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## MINUTES BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 11, 2020  
7:00PM

### REGULAR MEETING

### YOUNGSVILLE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Mayor Fonzie Flowers called the Board Meeting of the Town of Youngsville Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00pm. Commissioner Hedlund gave invocation after a moment of silence. In attendance were Commissioners Cat Redd, Terry Hedlund, Larry Wiggins, Joseph Johnson and Scott Brame. Others in attendance were Town Administrator Phillip Cordeiro, Town Clerk / Tax Collector Emily Hurd, Planning and Zoning Administrators Erin Klinger (teleconference) and Bob Clark (teleconference), Police Chief J.W. Whitley, Finance Officer Kari Patton-Motluck, Attorney Michael Cohen, and Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Smith.

#### **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**

The motion was made by Commissioner Brame and was seconded by Commissioner Hedlund. The motion passed unanimously.

The next items on the agenda were the Public Hearings. The first Public Hearing was for text amendments to the Youngsville Development Ordinance (YDO) – Section 10.1-37(A) – Outdoor Storage; 10.1-37(C) – Outdoor Storage Standards; Article 3 – Definitions; and Table 8.1 Table of Uses. Mayor Flowers opened the Public Hearing at 7:03pm. Cordeiro noted there were callers on the line.

Clark explained the request was made in response to looking at limitations on businesses for minor outdoor storage associated with their business in industrial and civic areas. He referred to Klinger's memo to the Board and noted the Planning Board had recommended approval of the text amendments. Ritchie Duncan with Franklin County Economic Development (EDC) supports these changes as well. Clark noted standards will still apply, including buffering. Cordeiro explained the proposed modification will allow outdoor storage that is ancillary to the primary use of the business. For example, Faith Baptist

Church would be allowed outdoor storage that pertained to church business and the Public Works facility would be allowed outdoor storage for equipment and other items needed to maintain the town.

Cordeiro polled all teleconference participants and there were no comments from the public. Mayor Flowers ended the Public Hearing at 7:07pm.

The second Public Hearing was for Rezoning Application #ZMMA-200327 SFR-3/CIV to IND for property located off Wolfpack Lane, submitted by Eddie Keever and F.C. Winston. Mayor Flowers opened the Public Hearing at 7:08pm.

Klinger explained Mr. Keever moved his business to Youngsville in 2012 and purchased the subject property. He stated he was unaware of the zoning changes and requested to amend the zoning in order to grow his business. Klinger noted the cemetery located on the property will not be disturbed. She stated Staff met with Mr. Keever in April and the Planning Board recommended approval.

Cordeiro polled all teleconference participants and there were no comments from the public. Mayor Flowers ended the Public Hearing at 7:11pm.

The third Public Hearing was for the Annexation Petition from Albemarle Properties, LLC for lot 2 of the Youngsville Commerce Center. Mayor Flowers opened the Public Hearing at 7:12pm.

Klinger explained the property has flex spaces that were already built. She noted there had been a delay in the annexation request.

Cordeiro polled all teleconference participants and there were no comments from the public. Mayor Flowers ended the Public Hearing at 7:14pm.

The next item on the agenda was citizens' comments. Due to the social distancing restriction for the COVID-19 Virus, citizens attended via web/teleconference. Cordeiro polled all teleconference participants and there were no comments from the public.

The next item on the agenda was the Financial Report. Patton-Motluck stated there was nothing significant to report.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting – May 7, 2020
- Tax Collector's Report
- Police Department Report
- Planning and Zoning Report
- Budget Amendment – 2020-4
- Resolution designating an official to make recommendations to the NC ABC Commission on ABC Permit Applications

- Resolution designating the Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator and Codes Enforcement Officers

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Old Business. The first item under Old Business was to discuss the Status of the Main Street Improvements Project (MSIP). Cordeiro explained NC DOT instructed that projects be postponed indefinitely as they are having funding issues. He noted that CAMPO has had some promising conversations with NC DOT and that NC DOT was willing to entertain entering into agreements with towns that have approved projects with construction authorization that would allow them to proceed if they agree to defer reimbursement for a period between six to eighteen months. This means the Town would have to pay the costs upfront, approximately \$800,000 - \$900,000 from fund balance, and wait up to eighteen months to be reimbursed. Cordeiro stated he has expressed the Town was willing to have that conversation with NC DOT. CAMPO stated they would relay that information to NC DOT to get in touch with us as soon as possible. Cordeiro stated he would keep the Board updated as he receives more information. He recommended agreeing to the deferred reimbursement, noting how important the MSIP is for the town. Cordeiro stated temporary easement agreements have already been completed and the resurfacing of Main Street is combined with this project.

Commissioner Hedlund clarified this was in the negotiation phase and Cordeiro stated that was correct but he wanted to proceed with the agreement so we can move forward then get reimbursed later.

Commissioner Wiggins expressed concerns about spending money the Town may not get back. Cordeiro clarified any agreement the Town signed would state the Town would get reimbursed, it would just be a matter of when that would happen. He explained the grant for the MSIP was a Federal Highway Administration grant that NC DOT oversees. Cordeiro explained when the town spends the money, we pay the contractors then apply for reimbursement from NC DOT. NC DOT reimburses the Town then applies for reimbursement from the Federal Highway Administration. Each reimbursement process could take up to 120 days. The problem is the cash balance at NC DOT is so low that they would go below their statutory required minimum cash balance and there is no way they can do that.

Mayor Flowers stated they have been talking about this for years and there have always been extenuating factors that delayed the project. He noted they expected to start last fall then it was pushed back. Now it seems like it is getting pushed back again. Mayor Flowers understood it was scary and risky but the MSIP will have a positive impact on the Town. Commissioner Redd stated this project was a long time coming. Commissioner Hedlund agreed, noting the MSIP process started in 2016. He stated it was frustrating as a lot of work has gone into this project. Cordeiro stated he has reached out to the local Representative on the State Transportation Board, our local Representative on the State

Legislator, State Senators, and the Governor's office. He noted he has even put in a public records request to NC DOT related to these activities.

**MOTION: DIRECT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED WITH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION OF FUND BALANCE FOR PROJECT EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED THE APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET UP TO THE FULL PROJECT COST IF NC DOT CANNOT REIMBURSE THE TOWN BY JUNE 30, 2021**

The motion was made by Commissioner Redd and was seconded by Commissioner Hedlund. Cordeiro explained this allows him to proceed with discussions with NC DOT regarding deferred reimbursement with the understanding that reimbursement would be required. He noted the final agreement would come before the Board for approval. The motion passed with four ayes and one nay from Commissioner Wiggins.

The second item under Old Business was to adopt Annexation Ordinance 2020-1 for Albemarle Properties, LLC for lot 2 of the Youngsville Commerce Center.

**MOTION: ADOPT ANNEXATION ORDINANCE 2020-1 FOR ALBERMARLE PROPERTIES, LLC FOR LOT 2 OF YOUNGSVILLE COMMERCE CENTER**

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Brame. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was New Business. The first item under New Business was text amendments to the Youngsville Development Ordinance (YDO) – Section 10.1-37(A) – Outdoor Storage; 10.1-37(C) – Outdoor Storage Standards; Article 3 – Definitions; and Table 8.1 – Table of Uses. Mayor Flowers noted a summary of the proposed text amendments had been reviewed before the Public Hearing. Commissioner Redd noted Staff Findings states Planning Staff supports the proposed amendments and these revisions will allow for more development on smaller lots and asked for clarification. Klinger explained Staff has received several inquiries about properties, but properties less than five acres could not have outdoor storage. Per Ritchie Duncan, FC EDC, this has caused several businesses to go elsewhere. Commissioner Redd asked if the outdoor storage would be required to be housed in a shed and Klinger stated it would need to be covered with a roof but not necessarily in an enclosed shed.

