

**MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 21, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor David L. Rowe, Commissioners Jim Armbrister, Shirley Brinkley, Dean Brown, Jon Cawley, and Steve Yokeley**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Cawley made a motion to remove the Closed Session from the agenda until the next meeting. With a second from Commissioner Brinkley, the agenda as amended was unanimously approved.**

**CONSENT AGENDA: On motion by Commissioner Brinkley, seconded by Commissioner Armbrister and passed unanimously, the following items were approved by way of consent agenda:**

- **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
- **RESOLUTION 2019-050 ACCEPTING CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY FOR PETITION OF ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES LOCATED ON W. PINE STREET/S. FRANKLIN ROAD:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-050**

**CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY**

**For**

**Petition of Annexation of Parcels Located at the Southwest Corner of W. Pine Street and S. Franklin Road (5010-12-95-2012, 5010-12-95-1042, 5010-12-95-0132, 5010-12-95-2132 & 5010-12-95-2241)**

To the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy, North Carolina:

I Melissa N. Brame, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Mount Airy, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

- **ORDINANCE 2019-028 APPROVING BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING HURRICANE FLORENCE REIMBURSEMENT:**

**ORDINANCE # 2019-028  
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS the City of Mount Airy adopted the 2018-19 budget on June 18, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mount Airy Fire Department has received a reimbursement from the Department of Public Safety due to assisting with hurricane Florence relief;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the budget ordinance in order to appropriate these funds for costs associated with the incident.

AND WHEREAS General Statute 159-15 of the North Carolina Government Fiscal Control Act provides authority to amend a current municipal budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that authorization is hereby given to make the following adjustments:

	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>
Section 1. <u>General Fund Appropriations</u>	
Fire	<u>10,405</u>
	<u>10,405</u>
Section 2. <u>General Fund Revenue Estimates</u>	
Sales and Services	<u>10,405</u>
	<u>10,405</u>

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.

(end of consent agenda)

**CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS**

**Life Save Awards Presentation**

Fire Chief Zane Poindexter thanked the Mayor and Board for their support of the emergency medical services program and for the recognition of employees for taking part in saving another person’s life. He commended his staff for providing the best quality medical care to the citizens of Mount Airy as well as their superior performance of suppression duties. He recognized Kenneth Simmons for his duties as the BLS Coordinator for their department.

Justin Jarrell, BLS Coordinator with Surry County Emergency Medical Services, presented Life Save Awards to the following city personnel:

Michael Bowman (2); Wesley Cockerham (2); Tim Eldridge (1); Brian Emlinger (1); Steve Everett (1); Jason Fariss (1); Eddie Gammons (1); Scott Hauck (1); Brad Harrell (1); Jake

Henley (2); Josh King (2); Blake Markle (1); Justin Mayes (1); Josh Owens (1); Zane Poindexter (1); Kenneth Simmons (2); Dustin Smith (1); Corbin Soots (1); Scottie Wolfe (3)

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### ***Certified Retirement Community Program***

Andre Neighbors, Partner Relations Manager with the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, gave an update on the benefits of this program that will be coming up for renewal in January of 2020 with the current renewal cost at \$3,000.

Those benefits include marketing and promotion, e-marketing, social media, public relations, research, and trade and consumer shows promote Mount Airy and NC as a preferred retirement destination. Last year they tracked 372 moves to North Carolina within their database, with 2 of those to Surry County.

#### ***Black History Month Presentation***

Marie Nicholson gave an educational presentation on the history of Black History Month and on the life of Zora Neale Hurston. She recited a poem with help from members of the audience.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

#### ***Board to Hear Public Comment Regarding Request to Rezone Property Located at 229 Willow Street:***

Andy Goodall: Good evening. We are back on Willow Street, we will never leave this area. Hopefully after tonight I can leave it for a while, and you guys can deal with the bigger issues. If you have read through your packet, one of the main reasons that staff has requesting changing the zoning on this property is that, back before the development agreement was signed with the developers of the Spencer's property, all of the Spencer's property was zoned Industrial M-1, with parking lots and some areas to the west were zoned R-6. When that agreement was signed, it changed all of the zoning in there to B-2. This particular parcel was part of the Spencer's property but had been subdivided off before that point, and nothing was ever done with the zoning so we have a small spot-zoning there. This should correct that and rezone that property to B-2 and doing so will give Jessica the ability to work on her event center at that location. The Planning Board has reviewed this and found that it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and they have recommended the change. If you have any questions I will be more than happy to answer them.

