

**MINUTES
BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2020 – 4:00 PM**

The Brevard City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Chambers-County Administration Building with Mayor Jimmy Harris presiding. The meeting was held at the County because they have the technical equipment for us to stream our meeting live on their website, the City's website and Facebook. Due to COVID19 restrictions, we kept the amount of people at the meeting to 10.

Present – Mayor Jimmy Harris Mayor Pro Tem Mac Morrow, Council Members Maurice Jones, Maureen Copelof, Gary Daniel and Geraldine Dinkins.

Staff Present – City Attorney Michael Pratt, Jim Fatland Finance Director and City Manager, City Clerk Jill Murray and Police Chief Phil Harris.

Press – None

A. Welcome and Call to Order – Mayor Harris called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and introduced Council members, Attorney and City Clerk.

B. Invocation – Mayor Harris offered an invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Harris led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Certification of Quorum - The City Clerk certified a quorum present.

E. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Jones asked that we add a change to resolution 2018-23, the resolution endorsing the construction of the skate park. Specifically section one to be discussed under Unfinished Business. Attorney Pratt also wanted to add a resolution to the agenda under Consent, item 6d, which extends the moratorium on electronic sign displays until the June 15th meeting. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Copelof, the April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Certificates/Awards/Recognition -

G-1. Proclamation 2020-04. National Police Week and Peace Officer's Memorial Day 2020. Mayor Harris read the proclamation aloud.

**Proclamation No. 2020-04
National Police Week and
Peace Officer's Memorial Day 2020
Brevard, North Carolina**

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States have designated that there be a national Law Enforcement Officers Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of North Carolina play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedom of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 116 dedicated members of the Brevard Police Department and the Transylvania County Sheriff's Office and;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 32nd Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2020 and;

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their law enforcement offices and agencies, and that members of those agencies recognize their duty to serve the

people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Brevard recognize and appreciate the contributions made by law enforcement officers at all levels of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jimmy Harris and the Brevard City Council, call upon all citizens to observe **May 13, 2020**, as "**PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY**" and **May 10-16, 2020** as "**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**" in Brevard, North Carolina, and that all of our people join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities. In so doing, they have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

Proclaimed this 18th day of May, 2020.

G-2. Proclamation 2020-05. National Bike Month. Mayor Harris read the proclamation aloud.

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-05
NATIONAL BIKE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, viable, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation and enjoyment of Brevard and Transylvania County's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, millions of North Carolinians will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a recreational ride; and

WHEREAS, Brevard and Transylvania County trails and roads attract bicyclists each year from across the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, Brevard hosts several major cycling races and events, including the Assault on the Carolinas, the WNC Flyer, and the Pisgah Stage Race; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Brevard's economy and tourism industry, as well as to stimulate economic development by making the city attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month since 1956 and is so again in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout North Carolina will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2020; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard Comprehensive Plan includes several objectives and policies aimed at improving cycling as both a form of recreation and transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jimmy Harris and the Brevard City Council do hereby proclaim and recognize the month of May 2020 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month.

Adopted and approved this the 18th day of May, 2020.

H. Public Hearing(s) - None

I. Public Participation – Mayor Harris read several emails that came in from citizens as follows:

Drue Quire with regards to increased outdoor seating;

Scott and Lynn Barnett with regards to truck engine brakes; and

Patricia Butler regarding outdoor seating.

J. Special Presentation(s) - City Manager's FY2020-2021 Budget Message and Presentation.

City Manager Jim Fatland presented his budget message and recommended the budget to Council. Copies of the presentation power point slides and message were

