

1 **Town of Pleasant Garden**
2 February 12, 2008
3 Kirkman Municipal Building

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5 **Minutes**
6 Regular Town Council Meeting
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8 **In attendance**

9 Mayor Anne Hice
10 Councilwoman Chris Johnson
11 Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Jo Smith
12 Councilman Rick Wallace
13 Councilman Bob Wyrick
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15 **Also in attendance**

16 Sandy Carmany / Interim Town Clerk
17 Kim Payne/ Financial Officer (*contracted*)
18 Don Vaughan / Town Attorney
19 Lynn Willis / *Pleasant Garden Post*
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21 **Audience**

22 40 +
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24 Mayor Hice called the meeting to order at 7:11pm upon the arrival of Town Attorney Vaughan.
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26 Councilman Wallace delivered the invocation.
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28 Mayor Hice led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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30 **Roll Call**

31 Interim Town Clerk Carmany called the roll and all members were in attendance. A quorum was
32 present.
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34 **Oath of Office**

35 Town Attorney Vaughan administered the Oath of Office to the new Interim Town Clerk, Sandy
36 Carmany.
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38 **Approval of minutes**

39 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 Regular Meeting,**
40 **January 8, 2008 Regular Meeting, and January 14, 2008 Special Meeting on Staffing.**
41 **APPROVED, 5-0,** seconded by Councilwoman Smith.
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43 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to correct the minutes of the January 14, 2008 Board**
44 **Orientation Meeting by removing the name of Councilman Rick Wallace as being in attendance**
45 **and noting that Town Attorney Vaughan studied to be a manager, not worked as one.**
46 **APPROVED, 5-0,** seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.
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1 **Approval of Agenda**

2 Mayor Hice presented the meeting agenda and noted that “and another personnel matter” should be
3 added to *Item 17. Closed Session for a Personnel Matter: Review of Resumes for Town*
4 *Administrator/Clerk*. Town Attorney Vaughan reminded the council that no policy discussions would
5 be allowed in the Closed Session.

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7 **MOVED by Councilman Wyrick to strike *Item 12A. Appointment/Announcement of Town***
8 ***Council Representatives and Subcommittees, seconded by Councilman Wallace.*** Councilman
9 Wyrick stated that it was agreed at the February 2 Planning Session that each councilmember could do
10 his/her own research and there was no mention of delegating duties to one or two councilmembers and
11 that the council did not need subcommittees. Mayor Hice read an email from Ginger Booker of the
12 Piedmont Triad Council of Governments suggesting that administrative and research matters not be
13 taken up at council meetings and that delegating these matters to staff or 1-2 councilmembers could
14 make council meetings more effective. *(copy attached)* Councilman Wallace stated that the Town
15 employs persons to handle finance, personnel, day-to-day operations, and code enforcement duties as
16 well as three levels administering the soccer program. Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked why items
17 concerning representatives to the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, the Greensboro MPO, and
18 the three solid waste committees were being removed, and Councilman Wyrick responded that those
19 items could be left on the agenda. Mayor Hice spoke to issues concerning the soccer program
20 including the need to protect the secure work area, computer and copier use, a job description for the
21 Soccer Commissioner, and permit variances for the temporary soccer fields expiring. An equipped
22 office is being set up in the Training Room for the use of the soccer program and she will be seeking
23 other volunteers from the council to assist her with opening and closing Town Hall for soccer meetings
24 and events. Councilman Wyrick noted that the Town has a Recreation Board liaison, a soccer
25 commissioner, and a soccer committee with many volunteers donating many hours of their time; those
26 persons should be allowed to work as before without all the changes that have occurred. He stated that
27 actions of the Mayor to change locks and bar volunteers from using the copier went beyond the
28 mayor’s job description. He then listed the various duties that the soccer volunteers perform.
29 Councilwoman Johnson requested that the Council return to the main motion. Councilman Wallace
30 noted there had been no problems during the past four seasons and it should not be said that the
31 program is ineffective.

