Holly Springs Town Council
7:00 PM **Tuesday, December 17, 2024**
Regular Meeting
Holly Springs Town Hall Council Chambers
128 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor

MINUTES

The Holly Springs Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. 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 Sean Mayefskie, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Berry, Council members Timothy Forrest, Danielle Hewetson, Chris Deshazor, and Annie Drees.

Council Members absent: none.

Staff Members Present in Chambers: Randy Harrington, *Town Manager*; Scott Chase and Daniel Weeks, *Assistant Town Managers;* John Schifano, *Town Attorney;* Linda McKinney, *Town Clerk* (recording the minutes); Kameron Womack, *IT;* Corey Petersohn, *Budget and Sustainability;* Cassie Hack, *Director, Communications and Marketing*; Elizabeth Goodson, and Sean Ryan, *Development Services;* Kendra Parrish, Executive Director of Utilities & Infrastructure; LeeAnn Plumer, *Director, Parks and Recreation;* Irena Krstanovic, *Director, Economic Development;* Anna Murphy, *Economic Development;* Tina Stroupe, *Finance Director;* Jay Osborne, *Assistant Town Attorney*; LeRoy Smith, *Fire Chief;* Kathy White, *Deputy Clerk.*

2. and 3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by an invocation by Mayor Mayefskie.

4. Agenda Adjustment: The December 17, 2024, meeting agenda was adopted with changes, if any, as listed: none.

Motion: Berry
Second: Forrest
Vote: Unanimous

RECOGNITIONS

5. Holly Springs High School Cheerleaders

Mayor Mayefskie recognized Holly Springs High School Cheerleaders and their coaches Robin Rizzo, Varsity Head Coach and Doug Palmer and Dawn Hill, Assistant Coaches for consecutive state championships.

6. Town of Holly Springs Employee Champion Award Recipients

Mayor Mayefskie and Council recognized the Holly Springs Champion Award recipients. Sabrina McDonald, Director of Human Resources, explained the criteria recognized by each award. She said The Core Value award went to Freddie Rodriguez, solid waste. The Customer Service Award was awarded to Annmarie Forbis in Human Resources. The Strategic Team Award went to Communications and Marketing: Cassie Hack, Chris Belk, Kelly Miller, and Tamara Ward.

Randy Harrington, Town Manager said that this year there was also the Town Manager's Choice Awards to recognize 26 members of Public Works for their work on yard waste collection, and the Utilities and Infrastructure Department for their work responding to, managing, and repairing water and sewer leaks in the heat of summer and in the cold of December. Public Works recipients were: Freddie Rodriguez, Melissa Harden, Paige Scott, Justin Reasoner, Nate Riggs, Charlie McDougald, Cory Mangum, Terry Ward, Drew Leach, Eric Dixon, Mostafa Hajji, Kenny

Wolly, Jim White, Gregory Taylor, Darrick Battle, James Rodriguez, Nate Francis, Tevarus Allen, Avery Gilchrist, Thomas Baucom, William Burnett, Karen Riddle, Patrick Vick, Adonnis Harrington, Ryan Haack, and Beau Ring. The members of the Utilities and Infrastructure recipients were: Wayne Wilhelm, Charles Baker, Charles Wilson, Terry Foster, Aaron Harris, Darry Jones, Tim Jones, Billy Garner, Floyd Crump, Rachel Ingham, Robert Adams, Darrius Brower, David Cadman, Raphael Chamberlain, Sara Emig, Theresa Randall, Bobby Jarmon, Deon Johnson, Glen McWhorter, David Parker, Luke Strickland and Jeanne Broniszewski.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

7. November 12, 2024 and November 19, 2024 minutes – Council approved the minutes from the November 12, 2024 workshop meeting and the November 19, 2024 business meeting.

8. Retirement of K-9 Koa and Transfer of Ownership to Handler Officer Siobhan Juarez – Council declared K-9 asset Koa surplus and transferred ownership to Officer Siobhan Juarez.

9. Sole-Source Purchase of One BASIC Equipment Brand Tow Behind Asphalt Roller – Council approved the purchase of an asphalt roller under a sole-source exception in the amount of $84,500.

10. Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Contract Technical Amendment – Council approved an amendment to the Hazen & Sawyer contract for design of the Utley Creek Reclamation Facility.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Pine Springs Academy/Holly Springs Business Park Planned Unit Development Major Amendment 01-PUD-03-A04

Grayson Taylor, Development Services, said this item was to consider a request for a major amendment to the Holly Springs Business Park Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to approve or deny the Utility Allocation Request. He said that the item went to Planning Board on November 20th, and was before Council for rezoning of a tract of the PUD. He showed the location of the PUD and specifically Tract E in the business park and said that the tract is currently zoned BRT: Business Research Technology, and designated Business and Industrial in the Land Use and Character Plan.

Mr. Taylor said the Business Park is 249.68 acres and was approved on October 1, 2002. It consists of Office, Light Industrial, Manufacturing, and Mixed-Use Districts. It establishes PUD District Regulations, Covenants, and Restrictions. Current tenants include CSL Seqirus, SECU, and Ferguson Plumbing Supply. The proposed amendment would establish a new Innovation & Institutional District and modify Tract E from Light Industrial to Innovation & Institutional. He outlined the proposed PUD Standards including allowing a School (commercial, trade, business, or K-12) or Research & Development Laboratories and remove the mini-storage warehousing and Warehousing uses. Further proposed standards with any schools in Tract E include maintaining the perimeter buffers, providing queuing and stacking of vehicles onsite, and following the proposed Concept Plan. He showed the Concept Plan and the queuing and stacking provided along the perimeter of the property.

Catherine Jacobs, Development Services, said the site would be served by existing public water and sewer. A sewer study was conducted and concluded that no additional improvements were required to serve this project. She said that staff has concluded that there is sufficient water and sewer capacity for this project.

Ms. Jacobs said the Transportation Management Agreement did not require road widening because it is at the ultimate cross section. She said there were improvements needed. The

Developer was open to working with staff and voluntarily committed to road improvements including extending turn lanes, restricting access points, and gating certain access points during key pick up and drop off periods. She showed the new site access points and the intersections which were studied. She said the queuing would be controlled and the school would close the north entrance with a gate at pickup time to keep the stacking onsite and controlled.

Mr. Taylor said that the project is consistent with the Town's Strategic Plan, which seeks to enhance, attract, and engage diverse economic development opportunities, and support target industries of Life Sciences etc. Staff has noted potential Land Use & Transportation impacts, and the size and scale should be looked at closely by decision makers. [look at staff analysis slide] It meets the intent of the Business Park of providing potential uses that complement existing tenants. The project overall is consistent with the Unified Development Ordinance and the Vision Holly Springs Comprehensive Plan.

Council member Drees asked how keeping the cars onsite during queuing would be enforced. Mr. Grayson said he would let the applicant address how they would enforce that.

Council member Drees said there was talk about intersection analysis being removed from the study when it went from tier 3 to tier 2. Ms. Jacobs said there were a handful of smaller intersections that were removed. Council member Drees asked if there were requested improvements that were not agreed to. Ms. Jacobs said that applicant agreed to all requested improvements.

MPT Berry asked about the right in right out, and where the proposed U-turn would be. Ms. Jacobs said that would need to be addressed by the applicant.

Planning Board representative Joe Cuccurullo said the Planning Board voted to recommend approval with a 6 – 0 vote. There was one recusal and two absences from Planning Board that evening. He said that this aligns with Holly Springs as a life science hub. He offered reasons for their approval, and said they discussed traffic, staggered start times, industrial area safety for students. Planning Board looked at the challenges but felt that the applicant had addressed them well and said that the workforce pipeline was the key to the compatibility with the business park.

Council member Deshazor asked if Planning Board discussed the consistency statement with Future Land Use. Mr. Cuccurullo said there was discussion but no dissent.

Mayor Mayefskie opened the public hearing and the following input was received:

Bruce Friend, Head of School of Pine Springs, gave a brief history of Pine Springs Academy and outlined their recent accomplishments. He spoke about the need for an Upper School (grades 9 through 12) and the opportunity to partner with local businesses to provide a real world experience. The Upper School would focus on life sciences / biomedicine. Through a partnership with Wake Tech students may graduate with a diploma and a BioWork certificate, and apprenticeship and internship opportunities would be provided with local biotech companies.

