Apex Town Council Workshop

Tuesday, October 01, 2019

The Scheduled Workshop of the Apex Town Council scheduled for Tuesday, October 01, 2019, at 5:30 PM was held in Training Room A at Apex Town Hall, 73 Hunter Street

In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Nicole L. Dozier, and Council Members William S. Jensen, Wesley M. Moyer, Brett D. Gantt, and Audra M. Killingsworth
Also in attendance were Town Manager Drew Havens, Assistant Town Manager Shawn Purvis, Town Clerk Donna B. Hosch, and Town Attorney Laurie L. Hohe
Absent was Mayor Lance Olive

COMMENCEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Dozier called the Workshop to order.

Council engaged in brief discussion on the following topics:

1) Lynch Street Extension – Push out further in CIP. Not a high priority. Not critical to complete prior to Apex Peakway.
2) Jones Street Drainage – Curb and gutter option favored for next year’s budget.
3) Beaver Creek Commons Drive at Zeno Road – Traffic signal option favored for next year’s budget.
4) Richardson Road Mitigation – Show mitigation payment in next year’s budget if needed to secure the release of conservation easement.
5) W Chatham Street Sidewalk – Pending LAPP request in October 2019, and there was general agreement for showing in next year’s budget to be done in conjunction with the water line project. Earliest available construction funds under LAPP is October 2020.
6) Apex Barbecue Road Sidewalk – Curb and gutter option favored. Safe Routes to School projects are a high priority, but Council deferred direction on this specific project for further discussion with item 12.

7) Saunders Street Parking Lot Expansion – Favoring purchase of gravel lot if paving is to be done, but may consider continuing to lease if it is a long-term lease. Should be a near-term project.

8) Downtown Streetscape – The need for more nearby accessible parking spaces should be evaluated as part of the streetscape project. Favoring as a near-term project, including removal of all on-street spaces between Saunders St and Chatham St, and new on-street spaces to be added north of Center St, to be done in conjunction with the Saunders St parking lot expansion.

9) Jesse Drive Extension – Favoring a phased project based on latest cost estimates, with the first phase as a near-term project between Ten Ten Rd and the extension of Production Dr with access to the Certified Site. The second phase would be a potential LAPP application to come later, to extend to NC 55, crossing of Middle Creek and required Superstreet improvements on NC 55.

10) Salem Street Bike Lanes – Not a near-term priority for local funds but staff should look for longer-term funding opportunities with NCDOT. May end up being a SPOT project in the long term.

11) Parking deck – Move to horizon year as a placeholder. Not a near-term priority if Saunders St parking lot expansion can be done. Need to work more closely with existing parking lot owners, use wayfinding, and consider shuttles for events.

12) Safe Routes to School – Show projects in CIP individually rather than grouped. Council prefers to undertake highest-priority projects in near term, with recommendations to make progress on all needs over time. Provide the criteria used for ranking and the full analysis of Safe Routes to School needs for further consideration by Council.

13) GoApex Circulator Bus – Staff introduced briefly, to be discussed at a later Council meeting.

14) Davis Drive Realignment – Maintain as a priority in the later years of the CIP. Staff will work toward a preliminary design to refine scope and cost estimate in the near term.

15) Olive Chapel Road sidewalk gaps – Not a priority.

16) Williams Street Sidewalk – Staff introduced briefly, and there was no opposition voiced to keeping it in the CIP for consideration.

17) Center Street & Chatham Street RR Crossings – Staff introduced briefly, and there was no opposition voiced to keeping it in the CIP for consideration.
18) Horizon year projects - Staff briefly showed the list and stated they would review to see if any projects
could be recommended as a whole or in part to be brought forward in the CIP.

With there being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Dozier adjourned the Workshop.

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Donna B. Hosch, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

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Nicole L. Dozier
Mayor Pro Tem