Clark explained the limitation of 5+ acres excludes buildings on Park Avenue as an example. The text amendments allow for smaller tracks to have outdoor storage for covered and uncovered storage, such as equipment. When asked, Clark stated there would still be buffering requirements consistent with the exterior of their zoning district. Commissioner Wiggins asked if outdoor storage was currently allowed and Cordeiro explained it was permitted on lots of a certain size. Cordeiro explained the text amendments allowed for outdoor storage on smaller lots and included more districts. Commissioner Wiggins inquired about outdoor storage at Toney Ace Hardware, noting

they already utilized outdoor storage. Cordeiro stated if the outdoor storage was incidental to the property use, they were allowed the outdoor storage but he would investigate to make sure.

**MOTION: APPROVE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE YOUNGSVILLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE – SECTION 10.1-37(A) – OUTDOOR STORAGE; 10.1-37(C) – OUTDOOR STORAGE STANDARDS; ARTICLE 3 – DEFINITIONS; AND TABLE 8.1 – TABLE OF USES**

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Brame. The motion passed unanimously.

The second item under New Business was Rezoning Application #ZMA-200327 SFR-3/CIV to IND for property located off Wolfpack Lane, submitted by Eddie Kever and F.C. Winston. Mayor Flowers noted a summary of the proposed text amendments had been reviewed before the Public Hearing.

**MOTION: APPROVE PROPOSED REZONING APPLICATION #ZMA-200327 SFR-3/CIV TO IND FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OFF WOLFPACK LANE, SUBMITTED BY EDDIE KEEVER AND F.C. WINSTON**

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. The motion passed unanimously.

The third item under New Business was a presentation by Brian Whitley from the Victorian Youngsville requesting an update to the Noise Ordinance. Cordeiro noted the Board has received items relating to Mr. Whitley’s presentation in their Agenda Packet. Mayor Flowers stated Mr. Whitley had approached the Board prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and has had several conversations with him pertaining to adjusting the Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Whitley stated he wished he could meet with the Board in person but felt he would be able to get his point across just as well. In his information packet, Mr. Whitley noted he had acquired signatures over one weekend but felt more people would support these changes.

Mr. Whitley stated they were the last business before the residential neighborhood. He stated they have planted shrubbery to create a sound barrier as they were trying to be conscience of everyone around them. Mr. Whitley noted he submitted a video showing what amplified sound was like in the area and Cordeiro stated he would provide the video to the Board and noted Staff had reviewed the video. Mr. Whitley stated he was able to hear music from the neighbor’s house, but it wasn’t a bother even though it ran above the allowed decibel range.

Mr. Whitley stated adjusting the Noise Ordinance would benefit his business. He explained they had people not book their venue due to the hour restrictions, noting that 9pm was too

early. Three people specifically stated the hour restrictions was the reason they would not book at the Victorian Youngsville. People want to enjoy the outside, even after dark.

Mr. Whitley stated people like to enjoy themselves after work, especially if they had to get a babysitter. Due to the timing restrictions, people can't sit outside, have a beer and enjoy their evening. This affects other businesses as well, such as Burnt Barrell. Businesses like Charron's and Packhouse Coffee signed the petition even though this does not affect their businesses.

Mr. Whitley noted that changing the Noise Ordinance would put Youngsville up to par with other municipalities which could be a big factor for a small town that wants to grow.

Mayor Flowers stated he appreciated Mr. Whitley's time and the information provided. He stated the Board wants to strike a good balance, noting everyone is for both the downtown area and our local businesses. However, they also have to take into account the citizens that may have concerns about noise going past a certain timeframe. Mayor Flowers noted there was a lot of positive feedback but inquired if they encountered anyone that gave them some negative feedback. Mr. Whitley stated a lot of the people they spoke with were supportive. Those that didn't want to give feedback stated they didn't want to be involved with politics. Mr. Whitley noted one of the signatures was for a resident that lived across the railroad tracks from them and she was in full support.