Mr. Friend said the new district would be a fit for the Business Park because it would provide a conduit between students and the workforce, providing students with experience and the companies with a skilled workforce.

Andy Petty, engineer for the applicant, said it fits into the Town's Land Use Plan in several ways including building a community attractive to businesses, capitalizing on strategic partnerships, and safeguarding access to quality education. He discussed the concept plan, and said the Upper School would accommodate 1,000 students in grades 9 through 12 with a dedicated student driver parking lot and staggered bell schedule to help with the mixing of student drivers with parent drivers. He addressed MPT Berry's question about the U-turn showing that the right-in, right-out was on purpose, and coming from 12Oaks would take Thomas Mill and make a series of right turns. While this may be the "main" entrance to the school, it would not be the most used entrance, and those coming in during off-peak hours would follow the same traffic patterns. There would be outdoor space for student activities, pedestrian connectivity to Green Oaks Parkway, preservation of natural areas, and environmental impacts would be limited to those already constructed. He described the measures being taken to control traffic in and out of the campus, including a dedicated right turn only lane into a driveway along Green Oaks Parkway. He explained that their queue space exceeds NCDOT's requirement and that is how they will keep cars on site as much as they can. By restricting the entrances they control the traffic. He said they are committed to a future pedestrian crossing on Green Oaks Parkway. It was a fee-in-lieu instead of implementation because they are still working with staff on the location.

Mr. Petty outlined the steps in the process, if this rezoning is approved, stating that construction would begin in the summer of 2025 with school starting in the fall of 2026.

Paul Stam, attorney for the applicant, said he has identified no legal issues. He thanked staff for working with them to make a great project.

Baxter Walker, 305 Acorn Falls Ct., said he was a Pine Springs parent. He praised the school and asked Council to approve this project.

Ken Jones, 121 Wonderberry Way, said he was speaking in support of the new Pine Springs location. He praised the school and asked Council to approve this project. He said the school would not be because of Pine Springs Academy. He said that there were not enough educational options in Holly Springs.

Rhonda Dillingham, Executive Director of the NC Association of Charter Schools and a resident of Asheboro, said she was pleased that the Planning Board unanimously approved the request. She said she strongly encouraged Council to approve this request. She praised the school, and the potential partnerships.

Craig Lechene, President of Building Technologies with RoviSys, 480 Green Oaks Parkway, said that he believes Pine Springs Preparatory Academy High School would be a great neighbor. He spoke about the internship program his business has and how transformational they are. He said Pine Springs making that available for students to walk to these businesses is a good thing. He asked Council to approve this project.

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

Council member Drees said that the business near Pine Springs elementary has a sign "no PSPA parking." How do you propose to keep student drivers from parking at local businesses? Mr. Friend said that they would educate students and parents on where they are allowed to park and take measures to enforce it. Businesses let him know if there are cars that don't belong there. Students who park where they aren't supposed to park would lose the privilege of driving to school. Council member Drees asked the same question about parking on the side of the road. Mr. Friend said he doesn't think that would happen because students wouldn't want to walk that far, but if it happened they would deal with it. They would work with the town to have no parking signs. Council member Drees asked where parents would park if there is a school event. Mr. Friend said we occasionally have 2 or 3 events where the cars coming exceed the number of spaces, and we deal with that with extra parking on our property. Our relationship with the Holly Springs Police Department helps because they send officers to help us with traffic. He said they won't know exactly where they would park until the site plan is approved but he is confident that they can provide parking.

Council member Drees asked about the location of the eastern entrance. Mr. Petty said if she was referring to the construction entrance, the eastern entrance is roughly in that same location. Council member Drees said it is on a curve, and you are adding that exit lane. If we got in a scenario where cars are stopped in the right-hand lane, she said she is concerned they would be rear ended. She asked how they plan to keep everyone on site and out of that right turn lane. Mr. Petty said they would use the queue lane to keep people on site and keep the line moving. We are exceeding what we are supposed to have due to enrollment. The goal with staggered bells is to get students out before we get parents in. There is almost a mile of queue. We can't control student and parent behavior with engineering, but we are providing a lot of space. Council member Hewetson asked how many cars that length of road would accommodate. Mr. Petty said about 200 cars, depending on how much attention parents are paying. Mr. Friend said the other thing we are doing is a 30-minute drop off window, so they don't all arrive at the same time. Mr. Petty said part of what we are doing is allowing 5 cars to unload at a time, which studies have shown to be most efficient. Council member Drees asked about the time between the staggered bells. Mr. Friend said we don't have an exact time, and it will probably look different in the first two years than it will after. But we are committed to this as part of our application. Council member Drees said she saw three places where students cross the car line. She asked how they were going to make those crosswalks safer. Mr. Petty said they have all-way stop signs at all those locations and different color brick for the crosswalks. Mr. Friend said staff will be out there as well watching student and parent behavior.