Mayor Rowe: Questions from the Board? Seeing none, thank you Andy. Those who wish to speak on this item, please come up to the podium and state your name, address, and whether or not you reside in the city limits. I now declare the public hearing open.

**Mayor Rowe declared the public hearing open.**

Mayor Rowe: Seeing no one wishing to speak, I declare the public hearing closed.

**Mayor Rowe declared the public hearing closed.**

***Board to Hear Public Comment Regarding Request to Rezone/Annex Properties Located on W. Pine Street/South Franklin Road***

Andy Goodall: I'm sure you've already probably read about this. Circle K is interested in combining all these lots together and developing the site for a Circle K convenience store/gas station. The property is adjacent to the city limits. They are requesting that the five properties be annexed into the city limits, and that the rear portion zoned R-20 be rezoned B-4 to match up with the rest of the property. Police and fire can both service the property. Water and sewer are available. The sewer line elbows here at the corner so they can tap into the sewer to develop the property. They probably have more details on the use of it. We have reviewed this at the Planning Board level as well and it is consistent with the high-intensity land-use category in the Comprehensive Plan for this area and they recommend approval of the rezoning and annexation.

Mayor Rowe: Questions from the Board? Thank you, Andy. Those who wish to speak on this item, please come up to the podium and state your name, address, and whether or not you reside in the city limits. I now declare the public hearing open.

**Mayor Rowe declared the public hearing open.**

Mayor Rowe: Seeing no one wishing to speak, I declare the public hearing closed.

**Mayor Rowe declared the public hearing closed.**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mayor Rowe: Next up on the agenda is the public forum. This is an opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the board. Please come up to the podium, state your name, address, and whether or not you reside in the city limits. You will be given three minutes to make your comments and the City Clerk will ring the bell to signal when your three minutes are up. Please state your thoughts, facts, and opinions in a respectful manner. This shall not include name calling or defamation of anyone's character. After the public forum is closed, all items on the agenda will be for board discussion only – the audience will not be recognized for comments. I now declare the public forum open.

**Mayor Rowe declared the public forum open.**

John Pritchard, 128 Ridgecrest Drive (city resident). Good evening, I am John Pritchard. I live on Ridgecrest Drive here in town. I just want to share some thoughts. These are my opinions from having attended a lot of these meetings over the last 10 years. These remarks are not for everybody but maybe some. City government has gone from irresponsible to a malignant damaging stage. Financially ruinous plans are being pushed against the wishes of most of our taxpayers. Meetings often violate board policy, Roberts's rules, and city ordinances. The board seems to abuse closed session options constantly, seems obsessed with secrecy. The City's not being run by elected officials but by a small special interest group. A very false narrative has been put out that the 4-1 vote rule for Spencer's was passed just for the hotel and since the hotel is not to be, that rule should go. Past minutes of meetings show

that's untrue. The rule was part of a tradeoff between three commissioners on one side and two on the other to agree to correct an error on a small parcel of land. That's what got the 4-1 agreement. We all know it, so let's quit trying to fool the public or justify disreputable behavior. So not long after getting the land correction they wanted, one side used unethical and secretive behavior to regain their power. They broke their word and broke the 4-1 rule on Spencer's. Such behavior has no place in a town calling itself Mayberry. Expect to see further abuses of that ill-gotten power at this meeting tonight. It will become like a steamroller coming through. Such abuses could be aimed at hog-tying future boards after this board is long gone. Among other things, we may hire yet more consultants tonight. I mean no disrespect to any consultants here. This one is called DFI I believe and is connected to UNC. A similar group from UNC called Carolina Center for Competitive Economics once did a project down east and projected 130 million in private investments and 2600 new jobs. That was for the Randy Parton Theater some years ago. DFI did a presentation here recently, and showed us two examples but both of them had just started. I think it would have been a lot more meaningful if they had showed us some success stories. I assume they have some but we didn't see any. We also have an ongoing consultant who is retained to keep our financial administrative ship in order, but we already have the city manager for that. Auditors gave their annual report last fall. The Mayor asked how we compared with others. The auditors declined to answer, but that information is readily available on the state treasurer's website. It compares over 75 line items and we measure very poorly with state averages. We have plenty of revenue but apparently others manage it much better than we do. This has been pointed out to board members as far back as three or four years ago but it has never been looked into and its way past time for changes. Thank you.

