resolution #2020-19 as part of the \$160,000 Loan application process for purchase of firefighting and Rescue equipment for the Fire Department (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

**D) – Resolution #2020-20 – Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Town Manager Eddie Madden noted that Bladen County Emergency Services Director Nathan Dowless applied for the Hazard Mitigation Grant funding and received the grant Countywide. Local governments must develop an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds. The program is reviewed every five years. Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, moved to approve Resolution # 2020-20 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #3: OPEN FORUM: Three (3) Minutes Per Citizen...Should State Name/Address

There were no written comments received.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, moved to enter onto Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) – Real Estate (Unanimous).

With no further business to discuss, Council Member Herman Lewis, seconded by Council Member Howell Clark Jr., moved to adjourn (Unanimous).

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor