

\*\*\*\*\*OCTOBER 9, 2006\*\*\*\*\*

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor William O. Leonard, III  
 Vice-Mayor Stephen Ruffin  
 Councilmember Robert V. Linehart, Jr.

Also present were: Town Manager Diana Campbell  
 Town Attorney Phillip Noblett  
 Acting Town Recorder Sherry Morrison  
 See attached list for others present

Mayor Leonard called the meeting to order and asked Vice-Mayor Ruffin to offer the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call found Councilmembers Paturalski and White absent.

Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the minutes of the regular September 11, 2006, meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linehart and passed unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the minutes of the special workshop on September 25, 2006, be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linehart and passed unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the minutes of the special workshop on October 2, 2006, be approved as amended earlier. Councilmember Linehart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor called on Stan Crewe and Glenn Showalter. They requested permission to put up the Santa Claus Train in James Park again this year and presented one of three additions to the train-a snowman. Mr. Showalter said they had worked to make the parts of the train more secure so as not to be easily vandalized. Mr. Crewe said they would assemble the train the Friday before Thanksgiving and remove it a week after New Years.

Mayor Leonard recognized Recreation Director Scott Cook on his retirement from the Town after about 27 years. Mayor Leonard stated Mr. Cook was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. The Recorder read the following resolution to be considered by the Council: "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MANY YEARS OF VALUABLE SERVICE AND DEDICATION AS A PUBLIC SERVANT BY DAVID SCOTT COOK AS RECREATION DIRECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN". Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linehart and passed unanimously.

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The second resolution to be considered by the Council was "A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN OF SERVICES FOR FOX RUN SUBDIVISION, PREVIOUSLY RERERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY RESOLUTION NO. R2006-29". Mr. Noblett explained that in August 2006 the Plan of Services for Fox Run was referred to the Planning Commission for study and report. He said the Commission had asked for a 60-day extension to complete the report. Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the extension be granted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linehart and passed unanimously.

The third resolution to be considered was "A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN OF SERVICES FOR WINDTREE SUBDIVISION AND CERTAIN PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO WINDTREE SUBDIVISION ON ANDERSON PIKE, PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY RESOLUTION NO. R2006-30". Mr. Noblett's explanation was the same for this resolution as the one above. Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linehart and passed unanimously.

The fourth resolution brought before the Council was "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION TO PREPARE A RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE REQUESTED ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO ST. IVES SUBDIVISION, LOT 36, INTO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN". Mr. Noblett said the Town Manager had received a request for annexation of a lot that was within the Town's growth boundary area in the St. Ives subdivision. The Mayor said this resolution would defer this request to the Planning Commission. Mr. Noblett said if the Commission thought it was appropriate, there would have to be a Plan of Services for the lot and then an ordinance to be approved. Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linehart and passed unanimously. Councilmember Linehart asked Ms. Oliphant to notify the St. Ives neighborhood association of the meeting.

The last resolution brought before the Council was "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT ALLOWING THE WWTA TO EXTEND THE SEWER LINE ACROSS TOWN PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF CITIZENS WHO DESIRE TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER LINE AND EXTEND THE WWTA SEWER LINE TO NORTH PALISADES ROAD WITHIN THE TOWN".

Mr. Noblett said several property owners along the North Palisades Drive area had requested to be connected to the sewer line and the WWTA had agreed to extend the line if the those property owners paid for the extension to occur. The Town Manager said there was a letter from the WWTA giving their statement. Councilmember Linehart said the concern was if the sewer line was to cross within 300 feet of a property, that property owner would be required to either tap on to the sewer or if they chose not to tap on, they would have to pay a quarterly sewer fee. He said the Council wanted to be sure that only those requesting the sewer line would be affected. Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linehart and passed unanimously.

