



SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020, 12:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the South Hill Town Hall located at 211 South Mecklenburg Avenue, South Hill, Virginia 23970. Attendees were asked to wear a mask/facial covering.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Honorable Mayor Dean Marion called the special meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Marion called upon Anna Cratch to call the roll, which was as follows:

A. Council Members

Lillie Feggins-Boone	Gavin L. Honeycutt	Delores B. Luster
W.M. "Mike" Moody	Shep Moss	G. Ben Taylor
Joseph E. Taylor, Jr. (participated briefly via phone)		

B. Staff in Attendance

Kim Callis, Town Manager	Anna Cratch, Town Clerk
Sheila Cutrell, Dir. of Finance and Admin.	Brent Morris, Business Devt. Manager

C. Others in Attendance

Wayne Carter, Mecklenburg County Administrator
Angie Kellett, Director of Economic Development
Steve Watkins, South Hill Industrial Development Authority Chair

3. OVERVIEW OF SOUTH HILL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA)

Mayor Marion asked Chairman Steve Watkins to give a brief overview of the IDA. Mr. Watkins reported that a long time ago, the General Assembly gave Town Councils the ability to set up the IDA. He went on to say Council appoints directors to the IDA for four-year terms. The appointees live in South Hill (Mr. Watkins lives adjacent to South Hill) and serve with no benefit or pay out of the goodness of their hearts. With meetings being held via conference call, Mr. Watkins commented they don't even get breakfast out of the meeting anymore. Spencer Crowder serves as Vice Chairman, and the other members include Scott Burnette, Jimmy Butts, Tyler Howerton, Barbara Nanney, and Jerry Reynolds.

Mr. Watkins stated the Town entrusts industrial development land to the IDA and they try to sell it for the Town. If they sell it, they try to buy more land to sell. Their focus is industrial development for the Town. A few years ago, they got involved and built the DMV office. The DMV in turn paid rent until

they took it over after finishing paying for it over a 20 year span. Every time someone comes and wants to look at land, a Council meeting doesn't have to be called. The IDA calls meetings when needed and deals with that for the Council. They have had two prospects in the last three years that didn't pan out because they wanted to be closer to Norfolk or Richmond. The IDA got as far as an offer, but it didn't go through.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Prospective Business – § 2.2-3711(A)(5)

Pursuant to Prospective Business – § 2.2-3711(A)(5) of the Code of Virginia and on **motion** of **Councilman Honeycutt**, and **second** of **Councilwoman Luster**, the South Hill Town Council entered into **Closed Session** to discuss Prospective Business matters involving industrial site property. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken while in Closed Session on the Prospective Business matters.

WHEREAS, the South Hill Town Council has convened a Closed Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Council that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Hill Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Session to which certification resolution applies, and (2) only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered by the Council. **A motion was made by Councilman Honeycutt, second by Councilwoman Luster**, to approve **Resolution 347**, dated November 18, 2020 and return to **Open Session**. A **roll-call vote** was requested and voiced as follows:

Councilwoman Lillie Feggins-Boone-Aye
Councilwoman Delores Luster-Aye
Councilman Shep Moss-Aye
Councilman Joseph Taylor-Absent.

Councilman Gavin Honeycutt-Aye
Councilman Mike Moody-Aye
Councilman Ben Taylor-Aye

5. OPEN SESSION

There was no action taken in Open Session on the Prospective Business matters.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Marion adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Anna B. Cratch.

Attest:

Anna B. Cratch, Town Clerk

Signed:

Dean Marion, Mayor



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(Council Chambers, Town Hall, 211 S. Mecklenburg Avenue)

Please silence all cell phones while Council is in session.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Closed Session
 - A. Prospective Business, Section 2.2-3711 (A)(5)
4. Open Session
5. Adjournment