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33 **MOVED by Councilman Wyrick to AMEND his original motion to strike *Item 12A.***
34 ***Appointment/Announcement of Town Council Representatives and Subcommittees* by leaving the**
35 **items concerning the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, the Greensboro MPO, and the**
36 **three solid waste committees on the agenda and eliminating the four subcommittees on Finance,**
37 **Personnel, Code Enforcement, and Soccer, seconded by Councilman Wallace. APPROVED, 3-2.**
38 *(yes: Wyrick, Smith, Wallace; no: Hice, Johnson)*

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40 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to amend *Item 17. Closed Session for a Personnel Matter:***
41 ***Review of Resumes for Town Administrator/Clerk* to include discussion of another personnel item**
42 **in addition to the Town Administrator/Clerk, specifically the Soccer Commissioner.**
43 **APPROVED, 5-0.**

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45 **Public Comment**

46 Councilman Wyrick asked why the sign-in procedure for speakers had been changed. Mayor Hice
47 responded that the new system of using individual sign-up slips provides needed information for the
48 Mayor and the Town Clerk.

1 *Brent Lewis of 6012 Dehaven Road* stated he decided to volunteer eight years ago for soccer – a great
2 program, great kids, and a great setting. The sponsor network is great but would not be so without the
3 volunteers. The soccer committee is already handling about 80% of the tasks, and any new
4 assignments should be performed by paid staff with no additional duties for volunteers. He noted that
5 the Town’s website states that the Recreation Board has administrative oversight for recreation
6 programs and the Town Council should act as leaders, research, and listen.

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8 *Terry Lee of 5825 Hagan Stone Park Road* spoke to *Item 11A. Selection of Preferred Strategic Land*
9 *Use Plan* on the agenda. He is an advocate for Plan 1, inspired by the fear of “*zoning without*
10 *representation*” to protect from intrusion from southeast Greensboro and high density. The Town is not
11 likely to get water and sewer so why plan based on conjecture? He is an advocate of cluster housing
12 which is generally misunderstood. This is a concept where houses are clustered together to allow for
13 more undisturbed open space that is truly better environmentally. Conditional Use zoning is an
14 irresponsible way to zone; put zoning in place and live with it without any backroom deals. Mr. Lee
15 also urged the use of a conservation district.

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17 *Mark Wilcox of 2503 Ridgpoint Circle* stated that part of his original remarks dealt with Item 12A on
18 the council agenda which has now been removed. The use of the word “subcommittees” was incorrect
19 since there are only three types of committees – standing, special or select, and “of the whole.” Section
20 32.05 of the Town Charter grants the authority to appoint them and Section 32.01 provides for the
21 expiration of membership on Town boards and task forces. Should committees be added to that
22 section?

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24 *Chris Culler of 6401 Brookline Drive* stated that he helped to start the soccer program along with Bill
25 Wright. It was built with volunteers and there have been no problems until now with the changes. The
26 soccer committee is present tonight and they get things done. The soccer program is operating on
27 temporary fields with no lights and no water. The Town could improve the soccer field situation with
28 its money.

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30 *John Furlough of 6400 Macon Glen Court* said that he has served on the Recreation Board several
31 times. He stated that if the Town would do the right thing, the Recreation Board would do the right
32 thing.

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34 *Sharon Wright of 6402 Walter Wright Road* said she has been on the Recreation Board. The soccer
35 program needs its own copier and bonded people collecting money.

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37 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to close the public comment period, seconded by Councilwoman**
38 **Johnson. APPROVED, 5-0.**

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40 **Presentations**

41 *Paul Kron of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments (PTCOG)* reviewed the seven key points of
42 his letter and proposed contract to develop a Town Hall Site Plan.(*copy attached*) He will be able to
43 use GPS to create a GIS database and base map, conduct research and a site analysis, facilitate the
44 citizen involvement process., work with the steering committee to prioritize ideas, create alternative
45 design concepts, work with the steering committee to refine those concepts, and produce a series of
46 conceptual layout plans. There will be plenty of ideas, but it will take Mr. Kron using his skills as an
47 architect to place things where they make sense and work well.

1 Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked if the seven steps of the proposal could be combined into phases, perhaps
2 with #1-2 being grouped, then #3-5 for the public involvement portion, with #6-7 for final decisions.
3 Councilman Wyrick asked with the time frame would be to complete steps 1 and 2; Mr. Kron
4 responded it could be done in a couple of months, perhaps by the May Town Council meeting. He
5 noted that former Town Council Diana Schrieber had already completed some research into watershed
6 regulations, existing conditions, and constraints such as wetlands and steep slopes. Councilman
7 Wyrick stated that the costs cited in the proposal are a “ceiling” and the actual costs could be lower if
8 Mr. Kron spends less time on the project. Mr. Kron responded that was correct, and since PTCOG is a
9 service organization, not a private company, they must cover their costs. Councilman Wyrick asked
10 for the timeline for the entire project, and Mr. Kron referred him to the proposal letter which states 9-
11 12 months. Due to time commitments to other projects, he would estimate March 2008 as the
12 completion date.