Council member Deshazor asked if the stop signs would slow down the flow. Mr. Petty said they are on the exit side of the loop, rather than the entrance. So it will not slow the flow. Council member Deshazor said in the simulation you showed cars exiting the school and making a U-turn, and asked how far they have to go to make the U-turn since they have to move over two lanes. Mr. Petty said the main goal is that people will not make that U-turn, they will go toward Thomas Mill and go back that way. But people will do what they do, so we are lengthening the turn lane in case that is what they decide to do. Council member Deshazor asked what percentage of students will be in the life science track. Mr. Friend said the plan is the life sciences will be integrated throughout, even if you aren't pursuing the Wake Tech certification. To know exactly how many students will want that BioWork certificate is not predictable. He said he wants them to be the first school you think about if you want that track.

MPT Berry asked how the construction would be funded. Mr. Friend said they will have to secure funding. They will go to the bond market. Their track record with them is good and we are in discussion with them now.

Mayor Mayefskie said that certain locations in the business park would not be the right location, but he thinks Green Oaks Pkwy is the right place. He said we have as a Town chased the life sciences industry, and we would want to provide feeders to the companies we are chasing. He said we should check with the potential neighbors. He called several and they were in support of the project. He said if the neighbors are in support of it, it makes sense for the Town to want to see this project.

MPT Berry said that after reviewing the materials he is generally supportive of the concept. He is concerned with the impacts to traffic on Green Oaks, but the ability to choose a school is a benefit to parents. He said that the Town's partnership with Pine Springs is not without strain. He mentioned that the middle school project required a traffic light, which Pine Springs agreed to pay for. Then they went to the legislature and got $100,000 of the Town's Powell Bill funds, meant to maintain town owned roads, and took it for Pine Springs. The legislature has said that schools do not have to pay for traffic improvements, which passes the expense on to taxpayers. We strive to work with partners for development projects, but that move added strain to our relationship. He has seen the community support for this for a long time and that has an impact on decisions. He still supports this because he thinks it is good for the town, but he requests that Pine Springs honor the partnership.

Council member Forrest said we would benefit from this high school. The life science focused curriculum supports the Town's goals. He said the amendment is consistent with the Vision Holly Springs plan. He said the proactive mitigation of concerns in the proposed agreement addresses potential problems. The educational benefits feel critical to the region's growth. Finally, he said it was reasonable and in the public interest.

Council member Drees asked that there is recourse for the town if there is an issue with the queuing plan. Mr. Taylor said if there is a safety concern we could cite them for a violation.

Council member Deshzor said that at first he did not feel that the business park was appropriate for a school. We are trying to build our tax base. So he asked what businesses were trying to move into this space. He was told that some were, but it was a difficult spot. He said if we approve this, he asks Pine Springs Preparatory Academy to be a good partner with the Town and to make sure kids are safe.

Action 1: Motion to adopt the Rezoning Ordinance RZ24-09 to adopt the Plan Consistency Statement, Statement of Reasonableness, and approve Planned Unit Development Major Amendment 01-PUD-03-A04 for Holly Springs Business Park.

Motion by: Forrest
Second by: Hewetson
MPT Berry called for a roll call vote.
Vote:
Aye: Drees, Forrest, Berry, Hewetson, Deshazor
Nay: none

Action 2: Motion to approve the Utility Allocation Request for Holly Springs Business Park PUD.