Jessica Bolick Cockerham, 239 Hilda Drive (outside city limits). My name is Jessica Bolick Cockerham. I live right outside the city limits at 239 Hilda Drive, Mount Airy. Since starting this whole event center business and attending these meetings, my phone has been ringing off the hook. Social media comments have been filling my inbox. A lot of you out there will be looking at me right now thinking you know what I am going to say but it is not that. I've been asked by several members of the community how my business and what I will be doing in my venue affects other things and I wanted to publicly stand up here and say that I support everything that Tanya Jones and the Surry Arts Council is doing. That is the number one thing that has been brought to my attention that they are questioning what I am doing and I just want to say to the Board that the events center supports everything that the Arts Council is doing and we are looking forward to the new building they are putting up. Thank you.

Mayor Rowe: Anyone else wish to address the Board? Seeing no one else wishes to speak, I declare the public forum closed.

**Mayor Rowe declared the public forum closed.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2019-027: BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO SURRY ARTS COUNCIL FOR WORK RELATED TO PROPOSED NEW FACILITY:**

**Commissioner Brinkley made a motion for the Board to take action on a previous request to amend the budget for \$100,000 to show good faith by the City and support for the Surry Arts Council for them to be able to move forward with their new building and plans. Commissioner Armbrister seconded it and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**A19-023**

**ORDINANCE # 2019-027  
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS the City of Mount Airy adopted the 2018-19 budget on June 18, 2018;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the budget ordinance in order to provide funding to the Surry Arts Council for initial necessary work (architectural designs and museum designs) related to the new facility;

AND WHEREAS General Statute 159-15 of the North Carolina Government Fiscal Control Act provides authority to amend a current municipal budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that authorization is hereby given to make the following adjustments:

	Increase (Decrease)
Section 1. <u>General Fund Appropriations</u>	
Legislative	100,000
	<u>100,000</u>
Section 2. <u>General Fund Revenue Estimates</u>	
Appropriation of Fund Balance	100,000
	<u>100,000</u>

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.

**ORDINANCE 2019-029: REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 229 WILLOW STREET:**

**On motion by Commissioner Cawley, seconded by Commissioner Yokeley, and passed unanimously, the following statement of consistency was approved:**

**“The rezoning request is consistent with the future land use (downtown) and growth management recommendations in the City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan. The request is reasonable in that it is compatible with the recommendations found in the City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan and the adjacent B-1 and B-2 zoning districts and their permitted uses.”**

**On motion by Commissioner Brinkley, seconded by Commissioner Armbrister, and passed unanimously, the following ordinance was approved:**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-029**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Airy Planning & Development Department has made application to rezone a .27 acre tract of property located at 229 Willow Street, Tax ID Number 5020- 15-64-7954, from M-1 (Industrial) to B-2 (General Business); and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Airy Planning Board has reviewed the petition and recommended the request to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy adopted a resolution directing that a public hearing be conducted on the 21st day of February, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, having conducted the public hearing and reviewed the recommendations of the Planning Board, concur that the property herein described be rezoned and adopt the following Statement of Consistency:

**STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY**

“The rezoning request is consistent with the future land use (downtown) and growth management recommendations in the City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan. The request is reasonable in that it is compatible with the recommendations found in the City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan and the adjacent B-1 and B-2 zoning districts and their permitted uses.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Mount Airy Board of Commissioners that this .27 acre tract of property shown on the attached Exhibit A identified as 229 Willow Street, Tax ID Number 5020-15-64-7954, be rezoned from M-1 (Industrial) to B-2 (General Business):

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Zoning Map of the City of Mount Airy be amended to reflect this change.

Approved and adopted this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.

