



MINUTES

The Holly Springs Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Mayor Mayefskie presided, calling the meeting to order at 7 p.m. A quorum was established as the Mayor and five Council members were present in the Chamber as the meeting opened.

Council Members Present: Mayor Mayefskie, Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council members Timothy Forrest, Danielle Hewetson, Annie Drees, and Chris Deshazor.

Council Members Absent: none.

Staff Members Present in Chambers: Randy Harrington, *Town Manager*; Scott Chase, *Assistant Town Manager*; John Schifano, *Town Attorney*; Linda McKinney, *Town Clerk* (recording the minutes); Mathew Mutter, *IT*; Kathy White, *Deputy Clerk*; Corey Petersohn, *Budget and Sustainability*; Cassie Hack, *Director, Communications and Marketing*; Tina Stroupe, *Finance Director*; Chris Hills, *Director of Development Services*; Aaron Prichard, *Development Services*; Jaime Joyner, *Director of Human Resources*; Paul Liquorie, *Police Chief*; Tim Athy, *Utilities and Infrastructure*; LeeAnn Plumer, *Director, Parks & Recreation*.

2. and 3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by an invocation by Father Chris Koehn of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

4. Agenda Adjustment: The December 19, 2023, meeting agenda was adopted with changes, if any, as listed: none.

Motion: Berry

Second: Forrest

Vote: Unanimous

RECOGNITIONS

5. Recognition of outgoing Council member Shaun McGrath

Mayor Mayefskie and each Council member spoke about the service to the Town by Council member Shaun McGrath, who rotated off Council, and shared a favorite memory. Staff presented Mr. McGrath with tokens of appreciation, and he said a few words.

6. Holly Springs High School Boys & Girls Cross Country Teams

Mayor Mayefskie recognized the accomplishments of the members of the Holly Springs High School Girls Varsity Cross Country team and their coach Kimberly Henry, and the Boys Varsity Cross Country team and their coach Jason Bochart.

7. Town of Holly Springs Employee Champion Awards Recipients

Jamie Joyner, Director of Human Resources, explained the Holly Springs Champion awards for Core Values Champion; Customer Service Champion; and Strategic Achievement by a Team Champions. Awards were presented to Deon Johnson, Angela Fugaro, and the Customer Care Team, Patti Dressen, George Brown, Angela "AZ" Zollicoffer, and Carlos Villanueva.

REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. Police Department 2023 Annual Report

Paul Liquorie, Chief of Police, said this was an overview of the Police Department's Annual Report. He highlighted outreach programs the department has engaged in over the past year including Shop with a Cop, unused medicine drop box, child seat installations, National Night Out, and Coffee with a Cop.

Chief Liquorie said that although crime fluctuates, with some increases, Holly Springs remains one of the safest towns to live, work, and raise a family in. Calls for service have increased at a slower pace than the Town's population growth. The department has a strong commitment to training, improvement, and professionalism, and enforcement remains statistically consistent. He showed the five-year trends for property and violent crimes and pointed out that for the last two years there has been no arson, and no murder in the last three years.

Chief Liquorie gave the breakdown on arrests by race, and by resident/nonresident status. He said that only 4% of arrests involved the use of force, which includes anything from drawing a weapon but not firing it, to physical resistance to handcuffing. Regarding traffic stops, Chief Liquorie gave the breakdown by race, and said that nearly 65% of them do not result in a citation or arrest, and those that do are mostly driving while impaired. He said that collisions are down over the past three years, and personal injury collisions are statistically steady. There was only one fatal collision in the reporting year, which involved a motorcyclist and a deer.

Chief Liquorie spoke about the work of the Police Community Advisory Group over the past year. He then highlighted certificates and awards received by department members.

Mayor Mayefskie and Council thanked Chief Liquorie and the department.

Randy Harrington thanked Chief Liquorie and his team. He said that the full report will be emailed to Council, posted online, and included in the News Flash.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council passed a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried following a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Berry, a second by Council member Forrest and a unanimous vote. The following actions were affected:

9. Minutes – Council approved the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting.

10. Artist Agreement for the Park on Cass Holt Road – The Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Creative Machines as the selected artist team to create interactive art for the park planned on Cass Holt Road for a total amount not to exceed \$225,000.

11. Engineering Design and Construction Standards Supplement #9 – The Council approved Supplement #9 to the Engineering Design and Construction Standards.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. 1220 N. Main Street – Voluntary Annexation A23-05

Aaron Prichard, Development Services, said a request had been received for annexation of +/- 3.70 acres at 1220 N. Main Street. The area is part of the Overlook at Main project and this annexation helps to fill in a "donut hole." He said that the Overlook at Main project was a 4-story mixed use building along Main Street with a mix of retail, restaurants, and residential amenities on the first floor, with 174 dwelling units above. The fourth floor would be recessed and include outdoor living space for the residents. The Development Plan and Special Use Permit associated with this application are going to the Board of Adjustment in the coming months.

Mayor Mayefskie opened the public hearing and the following input was received: none.

There being no input, Mayor Mayefskie closed the public hearing.

Action: Motion to adopt Annexation Ordinance A23-05 to approve annexation of the property included in the application.

Motion by: Forrest

Second by: Hewetson

Vote: unanimous

A copy of Annexation Ordinance A23-05 is attached to these minutes.

Public Comment: At this time, an opportunity was provided for members of the audience who had registered to speak to address the Council, and the Clerk was asked for any written comments received prior to the meeting.

The following public comments were received in writing: comments from Roshni Pattath, Saleem Ameer, and anonymous asking Council to pass a ceasefire resolution regarding the conflict between Israel and Gaza.

The following public comments were received in person:

Joseph Cuccurullo, 225 Flatrock Lane, said he wanted to bring to Council's attention that more businesses are placing illegal commercial signs around town. He thanked Beth Trautz, Development Services, for being responsive to him. But he felt the need to address Council because the way the ordinance is written, it is not prohibitive to people doing it. He said this is unfair to those businesses who are following the rules. He asked Council to rewrite the ordinance to give repeat offenders a larger consequence.

Roshni Pattath said she was a southeastern Asian woman who has lived in Holly Springs since 2016. She said Israel's actions in Gaza constitute genocide. She asked Council to not spend tax money on this genocide and to pass a resolution for a cease fire.

Elizabeth Stitt said she had a Facebook post showing a 19-minute backup on Friendship Road, and that this was the normal traffic. She said she was waiting for a response to her petition. She said she still has concerns about traffic in her neighborhood. She asked to meet with each Council member individually.

Beth Bland said she debated whether to say anything tonight, but she was upset with Council's decision to approve the Friendship rezoning several meetings ago. She said the infrastructure wasn't in place. The developers' plans were based on the new interchange on US 1, which has not been approved by NCDOT and is not in the near future. She said her concern is that this project will become a runaway train that destroys everything in its path. She said her wish for 2024 concerning this corridor is that Holly Springs and Apex would work together to do this in a responsible way and preserve the rural character of her neighborhood.

OTHER BUSINESS

None that required action. The Mayor and Council wished the public happy holidays.

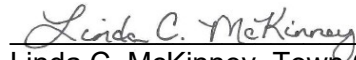
MANAGER'S REPORT

Randy Harrington, Town Manager, said he had nothing but holiday wishes.

CLOSED SESSION: none.

Adjournment: MPT Berry made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm. It was seconded by Council member Forrest and passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda C. McKinney", is written over a horizontal line.

Linda C. McKinney, Town Clerk

Addenda pages as referenced in these minutes follow and are a part of the official record.