Motion by: Forrest
Second by: Hewetson
Vote:
Aye: Deshazor, Hewetson, Berry, Forrest, Drees
Nay: none

12. Economic Development Agreement with Amgen

Irena Krstanovic, Director of Economic Development, said this item was to approve an Economic Development Agreement with Amgen. She gave some background on Amgen and their work in Holly Springs and showed how the Phase 2 would be built out on the same site as Phase 1. She outlined the key benefits of Phase 2, including an additional 370 jobs with an annual average wage of $91,527 and an emphasis on hiring local. She outlined the key terms of the Agreement including a minimum investment by the company of $1 billion, the 370 jobs, a Business Investment Grant of 50% tax reimbursement over 6 years up to a max of $11,490,490; customized plan review schedule with staff level approval; a single point of contact for all permitting matters; and industrial water/sewer rate classification.

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 approve the Economic Development Agreement between the Town of Holly Springs and Amgen.

Motion by: Hewetson
Second by: Berry
Vote: unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

13. Licensing Agreement for Fields at North main Athletic Complex (aka Ting Park)

LeeAnn Plumer, Director of Parks and Recreation, said this item was for consideration of a new 10-year agreement with Wake Futbol Club (WakeFC) for the use of soccer fields at North Main Athletic Complex. She said the Town has had an agreement with WakeFC since 2015. They are a nonprofit focused on skill and personal development for youth players. She said that WakeFC serves over 2600 families in Holly Springs. She said WakeFC focusses on competitive soccer, while P&R focuses on recreational soccer.

Ms. Plumer outlined the key terms of the agreement, being a reduction in the amount of field time allocated by about 13%; a yearly lease fee with a minimum of 3% annual escalation; a contribution of 10% of the base lease towards capital investment on the fields at Ting; host 4 annual soccer tournaments in Holly Springs for economic impact, and maintain headquarters in Holly Springs; provide clinics for Parks & Recreation leagues; and a 10-year license agreement with annual meetings to ascertain compliance.

Council member Drees asked if the agreement gives Parks & Recreation leagues enough time for practice and games. Ms. Plummer said it does. She said staff requested an early adoption, since the current agreement expires in 2025 in order to get the reduction, and we have been able to allow our leagues more time on this. Council member Drees asked how we know, with growth, that in 10 years this will still work. Ms. Plumer that is why the yearly check-ins are included. With Eagles Landing Park coming on there will be more fields, and there are other restraints on our leagues other than field time, such as the availability of coaches and other staff. Council member Drees asked how this partnership has been when there were issues. Ms. Plumer said they have been a great partner.

Council member Deshazor asked if we looked at or talked to any other partners, or only WakeFC. Ms. Plumer said the current agreement we have with WakeFC allows them the option to renew in order to keep their headquarters in Holly Springs and allow adequate field time. MPT Berry asked if the Town was required to offer a 10-year agreement or can it be a different term. John Schifano said that in 2015 they wanted a 20-year agreement, and we offered them two 10-year licenses. There is a provision in statute that says any interest in property greater than 10 years is considered a divestment in the property, so we are limited to no more than 10 years on a property lease. MPT Berry asked if we could offer a shorter term. Mr. Schifano said Council bargained in 2015 for a 10-year term with a 10-year renewal. MPT Berry said he thinks that there have been a lot of changes over the past 10 years, and he is worried about turf field replacement. He said the percentage dedicated to capital improvements does not equal the 87% usage that they have had. He asked if from a business perspective, this is the best agreement the taxpayers can get. We may miss an opportunity, or inflation may make the 3% escalation not work.

Council member Deshazor said he was thinking about the field replacement also. And that fields paid for by taxes don't get used by all. He wants to be sure we have enough space for the Parks & Rec programs.

Council member Hewetson said that while she doesn't disagree with MPT Berry, we are talking about the 13% time reduction in this contract. This is a much better contract than the previous one. The economic benefit of WakeFC in bringing these tournaments to Holly Springs is massive. This is a solid contract in her eyes. They could discuss a reduced term but outside of that she is in favor.

Mayor Mayefskie asked what percentage of Holly Springs residents play for WakeFC. Ms. Plumer said she does not know a percentage, but 2600 Holly Springs families participate in the WakeFC program. Mayor Mayefskie said to have something of this magnitude in town is important. We agreed to the 10-year term previously. There is a question about where we are getting enough maintenance funds, but they are being flexible enough to allow other tournaments. They are also local business owners.