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14 **MOVED by Councilman Wallace to contract with PTCOG for Phase I (steps 1 and 2 in Mr.**
15 ***Kron’s proposal*) for up to \$5,000 to come from the Long Range Planning Board’s line item for**
16 **Engineering Services in the budget (13047.0), seconded by Councilman Wyrick.** Councilman
17 Wallace stated he wants to do the entire project but is willing to start with this base and move forward;
18 he would like to see the Long Range Planning Board serve as the steering committee since this project
19 began with them. Councilwoman Johnson asked if the Town already had some of the needed
20 information, and Councilman Wallace responded it was not accurate. He wants to take this first step
21 and get the basic information by May and then put more money in the next budget to proceed.
22 Councilman Wyrick agreed. Mr. Kron stated he had seen plans that have some of this base
23 information, and they will be helpful. Councilman Wyrick noted that in Step #3, the citizen survey
24 should be placed on the Town’s website, not PG Forums.org since the Town has a website.
25 Councilwoman Johnson asked why this contract isn’t being budgeted in Capital Projects; Councilman
26 Wallace responded that this planning process should come from the Long Range Planning Board
27 budget and actual implementation of the plan would be funded in the Capital Improvement Plan.
28 Councilman Wyrick noted there are two places in the town budget for engineering services and this
29 will only use \$5,000 of the \$10,000 in the Long Range Planning Board budget. Mr. Kron said that he
30 would rewrite the proposal letter to include only work items # 1 and 2 and that he would include a
31 timetable. **APPROVED, 5-0.**

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33 **Consent Agenda**
34 **MOVED by Councilman Wallace to adopt the Consent Agenda (*National Flood Insurance Plan***
35 ***and Get Healthy Guilford resolutions, attached*), seconded by Councilman Wyrick. APPROVED,**
36 **5-0.**

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38 **Old Business**
39 **A. *Selection of Preferred Strategic Land Use Plan:*** Mayor Hice reviewed the time line to be followed
40 for the adoption of the Plan – a public workshop to be held on February 28, 2008 at 6:30pm; a public
41 hearing at the March 11, 2008 at 6:00pm immediately before the regular monthly Town Council
42 meeting; and adoption of a final plan at the April 8, 2008 regular monthly Town Council meeting.

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44 **MOVED by Councilman Rick Wallace to present both plans to the public for review.**
45 **APPROVED, 3-2 (yes – Hice, Wallace, Wyrick; no—Johnson, Smith).**

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1 B. *Board Appointments*: Mayor Hice stated that Steven Brandt had applied for appointment to the
2 Recreation Board; the required criminal history check found no problems.

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4 **MOVED by Councilman Rick Wallace to appoint Steven Brandt to the Recreation Board,**
5 **seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith. APPROVED, 5-0.**

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7 C. *Legislative Update*: Mayor Hice stated that HB1195: Recall of Elected Officials passed the NC
8 House of Representatives and would be considered in the NC Senate during the Short Session. (*copy*
9 *attached*) Town Attorney Vaughan read pertinent parts of the bill aloud at the Mayor's request. He
10 explained that Pleasant Garden had asked for this bill and it was assigned to Representative Earl Jones.
11 Staff at the General Assembly drafted the bill from a generic bill. The bill passed the House by 115-0
12 on May 23, 2007 and has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Local Government. Mayor Pro
13 Tem Smith stated that this was a ridiculous bill.

