

**MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA  
CLOSED SESSION  
March 18, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Ron Niland, Commissioners Jon Cawley, Tom Koch, Marie Wood, and Steve Yokeley**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Cawley made a motion to approve the August 6, 2020, August 20, 2020, and October 1, 2020 Closed Session Minutes and it was approved unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege**

**Greenway Project-Design/Build Process:**

Charles Anderson reviewed Phase VI of the Ararat River Greenway Project and they received grants for obtaining easements and 75% of design.

Phase VII construction should be ready to start sometime in late August/first of September for river restoration. Currently, Darren has received a grant from PARTF for \$350,000 to go towards the greenway extension.

The next phase will take it all the way up to Jones School. The timeline of grants is running out. They really need to get going with everything.

Easement Discussion:

Hugh Campbell mentioned using condemnation for some of the easements who are holding out. They have had a breakthrough with one of those hold outs and reached some terms for an easement. What is unique about these properties (something that was not known at the beginning of the project) is that they are in a voluntary agricultural district, which is exempt from condemnation until they go through a special public hearing with the County Commissioners.

For the easement for property #7 is \$3,200 for a 25' easement. For the 1,800 linear foot easement, it will be \$16,000 to restore and put in new fencing and water wells for the farm animals. They can use money in the project budget to cover this.

Consensus: Hugh Campbell to pay for the easements and settle for later ratification as needed.

Design/Build:

Hugh Campbell reviewed the design/build process.

Commissioner Koch asked about change orders. Hugh explained the price is set on the front end and is specialized development.

Barbara Jones stated that once they need to be comfortable in moving in this direction. Design/build does allow to get the quality needed at a better price.

Charles Anderson stated the contract would be with the city. They would use the same road for restoration and greenway.

Consensus: Proceed with design/build and move forward with greenway survey design.

**OPEN SESSION:**

**On motion by Commissioner Koch and approved unanimously, the board entered back in to open session.**

**Commissioner Cawley made a motion to direct City Manager and staff to get started on the greenway survey and design using available PARTF funds. This passed by a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**These minutes are sealed until the transaction consummates or terminates.**

Approved and adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022.

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