

\*\*\*\*\*February 22, 2010\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Bill Lusk  
Vice Mayor Susan Robertson  
Councilmember Annette Allen  
Councilmember Hershel Dick  
Councilmember Paul Hendricks

Others present were:

Town Manager Honna Rogers  
Town Recorder Mark Johnson  
Town Attorney Phil Noblett  
Others (as noted)

Fire Chief John Vlasis introduced a new firefighter, Matthew Wildman. Police Chief Boyd Veal introduced Michael Alderson, a new policeman.

The following ordinance was amended and passed on second reading: "AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 315 AULT ROAD, MAP 108B-A-031, WHICH WAS FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (CCD) AND WAREHOUSING AND WHOLESALING DISTRICT (WWD), SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS." At the request of Mayor Lusk, item "2" of the ordinance was amended as follows: the "Dumpster shall not be serviced *nor commercial deliveries made* between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m." and the "Dumpster will be maintained at its existing location to the rear of the former school structure as illustrated on *the site plan approved by the Town Council.*" Other minor grammatical corrections were made as well. Councilmember Hendricks moved and Mayor Lusk seconded that the ordinance be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Tom Poteet was present and thanked the Council.

The agenda for the March 15, 2010 regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- Approval of the February 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes.
- Resolutions honoring the Chess Club and the memory of Neeld Messler.
- A resolution authorizing a contract renewal with Orange Grove Center, Inc. for management of the recycling center.
- A resolution authorizing a contract with Arcadis Engineering to perform a hydraulic study. Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, was present and described the engineering firm selection process and the purpose of the study; that is, it is an analysis of the Town's water system to determine ways to improve it. Similar work already performed by engineers in the past and the possibility of sharing the costs with WRUD and Tennessee American Water Co. were also discussed.

Ms. Hopper opened a discussion of speed bumps at the request of a citizen for one to be constructed on Timberlinks Drive. Two basic issues were discussed – how to handle this particular request and whether or not to establish a formal process for all requests. Police Chief Boyd Veal was also present. Budget concerns, possible alternatives to traditional speed bumps, and safety considerations were discussed. The Council agreed that further information and study of various street-calming devices including costs is a good idea and decided to continue the discussion at a later date.

Mayor Lusk gave an update on TIP'S projects. He said at the recent TPO meeting the Town's Public Works Department presented a request for three projects: 1) repaving and restoration of the train tracks on the portion of James Boulevard between Alexian Village and the old trolley stop; 2) a bicycle and pedestrian pathway along Taft Highway; and, 3) rehabilitation and ADA compliance of Old Town sidewalks. The TPO Board will take a preliminary vote on each of these requests in April. Final approval from the state will come in October. The approval process and the Town's 20% funding responsibility for the projects were also discussed.

Ms. Hopper updated the Council on plans for routine paving. She spoke with her contact regarding the pavement analysis project. She hopes by early fall that several streets will have been rated, prioritized, and that paving and/or repairs will have begun. The status of the sewer line lateral program as pertaining to future pavement cuts was also discussed.

Ms. Rogers explained a proposal for creating a vehicle and equipment replacement fund. Such a fund would provide for a planned and systematic method for funding vehicles and equipment under \$10,000 as needed in the future. Costs, benefits, and funding options were discussed. The Council asked Ms. Rogers to continue researching the proposal and to bring it back to them for discussion.

Various proposed changes to the standard Town Board application were discussed, including a Title VI nondiscrimination clause, a time period for keeping applications on file, and accepting resumes that include work history. The Council agreed to have Vice Mayor Robertson work on editing the application.

Ms. Rogers requested permission from the Council to attend the regional ICMA conference in April instead of the upcoming TCMA conference, which she felt would not be as beneficial as the ICMA this year. The Council approved her request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Recorder

  
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Bill Lusk, Mayor