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15 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith not to pursue the bill any further, seconded by**
16 **Councilwoman Johnson.** Councilman Wyrick stated that this initiative was adopted by a previous
17 Town Council and was tied to the referendum to directly elect the mayor; he asked the reasons for
18 undoing it now. Councilwoman Johnson responded that she was not privy to the previous council's
19 actions and she did not like the provision to allow the recall petition even if contained defects.
20 Councilman Wallace stated that any defects in the petition should be caught before the recall election
21 is held. Councilman Wyrick noted that once an election is certified, that's it; there is an appeal period
22 built into the bill. This is likely standard wording included in all bills. Town Attorney Vaughan said
23 that the Town Council has the ability to change the bill; a suit can be filed in Superior Court to address
24 defects in a recall petition. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that the mayor is elected every two years and
25 the bill allows for a recall petition every six months; this could be disruptive and expensive.
26 Councilman Wyrick responded that this is not to be used frivolously and provides a safety net; doing
27 away with the bill is now is ridiculous. Town Attorney Vaughan said he could take any changes to bill
28 drafting prior to the June 1 deadline. Councilman Wallace noted that the petition requires the
29 signatures of 33% of registered voters, a significant voice of the people. Mayor Hice stated she never
30 saw the bill as a member of the previous Town Council until she talked with Representative Jones; it
31 was not voted upon by citizens. Councilman Wyrick said he didn't understand how the mayor could
32 not have known about this given that she is involved in so many things; this bill was written by
33 professionals so why would the Town Council overrule it? Councilwoman Johnson asked if the May
34 2007 vote of the Town Council was for Town Attorney Vaughan to pursue the concept. Councilman
35 Wallace replied that the Town Council voted on a blank bill and instructed him to move forward with
36 it. Councilwoman Johnson then stated the idea was approved but not the actual text of the bill.

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38 Town Attorney Vaughan advised that the motion be restated as follows:

39 **RESTATED MOTION: The Town Council will direct a letter to the chair of the Guilford**
40 **delegation not to pursue HB1195 any further.** He noted that local bills are similar to a consent
41 agenda; if anyone disagrees, it is gone. Councilman Wyrick stated this would be another black eye for
42 the Town Council and make us the laughing stock. **APPROVED, 3-2** (*yes – Hice, Johnson, Smith; no*
43 *– Wallace, Wyrick*).

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45 Councilman Wyrick requested a five-minute recessed. Meeting recessed at 8:42pm.
46 Mayor Hice called the meeting back to order at 8:47pm.

1 **MOVED by Councilwoman Johnson to amend the agenda by allowing the reports in Items 13c**
2 **(Long Range Planning Board) and 13e (Zoning Board) to go first, seconded by Mayor Hice.**
3 **APPROVED, 4-1** (yes – Hice, Johnson, Smith, Wallace; no – Wyrick)
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5 *Item 13c. The Long Range Planning Board Report* was presented by Glenn Morgan, chairman. (copy
6 attached) He reported that he had been elected as chairman and he is pleased that the Town Council
7 voted to hire Paul Kron. Councilman Wallace asked if all members of the Board have copies of the
8 proposed site plan for the municipal complex. He suggested that the Long Range Planning Board
9 serve as the steering committee for that project. Mr. Morgan said the Board would be happy to serve
10 and asked if other citizens would be able to join the committee as well. Councilman Wyrick asked that
11 the Long Range Planning Board also study the Jordan Lake rules and determine any impacts the
12 requirements such as retrofits might have on the Town in order to include those costs in the next
13 budget. Mayor Hice noted that no final decisions have been made on the Rules yet; Greg Niles of
14 Guilford County Planning and Development and the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments are good
15 sources of information.
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17 *Item 13e. The Zoning Board Report* was presented by Alan Carroll, chairman. He reported that he had
18 been elected as chairman and the election of vice chairman had been deferred to the next meeting. The
19 request from the Gamble Family Trust to subdivide three lots for family use passed unanimously.
20 There are no cases calendared for next month, but the Board will meet to review the development
21 ordinance.
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23 **Returned to the previous agenda item, Old Business**