Mr. Whitley stated the proposed changes were to try and make things better. He stated they want to do everything they can to accommodate, including hiring off duty Police Officers to keep things under control. Mr. Whitley stated he has spoken with Cordeiro and Chief Whitley, along with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, regarding their ability to provide officers as needed. He stated they are trying to please everyone but understood there was no good way to make everyone happy. Mr. Whitley stated he felt the positives outweigh the negatives by a lot.

Commissioner Hedlund stated the Town needed to do what they can to help small businesses, especially during this time. He felt that 11pm was not unusual and 9pm was unreasonable.

Commissioner Wiggins felt the Board should not move on this until they know how the residents feel and Mayor Flowers agreed. Commissioner Wiggins stated it wouldn't bother him considering where he lived but he knew there were residents living near the Victorian Youngsville that were unhappy and the Board needs to hear what they have to say. He stated that he supports small businesses but the citizens that live and sleep here are the core of Youngsville. Mayor Flowers agreed and explained that was why they were starting the discussions. This request should be treated the same as how they treated the closure of S Nassau Street. Commissioner Wiggins noted that most of the negative comments regarding the closure of S Nassau Street came from people who lived outside of town limits. Mayor Flowers stated the Board could direct Cordeiro to survey the citizens.

Commissioner Redd stated she was all about live music and supporting local businesses but felt there was a delicate balance in Youngsville. She stated people moved to

Youngsville because they were looking for a quiet place to live. No one expected the downtown to grow like it has and understood it will be disturbing to some. Commissioner Redd stated she would be happy to listen to the citizens so that she could weigh which direction to go. She stated that she would like to support the request but wanted more information first.

Commissioner Brame supports the idea. He felt that 9pm was too early for weekend events. Commissioner Brame stated there was untapped potential due to the time restrictions. He noted he wasn't saying 11pm, maybe even 10pm. Commissioner Brame supports the idea and stated he was looking forward to the citizens' comments.

Commissioner Johnson agreed 9pm was too early in the summertime. As someone who lives near the railroad, he felt that people would get used to the noise quick. Commissioner Johnson stated he hated to see Youngsville roll up their carpets at 9pm, especially since downtown has more to offer now. The citizens need to have an opportunity to enjoy. Commissioner Johnson agreed he was looking forward to hearing from the citizens. He stated that he would like to see the businesses be able to stay open later.

Mayor Flowers noted how difficult it was to maintain the perfect balance and asked the Board how they would like to proceed. He stated Franklin County allowed to 11pm but that encompassed a lot of rural areas. Cordeiro noted that social gatherings in the town does breed a sense of community, allowing the opportunity for people to get to know their neighbors. He stated the citizens could be surveyed using door hangers and electronic means that will offer different options and gave several examples. This way, the Board can see how the people support the changes in stages. Cordeiro stated he would work with Staff to devise the best way to survey the citizens then provide feedback to the Board.

Cordeiro explained the Board could change it back if it doesn't work but noted the ordinances needed to remain as consistent as possible so that businesses can be prepared. He reminded the Board they can restrict as well as expand.

**MOTION: DIRECT THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SURVEY THE RESIDENTS REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE NOISE ORDINANCE**

The motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. Commissioner Redd asked if results would be provided before the next Board Meeting and Cordeiro stated he would provide the citizens every opportunity to provide their feedback as soon as possible to include putting door hangers on every door that will be affected downtown. However, he was unsure how quickly we would get a response. Hurd reminded the Board changes to the Noise Ordinance would also require a Public Hearing and Cordeiro explained the process to update the ordinance. When asked, Cordeiro stated he would provide the information as soon as he has it, then discuss how the Board would like to proceed with each Commissioner, individually. The motion passed unanimously.

The fourth item under New Business was to reappoint Marcus Hurt to the Youngsville Planning Board as an ETJ Member with a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

**MOTION: REAPPOINT MARCUS HURT TO THE YOUNGSVILLE PLANNING BOARD – ETJ MEMBER – TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2023**

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Redd. The motion passed unanimously.

