

\*\*\*\*\*June 25, 2012\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Those present were:

Vice Mayor Susan Robertson  
Councilmember Annette Allen  
Councilmember Dick Gee  
Councilmember Bill Wallace

Others present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers  
Town Recorder Mark Johnson  
Others (as noted)

The Council discussed Ms. Rogers' annual performance evaluation, including individual scores, how her salary compares to market value, the amount of raises received by other employees, and what kind of severance commitment her contract specifies. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that Ms. Rogers' salary be raised 5% for the upcoming fiscal year in that her salary is considerably below current market value. A majority of the Council agreed that it is important to begin increasing Ms. Rogers's salary to market and that a 5% increase is a step in the right direction. Vice Mayor Robertson and Council members Gee and Allen approved the motion. Councilmember Wallace, who noted that Ms. Rogers does an outstanding job, did not approve the motion but expressed concerns over her contract specifying she only had to give a 60-day notice of termination.

The agenda session was temporarily recessed and a public hearing on the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget was opened. Ms. Rogers invited comments. There were none, and the hearing was closed.

Upon reconvening the agenda session, the following resolution was presented: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, INC, FOR CODES COMPLIANCE REVIEWS OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE ALEXIAN SKILLED CARE EXPANSION (PHASE 1), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,000.00." Ms. Rogers explained that the Alexian Village expansion plans are complicated and the Town needs assistance with overseeing code compliance. Councilmember Gee moved and Vice Mayor Robertson seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The following ordinances were presented:

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2012-2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE"

TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, AND APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND THE TIME TAXES AND PRIVILEGES ARE DUE, HOW THEY SHALL BE PAID, WHEN THEY SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT; AND PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON ALL DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES OWED TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR.” Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2011-7, ENTITLED THE “FY 2011-2012 BUDGET ORDINANCE,” SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES RECEIVED IN THIS BUDGET YEAR.” Ms. Rogers noted that the second reading contained two slight adjustments: 1) \$8,000 had been added to the fire department because of unanticipated repairs, and 2) \$500 had been added to the Library Board Fund because of recent painting at the library, which was funded by the Board. Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Allen updated the Council on Planning Commission activities. She noted that for the past few years the Commission has been updating the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations to focus on conservation-based development.

Pat Pixler, Water Clerk, was presented the “Employee of the Quarter” award.

The July 9, 2012 regular meeting agenda was discussed as follows:

- Resolutions approving a capital asset disposal policy.
- A resolution making an appointment to the MACC Board.
- A discussion of the use of Norris Field.

Vice Mayor Susan Robertson, who is also a member of the Mountain Business Association Board, opened a discussion on economic development in the town as requested by Councilmember Gee, who expressed that he felt the Council should discuss the issue more. Ms. Robertson agreed with him and recounted recent history in which the Town had made specific efforts to encourage economic development. The Council agreed that any efforts of support from the Town should continue. Ms. Rogers said that she would talk to the Mountain Business Association and discuss the issue further with the Council at a future meeting.

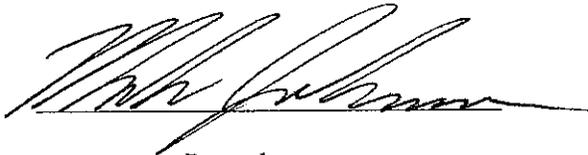
Councilmember Wallace mentioned the following:

- Individuals skateboarding along North Palisades Drive often wear dark clothes and as a result are becoming a safety issue. Ms. Rogers said she would look into the issue.
- A nonresident who makes use of Town trails suggested that the Town could mark the trails more effectively. The Council suggested that he be contacted and asked to volunteer.
- Many reflectors are missing along North Palisades Drive. Ms. Rogers said she would notify Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director.

Councilmember Allen, referencing an earlier discussion of the Alexian Village expansion, asked if the development fees would cover Town costs. Ms. Rogers said that the Town could only charge building permit fees in accordance with its established schedule.

Councilmember Allen asked when the Council could revisit the prospect of converting the Sanitation Fund into an enterprise fund. Ms. Rogers said that it could be discussed in July or August.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder

  
Bill Lusk, Mayor