24 *D. Council Stipends:* Councilman Wyrick stated that the Town Council voted on January 8, 2008 to
25 move the money allocated for council stipends to the office equipment category. The Town Council
26 “un-funded” the stipends but did not eliminate them. He understands that the category itself cannot be
27 removed in the 2007-08 budget due to audit regulations.
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29 **MOVED by Councilman Wyrick that no stipends will be paid to the Town Council from this**
30 **date forward and that the council stipends be removed from consideration in the 2008-09 budget,**
31 **seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.** Councilman Wallace stated he would oppose the motion since
32 this council is the only one that does not receive stipends. He noted that with the current set-up,
33 councilmembers would have received a stipend in January. Town Attorney Vaughan said he would
34 research it, but since the original plan allowed for the stipends to begin in January 2008, it appears that
35 stipends for January could be paid. Councilmembers agreed that any councilmember wishing to
36 receive their January could be paid. **APPROVED, 4-1** (yes – Hice, Johnson, Smith, Wyrick; no –
37 Wallace).
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39 *E. 2304 Carlford Road:* Councilman Wyrick stated he did not like fines and is not out to make
40 money, but the Town is obligated to enforce its codes and cannot have double standards and pick and
41 choose when to collect them. He presented a time line of the four letters that were sent to the owners
42 of 2304 Carlford Road. (copy attached)
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44 **MOVED BY Councilman Wyrick to send a letter to the Lyons (owners) offering to forego the**
45 **finances if they will pay for the actual costs incurred by the town (amount to be researched by the**
46 **Town Clerk), seconded by Councilman Wallace.** Town Attorney Vaughan noted that a previous
47 case had been settled this way; he described the procedure that would have to be followed.
48 Councilman Wallace stated that the procedures in the Carlford Road case were followed according to

1 law, but the Town Council chose not to take action. Further discussion addressed the appropriate
2 process to be followed and identified the amount of \$1,250 as a ballpark figure to cover the actual
3 costs of this case. Town Attorney Vaughan agreed he would not charge the Town to write the letter to
4 the Lyons making the settlement offer. **APPROVED, 4-1** (yes – Hice, Smith, Wallace, Wyrick; no –
5 Johnson).

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7 **G. Budget Reductions:** (taken out of order in error) Councilman Wyrick reminded councilmembers
8 he had shared recommendations for reducing the 2008-09 budget at the last meeting and asked if they
9 had reviewed them and were ready to discuss them. Mayor Hice replied that she had gone over them
10 carefully and thought they would make a great beginning for preparation of next year's budget.
11 Revenues from Time-Warner are down, and she is concerned that the Town Council not slash items
12 now and have to make budget amendments later to cover them.

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14 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to use Bob's (Wyrick) spreadsheet as a basis for the 2008-09 budget**
15 **preparation.** Councilwoman Johnson said she had a problem with the numbers since they may
16 conflict with Finance Officer Kim Payne's proposals to reallocate funds. Councilman Wallace noted
17 that the current budget was not exercised; Councilman Wyrick's format is good and his information is
18 similar to Mr. Payne's, but the numbers may be different. **DEFEATED, 5-0.**

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20 **F. Property Tax Reduction:** Councilman Wyrick stated that he wanted a public statement from
21 councilmembers saying we will cut the property tax rate in 2008-09 since we are the ones who will
22 decide and make it happen. Councilman Wallace said the budget process based on services would
23 determine the tax rate; if it merits a tax reduction, he will approve it but it has to be identified first.
24 Councilman Wyrick responded that he knew the process but somewhere along the way, one has to take
25 a stand. Mayor Hice agreed with Councilman Wallace that a commitment now would be premature; we
26 should wait until next year's budget and not jerk citizens around. Citing a lack of Town Council
27 support, Councilman Wyrick did not make a motion.

28 29 New Business

30 *Appointment/Announcement of Town Council Representatives:*

31 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith nominate Mayor Hice as the Town' voting representative to**
32 **the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments. APPROVED, 4-1** (yes – Hice, Johnson, Smith,
33 Wallace; no – Wyrick).

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35 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to accept Mayor Pro Tem Smith's offer to volunteer as the alternate**
36 **delegate if there is a need. APPROVED, 4-1** (yes – Hice, Johnson, Smith, Wallace; no – Wyrick).

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38 **MOVED by Councilman Wallace to send the Town Clerk to the meetings of the Greensboro**
39 **MPO. APPROVED, 5-0.**

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41 **MOVED by Councilman Wallace that the Mayor attend the meetings of the three solid waste**
42 **committees (educational, county, and regional) with the Town Clerk serving as the alternate.**
43 **APPROVED, 5-0.** Mayor Hice has been attending these meetings for two years; the next regional
44 meeting will be held at Town Hall on February 13, 2008.