The fifth item under New Business was to accept Town Attorney Edward Bartholomew's resignation. Mayor Flowers thanked Attorney Bartholomew for his service to Youngsville, noting he has seen the Town through both good and bad times. He stated Attorney Bartholomew has been an asset to the Town and the Board appreciates all he has done.

Attorney Bartholomew stated he has appreciated his time with Youngsville and will continue to serve the community. He asked that the Board reach out if they needed him during the transition period and he would be happy to help.

Commissioner Hedlund expressed his appreciation for all the civic work Attorney Bartholomew has done for Youngsville. Attorney Bartholomew stated he and his wife were looking at moving into the area and they will stay involved. Cordeiro expressed his best wishes to Attorney Bartholomew's new family. Attorney Bartholomew thanked Cordeiro for all his assistance, especially the personal touches. The Board congratulated Attorney Bartholomew on his fatherhood.

**MOTION: ACCEPT TOWN ATTORNEY EDWARD BARTHOLOMEW'S RESIGNATION, WITH GRATITUDE**

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. The motion passed unanimously.

The sixth item under New Business was to approve the contract with, and appoint, Hartzog Law Group as Town Attorney effective July 1, 2020.

**MOTION: APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH, AND APPOINT, HARTZOG LAW GROUP AS TOWN ATTORNEY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020**

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. The motion passed unanimously.

The seventh item under New Business was to amend FYE 2020 and FYE 2021 Fee Schedules to set Parks and Recreation field rental rates at \$30 and \$40 per hour without lights (for in-town and out-of-town residents, respectively) and at \$60 and \$80 per hour with lights (for in-town and out-of-town residents, respectively). Cordeiro explained this moves the rate up a little bit to cover the demand and costs. It also reflects the similar structure for other programs for offering a reduced rate for in-town residents.

Commissioner Johnson stated Smith and his crew have done a very good job of handling the influx of people coming to town that want to rent the fields. He stated field space is hard to come by, especially ones that are well maintained. Commissioner Johnson stated the increased rates won't slow the rentals.

**MOTION: AMEND FYE20 AND FYE21 FEE SCHEDULES TO SET PARKS AND RECREATION FIELD RENTAL RATES AT \$30 AND \$40 PER HOUR WITHOUT LIGHTS (FOR IN-TOWN AND OUT-OF-TOWN RESIDENTS, RESPECTIVELY) AND AT \$60 AND \$80 PER HOUR WITH LIGHTS (FOR IN-TOWN AND OUT-OF-TOWN RESIDENTS, RESPECTIVELY)**

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Reports and Other Business. Mayor Flowers wanted to extend his condolences to the family of James Lowery, a member of our Parks and Recreation Family. His thoughts and prayers go out to the Lowery family.

Mayor Flowers offered congratulations to the graduating seniors and children that are moving up to the next grade. He noted it has been a unique situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Flowers noted the seniors had worked hard to graduate and he knew how upsetting it must be for them not to be able to walk across the stage. He stated he looked forward to what they can do as future leaders.

Commissioner Hedlund stated they would have a road cleanup on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am starting at the Town Hall. They will clean Highway 96 East and S Cross Street. He noted it has been approximately three months and the ditches were looking rough.

Commissioner Hedlund stated the Kiwanis Club has started meeting in person again at the Youngsville Museum. The Fall Festival is still on target for September 26<sup>th</sup> and felt they would be able to pull it off with only a month's notice.

Commissioner Hedlund stated residents have mentioned the cemetery needed to be mowed. Mayor Flowers stated complaints should be directed to Town Hall so they can be handled in a timely manner. Social media is not the appropriate place for complaints and grievances and reiterated they should be directed to Town Hall in order to be handled in a timely manner. When asked, Cordeiro explained there were some complaints from families that didn't like the way we mowed so they asked we not cut around their family sites. These families handle the mowing and weed eating themselves.

Commissioner Hedlund stated they were working with the Woman's Club at the Youngsville Museum to get the grounds back in shape.