**ORDINANCE 2019-030 REZONING MULTIPLE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WEST PINE STREET AND SOUTH FRANKLIN ROAD**

**On motion by Commissioner Armbrister, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and passed unanimously, the following statement of consistency was approved:**

**“The request is consistent with the future land use (high density) and growth management recommendations in the City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan. The request is reasonable in that it is compatible with the recommendations found in the City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan and the adjacent B-4 zoning district and its permitted uses.”**

**On motion by Commissioner Brinkley, seconded by Commissioner Armbrister and approved unanimously, the following ordinance was approved:**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-030**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy has been petitioned by Andy Priolo to rezone three properties (.90 acres) located at the Southwest corner of West Pine Street and South Franklin Road, Tax ID Numbers 5010-12-95-1042; 5010-12-95-2012; 5010-12-95-0132, from R-20 (Residential) to B-4 (Highway Business); and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Airy Planning Board has reviewed the petition and recommended the request to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy adopted a resolution directing that a public hearing be conducted on the 21st day of February, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, having conducted the public hearing and reviewed the recommendations of the Planning Board, concur that the properties herein described be rezoned and adopt the following Statement of Consistency:

**STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY**

**“The request is consistent with the future land use (high density) and growth management recommendations in the City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan. The request is reasonable in that it is compatible with the recommendations found in the City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan and the adjacent B-4 zoning district and its permitted uses.”**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Mount Airy Board of Commissioners that these three properties (.90 acres) shown on the attached Exhibit A identified as properties located at the Southwest corner of West Pine Street and South Franklin Road, Tax ID Numbers 5010-12-95-1042; 5010-12-95-2012; 5010-12-95-0132, be rezoned from R-20 (Residential) to B-4 (Highway Business):

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Zoning Map of the City of Mount Airy be amended to reflect this change.

Approved and adopted this the 21st day of February, 2019.

**ORDINANCE 2019-031 ANNEXING MULTIPLE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WEST PINE STREET AND SOUTH FRANKLIN ROAD**  
On motion by Commissioner Armbrister, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and passed unanimously, the following ordinance was approved:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-031**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the City Board of Commissioners has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-31, as amended, to annex the area described below; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Airy has, by resolution, directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at the Mount Airy Municipal Building at 7:00 pm on February 21, 2019, after due notice by publication; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Airy finds the petition meets the requirements of the City of Mount Airy, North Carolina, that:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-31, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Mount Airy effective immediately, with a provision that a recordable survey map of the annexation area be provided by the applicant and submitted to the Mount Airy Planning Department within fifteen (15) days of the adoption date:

1. Property located on S. Franklin Road and further identified as Surry County Tax ID 5010-12-95-2012.
2. Property located on Peace Haven Circle and further identified as Surry County Tax ID 5010-12-95-1042.
3. Property located at 1309 West Pine Street and further identified as Surry County Tax ID 5010-12-95-0132.
4. Property located at 118 South Franklin Road and further identified as Surry County Tax ID 5010-12-95-2132.
5. Property located at 1301 West Pine Street and further identified as Surry County Tax ID 5010-12-95-2241.

Section 2. Upon and after the effective date, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Mount Airy and shall be entitled in the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Mount Airy. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

Section 3. The Mayor of the City of Mount Airy shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County, and in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 above, together with a duly certified copy of this ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the Surry County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon approval.

Approved and adopted this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.

**BOARD TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAD, INC SITE PLAN PROPOSAL FOR SPENCER'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT:**

Lizzie Morrison explained that MAD is working with an architectural landscape firm to factor in the proposals that are already on the table to come up with a site plan for the entire campus that is flexible with the existing and proposed developments. They are supportive of the current developments and the plan can be amended if things change. It is a recommendation to the Board for the highest and best use of the site that can be used to marketing tool for the properties that are not already spoken for. MAD is supportive of the current developments with the property. The plan would be ready to present by the March 7 Board of Commissioners meeting.