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46 *Email Accounts:* Councilman Wyrick stated it is important for the Town to be transparent with its
47 communications and the current website provides the ability for council email addresses. If someone
48 wanted to see Town emails on councilmembers' personal computers, they would have the right to

1 access those personal computers. He called upon Marty Heim (*Web Mistress*) seated in the audience to
2 explain the process and read from an email sent by Ms. Heim (*copy attached*).
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4 **MOVED by Councilman Wyrick to establish email accounts for all councilmembers and board**
5 **chairs through the Town’s website (8 email accounts plus staff) and that all Town business be**
6 **conducted through those email accounts, seconded by Councilman Wallace.** In response to a
7 question from Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Ms. Heim stated that this is doable and Town Attorney Vaughan
8 stated that it solves the problem of public access to information. Ms. Heim cautioned that there is still
9 some information that is protected such as identification information on surveys and personnel issues
10 and that common sense would have to be exercised. While there is a need for accountability, the
11 public and press do not need access to all information. Town Attorney Vaughan added that
12 correspondence with the attorney is also privileged. In response to an example given by
13 Councilwoman Johnson, Town Attorney Vaughan responded “*don’t put it in writing if you don’t want*
14 *it to be public.*” **APPROVED, 5-0.**
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16 **Reports**

17 A. *Interim Town Clerk Sandy Carmany* greeted the Town Council and noted this is her first council
18 meeting.
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20 She reported that options are being explored to address continuing problems with the poor quality and
21 reliability of the microphones and recording system in the council chambers. Proposals are being
22 sought to improve the situation and this may come to the Town Council as a capital improvement
23 project in the future.
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25 Time-Warner Cable has submitted a proposal for telephone service that could cut the monthly bill by
26 \$100. However, there are some concerns about how this system would interact with the security alarm
27 system. The number of actual lines needed in Town Hall is also being researched along with the need
28 to add a telephone jack to the Training Room for use by the soccer program.
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30 The fire alarm system is not functioning correctly; while the alarm sounds inside Town Hall, the
31 system is not being monitored to call 911 and alert the fire department. Arrangements have been made
32 with our security alarm service to monitor the fire alarm as well. This will increase the monthly cost
33 slightly. Once a required inspection is made, Town Hall will be ready for its annual fire inspection.
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35 The American Red Cross has requested that the Town and Fire Department jointly sponsor a blood
36 drive later in the year.
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38 Interim Town Clerk Carmany shared letters from the NC League of Municipalities acknowledging
39 receipt of photos for possible inclusion in the League’s centennial book and from the Friends of
40 Greensboro Parks & Recreation acknowledging the \$5,000 contribution for “Fun for All.” (*copy of*
41 *complete report attached*)
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43 B. *Financial/Budget:* Acting Financial Officer Kim Payne presented the financial report, including
44 Fund Balances Period Ending January 31, 2008; Check Registers January 1st –31st 2008; Operations
45 Budget vs. Actual Income & Expenditures Period ending January 31, 2008; Budget Ordinance
46 Amendment 4; Budget Worksheet – Recommended Changes; and Capital Projects Report Period
47 Ending January 31, 2008. (*copy attached*)
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1 Mr. Payne noted a fund balance of \$2,734,861.81 as of January 31.

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3 Questions were asked about the soccer sponsorship account and why it is called the “Private Money
4 Account.” Councilman Wallace explained that the money in this account supplements the soccer
5 program and is in a separate account so that its balance does not revert to the General Fund each year.
6 Mr. Payne recapped that account from its very beginning in April 2002 and it has been used to fund
7 jerseys, trophies, and the soccer fields.

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9 Mr. Payne noted that at this seven-month point in the budget year, there should be approximately 42%
10 remaining in the budget balances. He identified several “housekeeping” budget changes such as the
11 removal from the audit of \$1800 in prepaid expenses from several years ago and the establishment of a
12 line item called “Community Outreach” to cover miscellaneous expenses such as the brick honoring
13 Brooks Lockhardt and flowers sent in sympathy for deaths. He added a “Special Events” line item to
14 cover unbudgeted projects such as Pet Day and explained the fund balance in the welcome sign capital
15 project that has not had any activity in over a year. Mayor Hice noted this could be a possible source
16 of funding for the needed computers, microphone upgrades and recorder.