Commissioner Redd stated there was a safety hazard at the 5-Points intersection. She explained that when there was a green arrow for people on N College to turn left onto W

Main Street, drivers on the US 1A South side did not know that oncoming traffic has the right of way and are turning right on red. This has caused some near collisions. Cordeiro stated he has noticed this as well and he would investigate.

Commissioner Wiggins stated he was pleased to see the progress by the Police Department on the problems we have had and hoped it would continue. Chief Whitley stated they have been trying to address the problems.

Commissioner Wiggins noted there was a lot of traffic heading to NC Turf Care on N Nassau Street. He stated NC Turf Care was also stacking pallets on the side of the road and had an abundance of signage. Commissioner Redd stated she has also heard a complaint about the noise in the morning.

Commissioner Wiggins wanted to express his support of the Police Department considering the negativity other police departments are receiving.

Commissioner Johnson also thanked the Police Department for their response. He noted they would not be able to catch them all, but it has helped. Commissioner Johnson felt this would be an ongoing problem as the town grows and thanked the Police Officers again.

Commissioner Johnson stated he would like to do a cleanup day at the Luddy Park. He stated that trash gets left behind and the cans were always full. Commissioner Johnson noted there were little things that needed to be done such as the weeds in the fence and the grass on the hills, but the facilities are as good as they have been in a long time.

Commissioner Brame stated the Northeast Area Study (NEAS) will hold a virtual public meeting this Saturday from 10-11:30am. The Oversight Committee will meet the following Monday.

Klinger stated eight permit applications were received during the month of May. Nine zoning permits were issued, including one that was a holdover from the end of April. There were two Certificates of Compliance issued; one for Holden Creek Preserve and the other for East Woods of Patterson. Over 150 new signs were identified via the expenditure of 16 staff hours during focused sign sweeps. Over 40 illegal signs were immediately removed by Staff and the remaining signs will be researched regarding compliance. If noncompliant, notices of violation will be mailed. Two notices of violation were mailed for illegal signs; one to Hill Ridge Farms for their off-premises sign near the intersection of Holden Road and US #1 Highway and one to Cade Inc. for their off-premises sign at the corner of Weathers Street and US #1 Highway. Both were given a deadline of June 5, 2020 to have the sign violation corrected. As of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, both signs have been removed. Holden Creek Preserve will likely split Phase 6 into Phases 6A and 6B. Staff and Franklin County Public Utilities have already given preliminary approval to this phasing split, and the Planning Board has accepted Staff's recommendation for the division of the formerly approved phasing plan. Official review of this will likely be completed concurrent with the review of the final plat this fall.

Klinger noted there was still a vacancy on the Planning Board for an ETJ Member.

Attorney Cohen thanked the Board for this opportunity and noted he was looking forward to serving Youngsville. He recognized Attorney Bartholomew's great work and appreciated the offer of help during the transition period.

Chief Whitley stated there were 287 calls for service during May, compared to 340 calls in the same month last year. Of those 287 calls, 19 reports were taken, and 28 citations were issued. There were 11 motor vehicle collision reports, the same as last May. There was one report of a hit and run and there were two minor injuries reported. Of those injuries, one motorist was transported by EMS. There continue to be no collisions associated with the intersection of S Nassau and E Main Streets following the closure of S Nassau Street.