provided to Council members and staff. (Exhibit A) In summary, the City Manager said that he has been tracking sales tax since 2011 and it has gone up dramatically each year since then. When Governor Cooper recommended the stay-at-home order, it changed things completely. Mr. Fatland said this is probably the most difficult budget to deal with in his 40 year career. He shared for Council's information that we submitted our BUILD Grant application today so that's exciting. As far as the budget goes, I am not recommending a tax increase. I am recommending that we continue to do the 2% discount that we did last year for property tax bills. The water and sewer fund, I am recommending that we defer the increase until next year. The recommendation is to fund our operations at the level you approved last year with no salary increases recommended, no increase in benefits and all travel for employees to conferences have been cancelled as well. I am asking you tonight to amend your budget calendar to present the budget on May 18th and it will come back to you on June 15th for a public hearing. Then if necessary, I'm recommending meeting again on June 29th. If we meet on June 15th and have public hearings, we have to keep them open for 24 hours. Then I think having our budget meeting in September will be very fruitful because we'll know better where we stand. In order to be conservative on the budget request, the general fund is actually 1.9 million dollars below last year's level. The utility fund is 1.1 million below and capital projects are 1 million below as well. Recycling will remain the same for both commercial and residential. Non-Profits Contracts, I am recommending we fund the Bread of Life, Farmers Market, Boys/Girls Club, Rise & Shine, Sharing House, TC Arts Council, Heart of Brevard and Fireworks Participation. He thanked the Council Committees, Tom Whitlock, Denise Hodsdon and Ruth Wilson for their help with the budget. The budget will be presented to you on June 15th for a public hearing.

K. Consent and Information - Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are enacted by one motion. Mayor Harris read aloud the items listed, and asked if Council desired to remove any items for discussion. Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Ms. Copelof to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

K-1. Staff Reports:

a. Financial Report for month ending April, 2020

b. Public Works Monthly Report, March 2020

K-3. Tax Settlement Report for month ending April 2020.

K-4. Resolution No. 2020-09 Supporting Application for a North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Initiative Grant for the Development of a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the City of Brevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR A
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT INITIATIVE
GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BREVARD**

WHEREAS, The City of Brevard has long valued quality non-automotive transportation infrastructure to meet the needs and desires of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, this value has expressed itself through numerous public input efforts, planning processes, and studies conducted in concert with the NC Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the City, on its own and in partnership with other regional entities, has invested in multiple transportation related plans including the: Downtown Masterplans of 2002 and 2012, the Comprehensive Transportation Plans of 2007 and 2025, the Brevard Bicycle-Friendly Community Improvement Plan of 2018, the Transylvania County Bicycle Plan of 2019, the Blue Ridge Regional Bike Plan, and the Brevard Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan of 2006 and 2018, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, significant investments to implement these plans and interests have been made by the City and other transportation related partners as opportunities and funding have allowed; and

WHEREAS, these plans and investments confirm a strong interest and desire to provide more efficient and equitable alternative modes of transportation such as pedestrian, bike, and transit in coordination with traditional vehicular use corridors in and around Brevard; and

WHEREAS, Brevard understands that a safe, reliable, affordable and accessible transportation system for all modes of travel is essential to the quality of life of all of our residents and to the health and vitality of our economy; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has issued another round of its Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative grant funding to encourage municipalities to develop comprehensive bicycle plans and pedestrian plans; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant program has awarded over 200 planning grants, totaling approximately \$6.5 million; and

WHEREAS, cities with a population between 5,000 and 10,000 can apply for funding to develop a combined bicycle and pedestrian plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant applications are due by June 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm, notification of awards are expected by November of 2020, and Notices to Proceed are expected to be issued by April of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant allows grantees twelve months from receiving the Notice to Proceed to complete a plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Planning Department is hereby authorized to apply for a 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant and accept funding from NCDOT for the development of a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan for the City of Brevard.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to commit up to \$5,000 as a local match to support the grant request.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved upon first reading this the 18th day of May, 2020.

K-5. Resolution No. 2020-10 to Adopt the South Mountains Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOUTH MOUNTAINS REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard is vulnerable to an array of natural hazards that can cause loss of life and damages to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard desires to seek ways to mitigate situations that may aggravate such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of a hazard mitigation plan can result in actions that reduce the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Brevard City Council to protect its citizens and property from the effects of natural hazards by preparing and maintaining a local hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, it is also the intent of the Brevard City Council to fulfill its obligation under North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 166A: North Carolina Emergency Management Act and Section 322: Mitigation Planning, of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to remain eligible to receive state and federal assistance in the event of a declared disaster affecting the City of Brevard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard, in coordination with Henderson, Polk, Rutherford and Transylvania Counties and the participating municipalities within those Counties has prepared a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan with input from the appropriate local and state officials;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are reviewing the South Mountains Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for legislative compliance and will approve the plan pending the completion of local adoption procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA that:

1. Adopt the South Mountains Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the proposed actions of the Plan.

Adopted and approved the 18th day of May, 2020.

K-6. Set Public Hearings in June for:

- a. LGC Application for Loan
- b. FY2020-2021 Budget
- c. Reed-Joseph (Mountain Industrial Drive PDD)
- d. Electronic Display Text Amendment
- e. Parking Fee in Lieu

K-7. Correspondence (No Action. Offered as information only.)

a. City-County Building Permit Activity Months ending February & March 2020.

L. Unfinished Business - Mr. Jones said that he would like to bring before Council to reword a sentence in Resolution No. 2018-23 A Resolution Endorsing the Construction of a Skate Park Within the Tannery Park. Section 1 where it says "The Tannery Park Skate Park Task Force is authorized to construct a skate park on the Tannery Park with donated funding and volunteer labor", I would like it to read "and to hire professional contractors to complete the work. It must be enforced that a responsible party, a licensed contractor of record, and the budgeted amount the project moving forward and hopefully there is no conflict of interest there. I believe if we go this route, it should be satisfactory for all parties. I am bringing this before Council to see if they agree. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Gary to amend Resolution No. 2018-23. Motion carried unanimously.

M. New Business –**M-1. City of Brevard Small Business Support.**

Attorney Mike Pratt asked Ms. Dinkins if she was still planning on applying for one of these grants and Ms. Dinkins said that she was not going to apply for them.

Mr. Fatland shared that the City of Brevard Small Business Support will focus on four discussion items:

1) Outside Tables for Downtown Brevard – The City has purchased additional city-owned tables for the downtown area to be placed at the Corner lot of Caldwell and West Main Street; North Alley (Adjacent to Hunters and Gatherers) and East Alley (next to Sully's Steamers). In addition, we have purchased hand washing stations to be placed at strategic locations. The total City investment is approximately \$25,000.

2) Transylvania Tomorrow Small Business Emergency Fund – On April 16, 2020 the Transylvania Business Support Task Force announced the creation of the Transylvania Tomorrow Small Business Emergency Relief Fund. The program will award grants up to \$3,000 and seeks to provide fast emergency relief to local small businesses. The fund has already raised more than \$120,000 and City Council has approved a \$5,000 contribution to this fund.

3) Transylvania Emergency Bridge Loan Program – The Transylvania County Commissioners approved the creation of the Transylvania Emergency Bridge Loan Program which would give maximum loans of \$10,000 to be repaid with interest, 4% interest accruing for 6 months and 5.5% for 36 months. The Commissioners approved an appropriation of \$150,000 from funds that were already set aside for economic development projects. Transylvania County collects property taxes from all county residents including taxpayers in the City of Brevard and Rosman, therefore the City of Brevard is already contributing to this Emergency Bridge Loan Program.

4) Resolution Authorizing a Special Event Designed to Help Downtown Businesses Re-Opening When Allowed by Governor's Order – The Heart of Brevard has requested and the City Attorney has prepared a Resolution and if approved, will allow stores and restaurants to have outside operations on Friday and Saturday evenings

coupled with downtown street closures. The City Manager recommends Council approval of the following:

- 1) Approval of \$10,000 appropriation to Transylvania Tomorrow Small Business Emergency Relief Fund bringing the City's contribution to \$15,000.
- 2) Approval of \$15,000 appropriation to Transylvania Emergency Bridge Loan Program.
- 3) Approval of Resolution Authorizing a Special Event Designed to Help Downtown Businesses Re-Opening When Allowed by the Governor's Order.

Mike Pratt added that the resolution allows stores and restaurants to come out onto the sidewalk and out onto the street half the width of the parking spaces in front of that store and restaurant and display their goods and allow outside dining. The biggest concerns are about alcohol being served. Some time ago I looked into the law about serving alcohol in the south alley between Wine Down on Main and Cup and Saucer, and to serve alcohol there was very problematic because the state law doesn't allow someone to carry alcohol from a restaurant down the street on the sidewalk to a location. State law allows a restaurant server to carry alcohol directly out the door to a place there but not down the sidewalk. This eliminates that problem by allowing restaurants to serve outside and they are carrying it outside to a space designated and state law requires that that area be roped off, fenced off or clearly marked off so that people can't wander into it without passing some kind of barrier. That law requires that the restaurant comply with all ABC laws in the State of North Carolina so section C of the resolution talks about that and section D talks about leaving passages open for pedestrians and section E is the new section which affirms that the area needs to be blocked off very clearly and fenced or roped so that nobody would enter it accidentally or take alcohol out of it. I've also added that restaurants need to comply with all ABC laws. As of right now, every restaurant would need to apply for its own permit. We cannot do one permit for all of these restaurants on these two blocks. That may change but for now each restaurant must comply with North Carolina law. The biggest question has been mixed drinks and right now the law does not allow it. That may change. It may be that the restaurants have to make their own permit applications and they may not be able to serve mixed drinks outside but other than that, wine and beer are fully supported by current laws and we think that Council should strongly encourage this. I think it's an incredibly good idea.