The ordinance brought before the Council on first reading was "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 2006-12, ENTITLED THE "FY 2006-2007 BUDGET ORDINANCE" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REVENUES AND CHANGED EXPENDITURES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES FROM A HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT TO THE TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE FOR EXPENDITURES FOR THE GRANT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE-SHARED REVENUES FROM THE HALL INCOME TAX FOR THIS YEAR'S BUDGET; TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND CERTAIN REVENUE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD TO ESTABLISH A FOUNDATION FUND, AND TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE SOLID WASTE FUND FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO PURCHASE A TRUCK FOR PICKING UP BRUSH AND HEAVY APPLIANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES TO THE SOLID WASTE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR PICKING UP BRUSH AND HEAVY APPLIANCES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR REVENUE TO THE STORMWATER FUND AND SOLID WASTE FUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR PICKING UP BRUSH AND CLEANING OUT DITCHES, AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED AMENDED BUDGET DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR".

Mr. Noblett recommended an amendment to the caption because there was an item referenced in the body that was not referenced in the caption in regard to the Library Fund. He said that was the Library Fund was getting a new air-conditioning unit and he recommended the amendment to the caption be placed to provide for transfer from the General Fund certain revenue to the Library Board for an air-conditioning unit and to establish a foundation fund. Ms. Campbell said \$6,610 had been designated for replacing that unit. The Mayor asked how long it would take to make this repair. Ms. Campbell said it would have to be after the second reading. Mayor Leonard said the Council could call a special meeting for second reading if needed. Mr. Noblett said yes.

The Mayor asked about the Police Department Fund. He said he thought the Town was waiting for the State Highway Department to release the information about the Police grant. Ms. Campbell said the information had been released by the State to the press,

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and they could discuss it. Police Boyd Veal explained the \$5,000 grant could be used for overtime. He stated the additional grant was for additional personnel overtime and equipment including digital cameras for all patrol cars, two additional moving radar units and other communications equipment. He said the total of the second grant was \$142,320.00. He said that would allow approximately 55 hours of overtime per week for the officers to concentrate on traffic related duties. Chief Veal said Officer David Smith had been instrumental in securing the grants and Mayor Leonard asked Ms. Campbell to prepare a note to be put in his personnel file commending him for his work on the grant. Councilmember Linehart commended the Police Department for an outstanding job.

Ms. Campbell explained some of the items amended.

Councilmember Linehart asked for the net figure that was being put back in the Fund Balance. Ms. Campbell said she would make that available at the next meeting. Councilmember Linehart then recommended there be a special meeting to pass this ordinance on Second Reading before the new Council took over. Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved to approve this ordinance as amended. Councilmember Linehart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on first reading.

Mayor Leonard asked Ms. Oliphant to give her Planning Commission report. She said the Commission discussed the \$100 fee final plat and the Town Attorney told them they would have to have a public hearing on it and she said they would have a public hearing at the November meeting. She said they discussed the sidewalks, street criteria, subdivision regulations, etc. She said Ms. Campbell announced there would be a meeting on the traffic study when completed. She said they would look over the Plan of Services for Windtree and Fox Run when they are provided to them by the staff in November. She said they talked about the construction bonds and maintenance bonds for builders and that would be referred to the Town Manager. She said they had an hour of education.

Mayor Leonard called on citizens to address the Council. Ms. Joanne Zeiser thanked the Councilmembers for their service to the Town. She thanked Mayor Leonard for his leadership.

Mr. Joe Dumas asked for an update on the grant for the James Blvd. sidewalks. Ms. Campbell said the Town had been awarded a grant and was shopping for an engineer to design it. She said the Town should be ready for construction in the spring.

Ms. Teresa Hon was present representing the Save Signal Mountain Organization. She mentioned some things she had read in the newspapers. She said she was happy the rumors regarding the Library had subsided. She wanted the Council to know they had never misrepresented the petition or encouraged people in any way about signing the petition. She said they were concerned that the quality of life here would change.

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Ms. Hon said they were just trying to protect the Town.