Chief Whitley noted a traffic monitoring device was placed on Winston Street from May 14<sup>th</sup> until May 31<sup>st</sup> to conduct a speed and traffic volume study. The data revealed a significant amount of traffic volume, along with a high occurrence of excessive speeding violations; however, they determined the number of violators in the capture data was inflated due to the equipment batching. Chief Whitley explained what "batching" meant. Due to the batching results, Police Officers increased their patrols in the area resulting in the issuance of four citations for speeding, ranging from 15 – 29 miles over the 25 MPH speed limit on Winston Street. Officer observations indicated an appreciable decrease in violations shortly after the onset of the enforcement operation. The decrease was likely due to significant officer presence in marked patrol units on Winston Street and the quick apprehension of repeat offenders who likely contributed to many of the excessive speeds captured during the study. Officers have continued their efforts on Winston Street, Main Street, Persimmon Street, Franklin Street, Youngsville Boulevard, and Nassau Street. Chief Whitley noted there have been several instances of drivers going over 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. He stated Officers will not issue citations for anyone going less than 10 miles over the speed limit at this time. Commissioner Hedlund stated there have been some speeders in East Woods of Patterson on Blue Heron Drive. He expressed his concerns due to the number of children in that neighborhood. Chief Whitley stated he would make the Officers aware.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Officers began collecting data regarding the report of an increase in equipment and noise violations on Main Street. Officers were required to observe traffic on Main Street during peak travel times and report their findings by a traffic observation survey. Officers observed 32 regulatory violations during this period, or about .66 violations per hour. Violations included 18 improper lighting, 4 modified exhaust, 3 excessive noise, 4 license plate covering, 2 window tints, and 1 vehicle suspension. During the speeding and regulatory campaigns, Officers issued warnings for various violations including 4 unsafe movement, 14 speeding, 1 texting while driving, 1 modified exhaust, 2 vehicle registration and 1 improper lighting.

Chief Whitley stated the Police Department participated in two birthday parades; the first on May 16<sup>th</sup> for an eight-year-old boy and another on May 28<sup>th</sup> for a fifteen-year-old girl. Officers Woods and McAdams led the parades which were both well received within the community. These parades have been held throughout the county to celebrate our young citizen's birthdays in this time of social distancing.

Chief Whitley stated the Virtual Law Enforcement Torch Run has been extended until June 30<sup>th</sup>. More information is available on the Police Department's Facebook page.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Officers conducted tactical training with members of the Knightdale Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff's Office. The training was held at Johnston Community College's range at Howell Woods in Johnston County.

Chief Whitley explained the School Resource Officer (SRO) position is now staffed by Franklin County Sheriff's Department. While the Youngsville Police Department will no longer fulfill this role, our Officers will continue to work in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office to keep our schools safe by cross training and sharing information related to school activities and events.

Commissioner Hedlund stated the parade in his neighborhood was great and thanked the Police Department. Mayor Flowers agreed they have been very well received and shows our involvement in the community. Cordeiro felt Chief Whitley had demonstrated a significant amount of improvement and thanked the Police Department for what they do and the risks they take. He stated the community was safer for their efforts.

Smith stated sports will resume shortly with Kickball starting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. He stated there were some half-day camps set up for baseball and basketball during the daytime and evening hours for those that missed out on spring. These camps will help teach fundamentals before the fall season starts. Smith stated they will offer softball this fall, and teams are ready to go.

Smith offered his condolences to the Lowery family as well. Mr. Lowery was a great volunteer in all the sports we offered. Visitation will be held at Faith Baptist Church tomorrow from 12-1:30pm.

Smith stated they had spent days working on the fields shoveling dirt and mud to help decrease the flooding. They also replaced some bases and back stops and repaired the fences. Smith stated it takes a lot of work to get ready for summer and fall sports.

Cordeiro stated there is now a short YouTube video detailing our solid waste services. He thanked R Smith for going to Pennsylvania to purchase a backup leaf machine. Cordeiro stated this will give us two working leaf machines so there shouldn't be any issues this fall.

Cordeiro stated he was working with the designer on the Public Works facility and will send information to get feedback from the Board. He thanked the Board for their support.

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session. Mayor Flowers stated the Board needed to go into Closed Session for the preservation of Attorney-Client privilege, N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3).

**MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR PRESERVATION OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3)**

The motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. The motion passed unanimously. The Board took a brief recess before entering Closed Session at 8:53pm. The Board exited Closed Session at 9:31pm. Mayor Flowers stated that no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32pm upon a motion made by Commissioner Brame, seconded by Commissioner Hedlund, and approved unanimously.