Police Chief Phil Harris contacted ALE and explained in detail what we were hoping for. ALE called him two days later and said we're not the only City in NC with this request. He gave me two potential ideas and Mr. Pratt nailed them. He doesn't anticipate anything that would allow mixed drinks but he's hoping that they will get something that will allow beer and wine. Whatever we offer will be endorsed by ALE and by ABC and we will stay within the law.

Mr. Morrow moved to accept the resolution.

Mr. Daniel wanted to add something first. I applaud the City for finding help for the businesses in our community. He would like to encourage the county to reconsider their loan program and change it to a grant program for businesses that probably don't see a way to pay back loans that they have now. I would hesitate to put our \$15,000 into a loan program and instead put it into a grant program. I would ask the county to reconsider that structure and make it a grant program. Ms. Copelof added that we could give it to Transylvania Tomorrow because it's already a grant program.

Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to amend the motion to put all of the City's money into the form of a grant, not a loan, and allow the City Manager to determine which programs the money is disbursed to. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Remarks/Future Agenda Considerations -

Mayor Harris said I know these are tough times and I appreciate City Council for what you've done tonight and for those of you watching tonight, I say that I believe Brevard's best days are ahead of us.

Maureen Copelof wanted to give a couple of reminders that as we move into reopening, the hospital is going to be reopening for elective surgeries and things like that and I wanted to remind everyone that I will be having quarterly meetings with the HCA oversight Dogwood Trust, and I will be meeting with them at the end of June. If there are any issues out there, I encourage people to contact me and let me know. I am very optimistic that we are keeping the communication lines open with these quarterly meetings. I also want to encourage everyone to fill out the census. Ten years ago 75% filled it out which means 25% did not and we lost 25% funding. This really results in federal funding coming back to our county and to our city so its critical. I looked it up this morning and Transylvania County right now is at a 45% response rate and the state is at about 55%. We are 34th in the nation in terms of state response so anything you can do to encourage people, you can do it online, you can do it on the telephone and because of the pandemic, its been extended to August 14th so we need people to respond. This is how money gets allocated to the county and we need to get every dollar we can get. Lastly I want to say a big congratulations to staff in terms of the BUILD grant. That was a tremendous effort and if we get that, it has the potential to transform how we respond in the next few years and I don't think people understand just how much work that was and Julie Metz who helped us with it, said that normally she has to find stuff to put in these grants and with us she had to prioritize the projects because we have so much going on so that's a real testament to the staff across the board who worked so hard the last couple of months in the middle of the pandemic to put what I have to say is one of the best products that I have ever seen. I am talking decades of professional review of this type of grant applications throughout my career so thank you Jim for that leadership and to the staff that did all of that work. We are going to keep our fingers crossed on that and again I want to say a big thank you to our City Manager because this downtown proposal that came up, Jim did an incredible job. We are so lucky to have people that are looking for ways to be proactive and flexible and to get this all together quickly and to do it coordinating with our business partners and to talk with the businesses and with the Heart of Brevard and the Chamber and to be really working collaboratively. Im just very proud that our City staff and City leadership has stepped up to the fast and necessary response, so again Jim, thank you so much for being that person leading that effort.

Mr. Daniel said I'm leaving this meeting today with a real sense that things are happening and we are moving forward and not being beaten down and we're not waiting to see what happens. I'm proud of the effort of our staff, the City and the citizens of our City have made to move us forward and I look forward to seeing us on the other side of this.

Mr. Morrow said he agrees with both of them and I have never been more proud of Jim and his staff and what they were able to pull together with all the stakeholders, the Chamber, the Heart of Brevard, everybody coming together to move forward. We are opportunity ready. We will keep our fingers crossed and Jim you really nailed it. Thank you for your leadership and the staff for putting all of it together. Thank you.

