

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

June 17, 2024

Present: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner
Councilwoman Tamara Odom
Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Kim Brown

The special called meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 12:00 p.m. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and recognized WPCOG Director Anthony Starr. Anthony Starr stated that applications have been received for the town manager open position with the Town of Taylorsville. State law requires that the information be kept confidential and is not an option for the town to release any information about the candidates to the public. Therefore, discussion of the candidates must be held in closed session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to enter into closed session as permitted by N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(6). The motion was passed unanimously.

Topic of closed session:

The following were present during closed session:

Mayor Holleman, Councilman Eric Bumgarner, Councilman Jack Simms, Councilwoman Kim Brown, Councilwoman Tamara Odom, WPCOG Director Anthony Starr, WPCOG representative Tasmin Mack, Town of Taylorsville Attorney Monroe Pannell.

The town council discussed all applicants that applied for the town manager position. They also discussed the schedule and interview questions for the 1st round of interviews to be scheduled for the candidates.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to return to the regular session. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to recess the meeting until July 9, 2024 at 9:00 am and to re-convene at the Western Piedmont Council of Governments' office located at 1880 2nd Ave. NW Hickory, NC for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the town manager position. The motion was passed unanimously.

July 9, 2024 9:00 am Reconvened Meeting from June 17, 2024 held at the Western Piedmont Council of Governments' office located at 1880 2nd Ave. NW Hickory, NC for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the town manager position. Those present were: Mayor George Holleman, Councilman Eric Bumgarner, Councilman Jack Simms, Councilwoman Brown, and Councilwoman Tamara Odom along with Western Piedmont Council of Governments staff and the candidates for interview.

4 candidates were selected for interviews originally. Two withdrew their applications and two

were left to interview. Of the two left, Mr. Nathan Hester of Bessemer City was selected to be offered the position of Town Manager of Taylorsville by unanimous decision of the Town Council. By unanimous decision, it was agreed upon that the Mayor and the Town Attorney would negotiate the terms of Mr. Hester's employment as the new Town Manager. No further actions were taken and the meeting of June 17, 2024 recessed until July 9, 2024 was then adjourned.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk