



VILLAGE OF MARVIN

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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30pm

Forest Hill Church

8120 Kensington Dr, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Spring Town Hall Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

Please join the Marvin Village Council and Staff on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30pm at Forest Hill Church in Waxhaw (8120 Kensington Dr, Waxhaw, NC 28173) for the Spring Town Hall Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a public forum for residents to converse back and forth with the Village Council and Staff and to get information on any of our current and upcoming projects.

Residents will be able to ask questions by emailing the Village Clerk (clerk@marvinnc.gov) in advance, coming in person, or asking questions on the Webex. Residents will be able to ask questions after each topic of discussion, as well as during general questions.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pollino called the meeting to order at 6:44pm and determined a quorum was present.

Present: Mayor Pollino, Mayor Pro Tem Vandenberg, Councilman Lein, Councilman Wortman

Present Virtually: Councilman Marcolese

Absent: None

Staff Present: Christina Amos, Austin W. Yow, Rohit Ammanamanchi, Jamie Privuznak, Derek Durst, Devki Patel

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Vandenberg moved to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

3. Welcome from Mayor Pollino & Introductions

Mayor Pollino welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He then introduced members of the Village Council & Staff.

TIME STAMP 3:50

4. Accomplishments

Christina Amos, Village Manager, briefly covered a list of accomplishments of the Village in the past year, including advancing the building of the new Village Hall, receiving a \$1 million grant to extend the Marvin Loop Trail, launching a new website, building new trails, legislation passed in the past year, and highlights from the annual financial audit.

TIME STAMP 9:05

5. Village Hall Update & Groundbreaking Ceremony Recap

Ms. Amos updated everyone on the Village Hall project, which involved saving \$200,000 in costs due to reconfiguring the site plans. She then briefly covered the recent groundbreaking ceremony.

TIME STAMP 11:25

6. Roundabout Update

Ms. Amos stated that additional funding has been received for the proposed roundabout at New Town and Marvin Road. Additionally, Council has committed an additional \$115,000 to the project. The right of way acquisition phase will hopefully resume soon, with construction scheduled for summer 2022. In the meantime, the Village still pays off-duty Union County officers to direct traffic at the intersection during peak hours. The Village also passed an ordinance to prohibit left turns onto Marvin Road from New Town Road during peak hours to help alleviate traffic.

Mayor Pollino briefly discussed a proposed roundabout for the Bonds Grove Church and Waxhaw-Marvin Road intersection to be constructed in future years.

TIME STAMP 16:10

7. Loop/Greenway Grant & Upcoming Trails

Rohit Ammanamanchi, Planning & Zoning Administrator, gave an update on the interactive trails map located on the Village's website. He then explained how the Village received a \$1 million grant to expand the Marvin Loop from its current end point on Marvin School Road to Saddle Avenue on Marvin Road. Discussions are ongoing with Union County to build a trail connection from the Tullamore/Amber Meadows Trails to the commercial strip outside of Marvin on Rea Road near the Towns at Audrey neighborhood.

TIME STAMP 18:30

8. Disc Golf at Marvin Efir Park

Derek Durst, Public Facilities Manager, stated that a new family-friendly 9-hole disc golf course is coming soon to Marvin Efir Park. He encouraged those listening to consider buying a sponsorship. The grand opening is slated for July 2021.

TIME STAMP 20:30

9. Recap of 4/24 Clean Up Event

Ms. Amos stated that the clean-up event on April 24 largely got rained out, but the PR&G Board Chairman John Baresich managed to get a small group of people together to clean a few roads. Village Staff will coordinate another event in the future.

TIME STAMP 21:15

10. 2022 Marvin Day Celebration (Send us your ideas for future events!)

Mr. Durst explained that a festival celebrating the Marvin community is planned for 2022, with a date to be determined soon. Residents are encouraged to submit ideas for the event. Current ideas being considered include nature walks, garden tours, car shows, park events, trail runs, music, food trucks, meeting local elected officials.

Councilman Lein explained that this event is being planned because Marvin is so rich with history and the community has much to be proud of.

TIME STAMP 23:35

11. Marvin Heritage District Update

Mr. Ammanamanchi explained that the goal of the Marvin Heritage District is to create a community center that reflects Marvin's character and provides a place for residents to gather that is uniquely Marvin. He then explained the form-based code that is planned to regulate development in the District. He explained that this code regulates zoning through aesthetics, rather than density. He added that under this code all buildings in the District would be required to look like residential buildings and that a significant percentage of the land would be required to be preserved as open space.

TIME STAMP 28:05

12. Solid Waste Services Update

Mayor Pollino and Ms. Amos explained that the Village alongside the Town of Weddington recently requested bids from vendors to establish solid waste and recycling collection as a municipal function. Additional options such as bulk collection, electronics collection, and more are being considered. Currently, the Village is estimating that Marvin households will save \$150-\$200 per year. In addition to cost savings, the goals behind this initiative are to provide a higher quality of service and to reduce road damage by reducing the number of trucks on the roads. A decision is slated to be made at the June 8 Council regular meeting. Residents are encouraged to submit their feedback to Council and/or Ms. Amos.

TIME STAMP 31:25

13. Annexation

Mr. Ammanamanchi briefly recapped the Village's recent initiative to encourage those living outside of Marvin, but in Marvin's annexation area to consider annexing into Marvin. He emphasized that Marvin residents receive numerous benefits, including a better sense of community, more volunteer opportunities, better police presence and response times, protection of rural zoning, maintenance of roads and trails, and representation for regional and state issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Vandenberg encouraged everyone to speak to their friends living adjacent to Marvin about annexation. She stated that Council would be glad to meet with anyone with questions.

TIME STAMP 34:15

14. Website Demo

Austin W. Yow, Village Clerk & Assistant to the Manager, gave a brief introduction to some of the new features on the Village's new website, MarvinNC.gov.

TIME STAMP 36:45

15. New Council Seat

Mayor Pro Tem Vandenberg explained that a fifth seat on the Village Council was added back in 2019 and that it will be up for its first election in November. She added that to keep the number of Councilmembers at an even number, the Council just adopted an ordinance amend the Village Charter to add a sixth seat to the Council. However, this seat will not be filled until the 2023 local elections. After the 2023 election, the Village Council will consist of a Mayor and six Councilmembers.

TIME STAMP 38:55

16. Coffee with Council

Councilman Lein explained that Coffee with Council was established to promote greater communication, transparency, and accountability. He encouraged residents to come and speak with Councilmembers about the issues that are important to them.

TIME STAMP 43:40

17. The FY22 Recommended Budget and Council's Annual Priorities & Public Hearing

Ms. Amos explained how the budget process works. She discussed the recently adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which is used for budget planning purposes. The CIP outlines projects to be completed over the next five years. She highlighted that the budget is \$1.9 million and is balanced with no tax increase. She noted that while Marvin's population has grown by 34 percent since 2010, there has only been a 1 cent tax increase. The increase was adopted to hire an additional law enforcement officer. She then discussed the projected revenues and expenditures.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Vandenberg moved to open the public hearing for the 2022 budget.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

No questions were asked, or comments provided.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Vandenberg moved to close the public hearing.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Council will consider approving the budget at the May 27 work session meeting at 6:30pm.

TIME STAMP 54:35

18. General Questions (Questions and Comments received before and during event will be addressed)

A question was asked regarding a bill that the Village has submitted to the North Carolina General Assembly for approval. Councilman Lein explained that the Village proposed a bill to allow municipalities to cover the legal fees of political candidates who may be the victim of frivolous lawsuits. He then reflected on his own experience dealing with the financial burden of such lawsuits.


Mayor Pollino thanked everyone for attending and Forest Hill Church for hosting the event. He thanked State Senator Todd Johnson and State Representative David Willis for working so close with the Village on multiple issues.

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Vandenberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Adopted: 6-8-21



Joseph E. Pollino Jr., Mayor
Village of Marvin



Austin W. Yow
Village Clerk & Assistant to the Manager
Village of Marvin

