

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA
CLOSED SESSION
June 3, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Niland, Commissioners Tom Koch, Marie Wood, and Steve Yokeley

MEMBER ABSENT: Commissioner Jon Cawley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On motion by Commissioner Wood and passed unanimously, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Koch made a motion to approve the October 15, 2020, November 19, 2020, and January 21, 2021 Closed Session Minutes and it was approved unanimously.

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**Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) Economic Development
Offer to Purchase City-Owned Property:**

Mayor Niland stated the city has had a request from Tom Webb on behalf of another group to build 120 apartments on city owned property. Estimated tax base of \$20million-\$25million. City staff put together a few city-owned tracts to be looked at.

The Franklin Street property is a 3-acre l-shaped lot
The Westwood Industrial Park parcel's terrain isn't great
The West Lake end of Westwood Recreational park
Private properties

There are no plans yet-Mayor Niland would like to go back to Mr. Webb with some possible sites for him to come back with a request for the Board to at least discuss.

Consensus: Inform Mr. Webb of the mentioned sites and if interested, ask Mr. Webb to bring something back to the Board for discussion.

Downtown Development:

Mayor Niland mentioned the development agreement for the hotel is moving along and the conversation is that the agreement is very close to the original proposal and doesn't include the rest of the cube building. But as soon as that is over, he feels they will try to get the rest of the cube building. They do see the value of developing the rest of that.

He feels they need to start trying to get in touch with the owner of the residential house that splits up the Spencer's property on Franklin Street to see where they are as to at least if they don't want to sell the house, split the property and the city get the back half of the property to connect the two Spencer's properties together.

The old Koozies building needs to be demolished. He would like to have conversations with the owner of the building to get it down. He has heard they got a price of \$350,000-\$400,000 to remove the building/debris and clean up the site.

Maybe the City needs to start knocking on doors to see what can be done to move forward. His suggestion is to: Speak with the Koozies building owner; speak with the owner of the house on Franklin Street (between the two Spencer's Properties); and speak with the owner of Mittman's just to get conversations started. There was no objection from the board to begin conversations with the above mentioned individuals.

OPEN SESSION:

Commissioner Koch made a motion to enter back into open session and it was approved unanimously.

These minutes are sealed until the transaction consummates or terminates.

Approved and adopted this the 3rd day of February, 2022.

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