Council member Forrest said WakeFC is a good partner. Ten years is a long commitment. The community needs a recreational shift but WakeFC fulfills its commitments, the Town keeps its commitment to providing programs. He would like to request that we track every dollar that we spend on those fields so future councils can have those numbers. But balancing social and financial aspects, he is in support.

Randy Harrington said one clarification of the term, the original agreement has a 10-year option. It provides a *minimum* 3% increase, but the contract has a provision to recalculate if inflation is greater than that. We are trying to protect taxpayers as much as we could, given the parameters and constraints.

Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a 10-year Agreement with Wake Futbol Club for the licensed use of the soccer fields at North main Athletic Complex.

Motion by: Drees
Second by: Forrest
Vote: unanimous

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: thirty-nine (39) comments in support of Pine Springs Academy's upper school; one comment regarding public records requests.

The following public comments were received in person:
Dr. Atoya Hodges, Exec. Director of Western Wake Crisis Ministry, said she was here to discuss their contributions to Holly Springs. She said they give money to prevent evictions and provided food. They merged with Dorcas Ministries and can now offer additional services including workforce development. Right now they are an emergency assistance organization, but moving forward will include education, workforce development, and a more sustainable program. She thanked Council for the opportunity to speak.

OTHER BUSINESS

MPT Berry said a week ago two cars were stolen from his neighborhood. About 10 others were ransacked, with electronics etc. taken. He had discussions with the Chief of Police, and we still live in a very safe community. But he said please make sure your doors are locked, and don't leave valuable things in your cars. It's been going around the region, so please lock your car doors. Second, there are some core pieces of legislation passed at the General Assembly including one about "downzoning" He requested a discussion about what this actually means and how it impacts our processes. Consensus was reached to discuss this at a later meeting.

Council member Deshazor thanked Dr. Hodges. He said Western Wake Crisis Ministry and Dorcas are doing great work. They are upskilling people so that they have the ability to improve their lives. He recommends getting a tour of both facilities. Second, he thanked the Clerk's Office for the for the Mayors Association dinner last night. He said people from other municipalities were looking at Holly Springs and how we plan ahead. Third, the parade and Winterfest were fun. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Council member Hewetson said the parade was amazing. Seeing everyone come together is just as exciting as building infrastructure. The Fire Department Santa Express, the parade, this is a magical time in Holly Springs. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Council member Forrest said the Parks & Recreation Department had a great holiday get together for Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Kudos to the department and the committee. He also enjoyed the holiday events, parade, tree trails, mayors' dinner. We all have the same problems and it is great to work together. Regarding SB382, there are things that he thinks will impact the town. It is retroactive, going back 180 days prior to the bill passing. It prevents the town from doing anything without clear property owner agreement and it is very vague which is a problem. He believes it restricts the Town to the benefit of individual property owners. It will be defined by court cases in the future. It is very restrictive and he wants to know what our lobbyist has to say about how it happened and what it means.

Randy Harrington, Town Manager said Philip Isley has been very engaged and is working to articulate how this impacts municipalities. It was part of an omnibus bill that came about quickly and was approved quickly. Municipalities across the state are mobilizing and the General Assembly is hearing us and the challenge that this provides.

Council member Drees thanked staff and volunteers who make all the holiday events special.

Mayor Mayefskie wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy it with your families. Shop with your local businesses.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Randy Harrington, Town Manager, said there is a group in the United States called the Government Finance Officers Association, which our team participates in. For decades we have received an award on the finance side. There is also an award for the budget side, and this is the 6th consecutive year we have received the budget award. He outlined the criteria for the award and said it is important to note that there are 90,000 municipalities in the U.S. and only 1,700 receive the award so he is proud of the team. The other piece is that we got special recognition for strategic goals and priorities. We believe it was due to Council's rebranding of the goals, and also the benchmarking program we joined which allows us to have data and performance measures. He recognized Corey Petersohn and MaryBeth Spoehr for an excellent job. And wished everyone Happy Holidays.

CLOSED SESSION: none.

Adjournment: MPT Berry made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. It was seconded by Council member Forrest and passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Linda C. McKinney
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Linda C. McKinney, Town Clerk

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