**Commissioner Brinkley made a motion to approve a budget amendment to the Municipal Service District fund in the amount of \$10,000 to fund a site plan that will be a recommendation to the City of Mount Airy for the Spencer's site. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown, and it was approved unanimously.**

**BOARD TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EVENT CENTER PROJECT:**

Mayor Rowe recognized Commissioner Yokeley who introduced Jessica Cockerham to speak about the project. She indicated they are receiving a lot of support from the community and many are anxious to see them open. There are deadlines to meet, but they hope to be open by Autumn Leaves Festival or no later than the end of the year. She supports MAD's steps to prepare a site plan for the Spencer's property. She is excited about partnering with Providence Kitchen and has also been communicating with Surry Community College regarding helping them with some of their programming. Benefit fundraisers will also be held in the facility and many local companies plan to

bring their training and events back to Mount Airy where they had been holding them elsewhere.

Commissioner Armbrister noted that the quality of the deal is what the citizens are looking for. There are opportunities here for negotiation and compromise. He noted that issues like landscaping and parking will need further discussion with regard to the downtown area. He supports the project and wants to get the best deal for all concerned.

Commissioner Yokeley asked the Board for a consensus of support for the events center.

**Commissioner Cawley made the motion to support the events center. It was seconded by Commissioner Brown, and passed unanimously.**

**BOARD TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CULINARY SCHOOL PROJECT:**

Mayor Rowe recognized Commissioner Yokeley who introduced Matt Dolge, Executive Director of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. He informed the Board that they have looked into this culinary school and catering program with community leaders, business leaders, and possible partners Mount Airy City Schools, Surry Community College as well as the proposed events center.

Their consultants have looked into the possible facilities both on Mount Airy Schools property as well as the Spencer's cube building. It appears that the Schools facility just isn't big enough for their needs. Based on the consultant's assessment of the cube building, the estimated construction costs for the school would be \$690,470, equipment costs of \$375,000, with estimated work on the building at \$273,580 for roof, foundation, and other repairs. Architectural plans are estimated at \$100,000. Their project match from Providence Kitchen and Second Harvest Food Bank would be \$493,440 over two years. The three-year grant would be the first year for construction, and two years for operations. They estimate training costs at \$723,141.60 over two years. They would like to apply for a grant to the Appalachian Regional Commission in the amount of \$1.5 million to run and equip the facility adequately, injecting funding into the Providence Kitchen to run the program during that three-year grant period. They would run a catering program with their training that would be a self-sufficient project from them on.

They are requesting for the City's permission as a partner to make application to the ARC for these funds. They are not asking the City for any money; matching funds would come from Providence Kitchen, and workforce dollars. They would like to be able to work with City staff to negotiate the space so that they can develop the space for use of this program, whether it's a portion of the cube or some other arrangement. This might include a long-term lease or taking ownership of the property, whatever makes sense for the City and that the Board would feel comfortable with as partners in this project.

Commissioner Armbrister wanted to know if the request was to approve a contract. Mr. Dolge stated that they were asking for the City's agreement to partner in the project so that

they can submit the grant application. It needs to be submitted to ARC in approximately two weeks. Commissioner Armbrister suggested that they continue to evaluate what their needs are going to be, including what may be needed over the next 5-10 years so they can initially acquire what they may need for future expansion needs. This includes those they may partner with in this or side projects. He supports the project. George Sappenfield, with Surry Community College, spoke in support of the project and their plans to partner with the college in the culinary program along with Second Harvest and Providence.

Commissioner Cawley clarified his understanding that at this time they are not needing the whole cube building, but only needing the L-shaped building and a percentage of one of the floors of the cube building, but that they are willing to find monies and develop the entire cube, working with the college and other partners to repair the building and bring in businesses without it costing the City any further. Mr. Dolge replied that they are willing to move into this partnership with the City and they are listing what they consider to be their space needs, or a minimum to do what they need to do. He understands that there are other needs, and they are excited to work with partners. He stated that they want to make sure this works for the City and they are ready to have a discussion on that if the Board will empower staff to negotiate with them over the next couple of months and they will bring back a proposal to the Board that will hopefully be something that we can all live with.

