

TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
June 30, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Angie Gardner, Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels, Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Marlin Daniels, **STAFF:** Veronica King, **Interim Town Clerk,** Attorney Patrick Brackins (On behalf of Attorney Clifford Shepard), **Town Attorney**

I. CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mayor A. Gardner called to order the Town Council meeting for 7:30 PM, conducted roll call of board members present; V. King confirmed that there is a quorum.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Charles Bargaineer led the Prayer of Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. AGENDA

- 1. Mayor A. Gardner introduces first item on the agenda in reference to the Letter from Nelson, Mullin dated June 16, 2022. Councilwoman W. Randolph presents opening statement.** To not put the town in jeopardy or liability, I am asking for a healthy solution for all parties to proceed forward with all permits, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures to continue the Enclave project acting in good faith without interruption. Councilwoman W. Randolph motion to move forward with legal advice and recommendation; seconded by Vice Mayor R. Daniels (**DISCUSSION**): Councilman M. Daniels asked attorney for his understanding of the letter. Attorney P. Brackins stated that the matter is currently under review with an understanding that all parties want the project to happen with all diligence. Receiving the letter less than 24 hours, it is asked that more time is given to advise on rights, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and risks; not offering a legal opinion today. We will be able to speak more on the matter within a week and a half. Attorney Shepard is already in communication with Ms. Boyd; there is nothing about a lawsuit pending beyond the standard demand letter.

The motion by Councilwoman W. Randolph was restated with consensus for legal to move without haste in rendering an opinion to share with council providing for transparency; seconded by Vice-Mayor Rodney Daniels; **AYE: MOTION PASSES.**

- 2. Mayor A. Gardner introduces second item on the agenda in reference to Founder's Day. Councilwoman W. Randolph presents opening statement.** With Founder's Day, is it still taking place? No details or paperwork has been provided. Would like to know the details on Founder's Day; who, what when, where, why, how, the purpose; much has to be worked out as far as public safety with no plan. Mayor A. Gardner stated that Mainstreet is planning Founder's Day and are putting everything in place. When and at such time, details will be provided in writing. There is a luncheon on August 19, a community event on Saturday, and a Prayer Breakfast on Sunday. Councilwoman W. Randolph stated and that Mainstreet come before the council to present the plan for Founder's Day. Councilman M. Daniels stated because this is a town function, council should have some say so and input. Under what authority and policy is there for you Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mainstreet to do Founder's Day? What is the Budget, MOU, and insurances needed? Having a MOU will minimize any potential confusion. Mayor A. Gardner stated that the administration has been affected due to firing and becoming Mayor in March,

she made prudent steps to ensure that there is a Founder's Day by partnering with an agency we have poured into; why not expect something from them. I will make sure there is a presentation. There is no written agreement; it's partnership. All liabilities, risks, and management procedures will be in place. Councilman M. Daniels asked what major events have Mainstreet done? They need to show that they have done something of this magnitude. Have you Mayor had any conversations with other municipalities/Mayors to discuss practices of organizing an event of this sort. What is the Budget? Why plan a prayer breakfast on a Sunday when most African American; which makes up our community, is already attending church on Sundays? Citizens and elected officials should have input with the 135th Founder's Day. Vice-Mayor R. Daniels, your previous statement Mayor is unfair stating that the previous administration would not have had a Founder's Day. I have seen our administration work hard and raise money to plan this event. It is also unwise not to ask about the reputation of the agency as to how many successful events they have planned. It is also unfair to compare the event with the Juneteenth event; they are not the same in comparison. A one-day event at a church versus a major 3-day where fire and police departments are involved. It appears that you know something that this board does not know. This is a council and Founder's Day should be what the council wants and not just the Mayor. Mayor A. Gardner asked, From March to today, your expectation is for the administration to put on this event? Council M. Daniels, is there money in the budget? If so, is those funds located in special events? Mayor A. Gardner to V. King, were there funds left over? V. King there were remaining funds after planning the MLK Parade that could have been used towards Founder's Day; however, I can not speak to the amount that was left over. Mayor A. Gardner, Mainstreet is covering all costs; should that change, it will come before the board. Some activities will be ticketed and others will be free. Council M. Daniels are the funds from the tickets coming to the town or to the agency? I am asking again for information on Mainstreet. If we have given Mainstreet \$75,000 over three years, why are they charging? Councilwoman W. Randolph recommends that we discuss again this item at another item.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mayor Gardner to adjourn; moved by Councilman M. Daniels and seconded by Councilwoman Wanda Randolph **AYE:ALL**

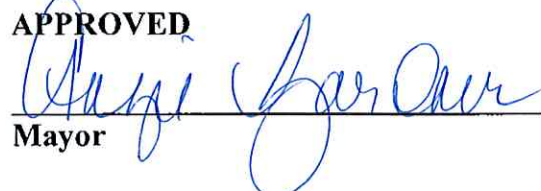
MEETING ADJOURNED at: 8:05 P.M

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Veronica L King, Interim Town Clerk

APPROVED



Mayor