

**TOWN OF MOCKSVILLE  
TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONER / PLANNING BOARD  
JOINT SESSION, SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2017**

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners and the Planning Board met in a Special Called Joint Session on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mocksville Town Hall.

**Present:** William J. Marklin, III, Mayor

**Commissioners Present:** Johnny Frye  
Lash Sanford  
Rob Taylor  
Amy Vaughan-Jones  
Brent Ward

**Planning Board:** Brian Williams, Chairman  
Neal Cheek  
Justin Draughn  
Steve Dulin  
Clint Junker  
Connie Kowalske

Others Present

Marcus Abernethy, Town Manager  
John Fuller, Fuller Architect

Mayor Marklin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Main Street Park, Phase Two Update and Discussion**

Manager Abernethy introduced John Fuller with Fuller Architect to give an update on the Main Street Park, Phase Two. Abernethy stated that the goal is to iron out and nail down the project details.

Mr. Fuller gave a slide presentation in reference to the Main Street Park, Phase Two. He informed the boards of the cost estimate of \$175,000, which includes engineering fees. He estimates the completion date to be around Thanksgiving. The boards discussed various options for the park.

**Court Square Beautification Project**

An overview from the previous meeting was discussed concerning the tree planting. A PowerPoint and handout by Arborist Shawn Cox was displayed for the Boards to visualize and discuss. The following tree species were recommended for the Court Square within this presentation:

- Nuttall Oak Tree
- Willow Oak Tree
- Shumard Oak Tree
- Princeton Elm Tree
- Deodar Cedar Tree

Note: Speak with Chuck concerning the utility box.

The Boards agreed to conduct a public survey and the trees that will be listed are Nuttall Oak, Shumard Oak and Willow Oak, then the Town Board will vote at the next regular meeting Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Mr. Fuller summarized the project timeline. He announced the bidding and vendor selection will take place in August and the mobilization in September 2017. The tree replanting will be early to mid-October through November 2017. Town Manager Marcus Abernethy announced that a total of \$80,000 is in the budget under the special project line item and the amount that is spent will be based on the goals the town would like to accomplish. Brian Williams suggested the Town consider having sidewalks and curbing re-poured along Main St, and only re-pour curbing inside the quadrants instead of curbing and sidewalk.

Mr. Abernethy announced that he had been communicating with NCDOT to determine updated costs for improving the intersections of Main St. and Gaither St. and Main St. and Depot St. The specific upgrades considered were to add metal mast arm traffic signals. NCDOT is only capable of improving one of the intersections each fiscal year. Mr. Abernethy explained that the Town would have to pay the difference between the costs of the project and the costs of a general upgrade with wooden poles.

The town can request pedestrian crossings with push button cross walks in the inner square, but this would decrease about 6 or 7 parking spaces and the current cross walks would likely go away. The consensus of the members in the room were to decline the request of push button cross walks.

Duke Energy will be repainting all our street lights in downtown in August or September. The town had Duke Energy perform a study of the street lighting earlier in the year. The lights transitioned to LED will cost \$54.00 per pole which would result in an estimated cost of \$58,000. The town Board could choose to switch out a few lights to LED.

The LED lights can certainly be a long term vision and the Board would recommend a strategic plan for the Fall 2017 or Spring of 2018.

### **Year End Budget Amendments**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Johnny Frye to approve 2016/2017 year end budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote.*

### **Additional Commissioner Comments**

No one spoke.

### **Adjourn**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Brent Ward to adjourn the June 8, 2017 Planning Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote.*

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William J. Marklin, Mayor

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Marcus Abernethy, Town Manager