Mr. Jones said I want to echo whats already been said and I think this really shows the character of our City and County government and the citizens within Transylvania County and the City of Brevard. We're just goint to keep swimming, keep moving forward. I think it's great that we arent standing still and trying to be proactive. It's great.

Geraldine Dinkins said that she got to attend the restaurant huddle this morning via Zoom and what struck me was how collective and determined all of our business owners are. Nobody was whining, nobody was complaining and everyone was focused on finding solutions. Patricia Hawkins attended the call and that was hepful and she had good resources and firm answers so that was really helpful. I think that there is a really unique place for us and I would like to ask this Board to consider holding meetings more frequently in the next couple of months. I know that we customarily take time off in the summer but I feel like we sat on the sidelines initially during the COVID situation. The

County was in charge of a lot of things and I, as an individual, didn't hear a whole lot from this Board and people commented that we were non-responsive and "not in the room" so to speak. I would really like for us to step up and be active partners and responsive partners because we can drive policy and make temporary adjustments to things that are working or not working and I think that is going to be really important in the next couple of months. What we approved tonight was for a two block area. We're not talking about Jordan Street, there's a restaurant there, we're not talking about the Lumberyard, there's restaurants there as well. We're not talking about Dugan's, one of our top sellers of alcoholic beverages in town, so there's still a lot of things that we need to be responsive to and I would like for us to be proactive. I think as we go forward, there's a unique opportunity for us to brand this town as creative and charming. I would really like to urge this Board to consider holding more frequent meetings, perhaps bimonthly meetings, and for staff to not be stuck with so many answers and have to make judgement calls. After all, we're the elected leaders and we should have some accountability and the people of this town, who by the way I have to say have been very complimentary of us doing livestreams of these meetings, have the right to see what we're doing and how quick we can be. Also, I was really sad to see Pisgah Film close its doors for good and I want to wish Phillip Henry and his family, who I believe are also leaving this community, all the best and as a fellow small business owner, I want to give voice to the fact that in these times, normal marketforce does not apply, small businesses will close, not because something is wrong with them but because something in our economy is wrong. I don't think Pisgah Film is the last. We all need to try our hardest to support them and I am glad for all of the hard work of Transylvania Together, Heart of Brevard and the Chamber folks to provide a lifeline to us, but I feel it is important to say out loud that closing a business right now does not carry the stigma and shame that it does in normal times.

Mayor Harris said that he not does agree that the City was sitting on the sidelines.

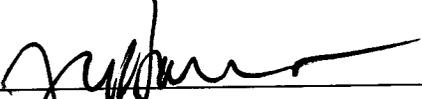
Mr. Fatland added that through this pandemic he has been coming to the City and that being in touch with the Heart of Brevard and the Chamber has really helped, not just downtown but the entire county. I got a phone call from a restaurant owner from outside of downtown wanting to know the process for permitting a tent for outside dining. I immediately contacted Paul Ray and he's been in contact with that restaurant and they can get a permit and we're waiving the fees so this type of economic support from the City is city-wide and the BUILD grant brought all of us together. I think the message was that even in our 20/20 focus report, we actually defined our grant in one of the chapters, corridor, gateway and downtown. We also received those 28 letters of support for the BUILD grant which made a huge impact. I know we have tough times ahead, but I'm convinced with hard work and dedication we're gong to come out stronger.

Mayor Harris added that he feels the City is doing a lot despite these tough times with regulations and executive orders and to say that the City was on the sidelines at the beginning, I think we were at the precipus, I think we were at the front of it. The police department has answered every call and every fire has been put out, physically, as well as, emotionally. Personally, I don't know what more we could have done and meeting more frequently, my philosophy is that we don't call people out to meet unless we have a reason and there just isnt one right now. That's the reason we're not having a budget meeting in the early part of June because the numbers just aren't there. The information is not there yet. So as far as July goes, I am endorsing that we stick to the schedule that we voted on earlier.

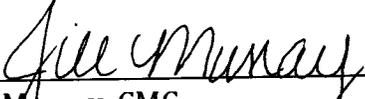
Ms. Dinkins said so you're on the record that we're not having a meeting in the summer when everything in this town (inaudible)? Mayor Harris said that's correct. That's what I want to follow.

O. Closed Session(s) – None

P. Adjourn – There being no further business, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



Jimmy Harris
Mayor



Jill Murray, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes Approved: June 15, 2020