**Commissioner Armbrister made a motion to approve the proposed culinary school project and the cube building for their purpose. The motion received a second from Commissioner Cawley for the purpose of discussion.**

Commissioner Yokeley suggested that the motion should include committing to providing the necessary infrastructure, parking, water, sewer, storm drainage, in addition to working with City staff to let PTRC and Surry Community College to take over the whole cube building plus whatever else they need. Commissioner Armbrister asked with availability of funding, if it has been discussed if they can't get funding from another source to provide their parking area. He does not want to settle the parking issue now with the passing of this motion. Commissioner Cawley said that tonight we are just supporting the program inside the L-building and the cube building and the City is always responsible for infrastructure. Commissioner Brinkley asked about the timeline. Mr. Dolge responded that they should know about the funding later this year. It is a 3-year grant process so they think the renovations should be completed the first year. They are currently in negotiations with Providence Kitchen over programming with their second program being here. Commissioner Brinkley asked about instructors for the program. Mr. Dolge stated that this would be a cooperative agreement with parts of it coming from Surry Community and from Providence Kitchen. Commissioner Brinkley asked about revenue on a project like this. Mr. Dolge answered that this project is run by a non-profit which will be self-supporting.

**With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

**BOARD TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HIRE DFI FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SPENCER'S PLANNING AND FURTHER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Mayor Rowe recognized Commissioner Yokeley regarding this item. He noted that there are still several acres of the Spencer's property that are still available that won't be developed after these are. He would like for DFI to help us develop it in the most efficient and cost effective manner that we can. He asked the Board to consider having staff talk with DFI and tell them what we have done so far and what our plans might be in the future, and then have them give us estimates of the cost for services that we would ask them to provide for the rest of the development of the Spencer's project.

**Commissioner Yokeley made a motion to ask the staff to contact DFI to attend the March 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and get a cost estimate of what we might want them to do, after they understand what we have already done so far. This received a second from Commissioner Cawley for the purpose of discussion.**

Commissioner Cawley questioned whether we need to wait for MAD's site plan since it should be ready in a week or two. Mayor Rowe noted that the structural analysis within the same time frame. Barbara Jones suggested that staff could start communications with DFI, and ask them to maybe even attend the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to let them know what is in play right now, and to let them tell us what they can do. If they can attend the meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> to hear the MAD presentation they will have the information to be able to offer an estimate on the balance. Commissioner Cawley stated that we need to fill them in on what has transpired since they were here last and provide this site plan to them so that they can decide on how they can help further.

Commissioner Yokeley agreed with Barbara's suggestion and amended his motion to include asking DFI to come to the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

**REMARKS BY OFFICIALS:**

**Shirley Brinkley:** Asked Tanya Jones for verification that their motion met her needs at SAC. Enjoyed and appreciated those recognized for life-saves. Thanks to Andre for his great presentation and wants to continue to support Certified Retirement Program. Marie Nicholson did great job with presentation and enjoyed it. Appreciates the Board working well together.

**Jim Armbrister:** Special ceremony to recognize those with life-save awards and what it represents. Would like to see this program grow and make sure they are equipped as needed. Excellent job by Marie Nicholson and her group on their presentation. Investment in the Arts Council impacts the whole community and the surrounding areas. The developments with the events center and the culinary program are such good opportunities. The quality of the deal is very fair and that makes it easier to come together to make those decisions, when it's fair for both sides. The support of Surry Community College in this makes it even better.

**Steve Yokeley:** Thanks to all the presenters for their expertise and their positive outlook on the future of Mount Airy. Thanks and congratulations to Chief Poindexter and his staff for their awards and for the work that they do. Just one life-save is worth it. Marie Nicholson's presentation was very enlightening and much enjoyed.

**Dean Brown:** Thanks to the presenters tonight, and the Black History Month group. Attended the SOG Economic Development course in Kernersville last week with other board members. Our council has done many things well in the past with economic development and now we can even do better. Attended SCEDP annual meeting with Mayor Rowe. It was packed and they have done tremendous things that most people don't hear about.

**Jon Cawley:** The impact of decisions tonight may make this meeting the most important one in the ten years he has been here.

**Barbara Jones:** No comments.

**Mayor Rowe:** He has eternally memorialized the 5-0 votes made at tonight's meeting. The PTRC is a godsend and tonight has been a remarkable night. Appreciates the recognition of our first responders. Mount Airy is a great place to live. Glad to be a member of this Board trying to move the city forward.

### **RECESS**

**On motion by Commissioner Brinkley, seconded by Commissioner Yokeley, and approved unanimously, the meeting was recessed to February 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for department tours and Planning Work Session.**

Approved and adopted this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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David L. Rowe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa N. Brame, City Clerk