

Holly Springs Town Council Minutes

Special Meeting May 11, 2007

The Holly Springs Town Council met in a duly-called special session on Friday, May 11, 2007, in the Holleman Room of Holly Springs Town Hall, 128 S. Main Street. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed FY 2007-08 operating budget. Mayor Dick Sears presided, calling the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. A quorum was established as the mayor and all five council members were present as the meeting opened.

Council Members Present: Councilmen Vinnie DeBenedetto, Parrish Womble, Chet VanFossen, Hank Dickson, Peter Atwell and Mayor Sears.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Carl Dean, town manager; Charles Simmons, assistant town manager; John Schifano, town attorney; Joni Powell, town clerk (recording the minutes); Linda Harper, deputy town clerk; John Herring, police chief; Gina Clapp, director of planning and zoning; Daniel Weeks, project analyst; Eric Tayler, and Brad Black, information technology; Luncie McNeil, public works director; Erika Phillips, human resources director; Thomas Tillage, director of water quality; Stephanie Sudano, director of engineering; Drew Holland, finance director; and Len Bradley, director of parks and recreation.

Mr. Dean reviewed his budget message providing highlights of his proposed budget with the Town Council. Personnel and program needs were discussed, and Mr. Dean and department heads fielded questions.

In discussions following, the Town Council requested that the following items be given further consideration. Some of the items would not represent changes to the budget.

- Provide for contract landscaping services for Town Hall and the cultural center. Council wants to try this for a year to see if and how the appearance of these two highly visible facilities might improve.
- Provide for services to market Parks and Recreation programs and facilities, particularly the cultural center. Another option would be to approve two requested administrative positions for the Parks and Recreation Department and assign the marketing of programs to those positions.
- Town Council wishes to review its community agency grant program and policy prior to this year's applications.
- Provide for a volunteer appreciation gift and/or event for advisory board members.
- Add an animal control officer.
- Upgrade mechanics position.
- Add a school resource officer to police department.

Mr. Dean was asked to look into these topics and report back to the Council and make any adjustments to the proposed budget that might be necessary and prudent.

Adjournment: There being no further business for the evening, the May 11, 2007, special meeting of the Holly Springs Town Council was adjourned following a motion by Councilman Atwell, a second by Councilman Dickson and a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted on Tuesday, July 17, 2007,

Joni Powell, CMC, Town Clerk