Councilmember Linehart responded to Ms. Hon by saying he had heard her on talk radio questioning if the Council and the Town Manager was under the financial influence of developers. He said it was difficult to say those things were not being taken personally.

Vice-Mayor Ruffin talked about the six years he had been on the Council. He said he loved the Town and the people. He thanked the Town for the privilege that had been given to him to serve on the Council.

Ms. Campbell talked about the high school financing. She discussed the options for purchasing a cap on the funding. She said the Town would have to structure a 25-year loan to be able to make the payments out of the \$598,000 unless there was growth or increases during the assessment evaluation. She then asked the Councilmembers which cap they wanted to purchase and would it be for 10 years or 20 years. She said the six percent the Town would be able to cover that with the \$598,000. Ms. Campbell said the six percent was the cheapest cap and would the Council rather do a 10-year or 20-year. Mayor Linehart said there was no penalty for paying off the loan early. Vice-Mayor Ruffin moved that the Council accept the 20-year, \$155,000, with six percent cap. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linehart and passed unanimously. Mr. Noblett will prepare a resolution.

Mayor Leonard reminded everyone about the Candidate's Forum Tuesday night at Alexian Village at 7 p.m. in their Town Hall and then on October 19<sup>th</sup> there would be a forum at MACC at 7 p.m. He mentioned the MACC was celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> year and on Saturday morning there would be a celebration at 11 a.m. He thanked Ms. Jean Dolan for being present at just about every Council meeting that he could remember. He then expressed condolences to her on the death of her husband, Don.

Mayor Leonard then said Vice-Mayor Ruffin had received a plaque and letter from the Mayor of the City of Gulf Port, Mississippi, regarding what he had done for that community. Mayor Leonard read the letter. He said the Council was proud to have had him serve with them for the last few years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Sherry Morrison, Town Recorder



Mayor

Date: October 9, 2006

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Pauline Ragan	185 Woodcliff Cir,
2. Cleo Long	203 Innervada Dr
3. Glenn Howalter	513 GA. AV
4. SUSAN SHAWALTER	1111 G
5. Mike Deal	Times for Press
6. John Houstrup	509 Brady Point Rd
7. Bob Anderson	Library
8. Betty Benton	1244 Mt. Zion
9. Vern Monroe	907 Cherokee L
10. Wanda Dick	1022 Signal Rd
11. Chris Wolfe	3700 Wilson Ave
12. Cindy Cope	25 Rockcrest Dr
13. Mark & Patsy SHARTER	501 James Blvd
14. Jerry Busin	510 Rolling Way
15. Margaret Spittler	505 Rolling Way
16. Teresa Hon	1000 West Crown Point Rd.
17. Rose Olyphant	Cherokee Lane
18. Mary Seay	Rivers Pt.
19. Sis Morgan	106 Florida Ave.
20. Joe Dumas	1111 James Blvd.
21. Joe Coan	41 OLIVER COURT

Date: October 9, 2006

NAME	ADDRESS
1. <i>Paula Smith</i>	<i>102 South Dr.</i>
2. <i>Greg Goodane</i>	<i>1112 Glanz Circle</i>
3. <i>Ulga Sattayaphol</i>	<i>#3 Sunrise Circle</i>
4. <i>Connie Jones</i>	<i>415 N. Palisades</i>
5. <i>may dutton</i>	<i>1150 James Blvd</i>
6. <i>Arnette Ah</i>	<i>501 Brady Pt Rd.</i>
7. <i>Sue La</i>	<i>10 Big Rock Rd.</i>
8. <i>ANNE LEONARD</i>	<i>16 WHISPERING PINE</i>
9. <i>Rosey Price</i>	<i>812 James Blvd</i>
10. <i>Patricia</i>	<i>937 Durand</i>
11. <i>Ann Evans</i>	<i>1179 James Blvd</i>
12. <i>Dean Sheland</i>	<i>213 Timberlinks Dr.</i>
13. <i>Jeff Holland</i>	<i>213 Timberlinks Dr.</i>
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