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18 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to accept the changes to the budget as proposed, seconded by**
19 **Councilwoman Johnson. APPROVED, 5-0.**

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21 *Recreation Board::* Chairman Brent Lewis reported that Recreation Board met on January 22, 2008
22 and named the members of the Board. They discussed the events that were held in 2007 and identified
23 where they needed to make improvements. Dates and committee assignments were set for 2008 events.
24 The question of using old lights from the Pleasant Garden Community Center has been raised and
25 Councilman Wyrick is checking on liability issues. The Firemen Appreciation Dinner will be held on
26 September 11, 2008 and they are considering holding the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the picnic
27 shelter. The Board has agreed to assist with the Garden Gathering if it is held but will not take over the
28 event. The date has been set for the Christmas Parade, and the Dynamo soccer camp will be held on
29 June 16-20. Fall soccer will start earlier this year. Discussion of the Litter Sweep will be held at the
30 next meeting. Interim Town Clerk Sandy Carmany will get these dates to Marty Heim to be placed on
31 the website. There is lots of energy to get things done and he thanks the Town Council for the laptop
32 computer, office and file cabinet for the soccer program.

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34 **Public Comment**

35 *Sharon Wright of 6402 Walter Wright Road* expressed disappointment in the Town Council’s action to
36 nix the recall provision instead of rewriting the parts that concerned them.

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38 *Georgia Amick of 809 Burning Bush Drive* stated she was upset about what she had heard about
39 volunteers and children. Nothing has changed and there are no problems. (Mayor Hice offered to
40 respond privately on this point.) She was on the Recreation Board for three years; leave the soccer
41 program alone and don’t mess it up.

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43 *Jean Greeson of 700 E. Ritters Lake Road* asked why the speaker sign-up process was changed and
44 Mayor Hice responded that it was to help the clerk by providing identification information she needed.
45 Ms. Greeson asked why not all citizens were not informed about the free installation of cable lines. In
46 reference to the recall bill, she asked if councilmembers are scared someone would do something to
47 them. It is the citizens’ right to do something about it. Trying to change everything is crazy.

1 *Cristina Bragg of 5117 Charlston Road* complained that no one contacted her directly about the
2 problem with her child being in Town Hall. She is unhappy that doors are locked and she can't come in
3 and make her own copies. Previous administrations provided for her daughter, and Mayor Hice did not
4 work with others in making her decisions.

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6 *Glenda McGinnis of 6829 Branson Mill Road* stated she had heard a lot of talk about two issues –
7 recall and email – and she did not understand. Accountability is important, and if there's nothing to be
8 concerned about, you have nothing to worry about. If people voted you in, they can vote you out.

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10 *Brent Lewis of 6012 Dehaven Road* asked Town Attorney Vaughan to look at the responsibilities of the
11 Recreation Board and if they apply to the Saturday soccer sign-up process. Sure, we can adapt our
12 procedures, but should we have to?

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14 Mayor Hice asked if there were any additional comments

15 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to close the public comment period. APPROVED, 5-0.**

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17 **Staff Comment**

18 | Interim Town Clerk Carmany had no further comments.

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20 **Council Comment**

21 • *Councilman Wyrick* recognized the Pleasant Garden Fire Department and thanked Chief Cole
22 and his men for their support. He thanked them for hosting the welcome sign.

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24 He thanked the Pleasant Garden Lions Club for their exemplary service to the community and
25 shared a story about their efforts to help a student get badly needed glasses. (*copy of remarks*
26 *attached*)

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28 Councilman Wyrick stated he is embarrassed to be a member of this Town Council due to its
29 unprofessional actions. After the February 2 planning session, he had hoped for a new bridge
30 to close the chasm between them. These actions are the reason for the lack of respect and
31 cooperation from other cities and towns. He will not stop trying to be more professional.

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33 • *Councilwoman Johnson* said she had asked Darla and Diana (former Assistant Clerk and Town
34 Administrator/Clerk) for suggestions for improvements and both had said the soccer program.
35 Mayor Hice is trying to implement those suggestions.

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37 • *Councilman Wallace* thanked the public for staying and enduring the meeting. It is unfortunate that
38 action on the recall happened. If one person embarrasses, it reflects on all of us. This vote took
39 away the will of the people.

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41 He announced that he is running for County Commission District 5.

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43 • *Mayor Pro Tem Smith* read the quotation from Dietrich Bonhoeffer she used at the December 11,
44 2007 meeting: "The person in love with their dream/vision of community will destroy community, but
45 the person who loves those around them will create community wherever they go..."

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- *Mayor Hice* said she wanted to address rumors that have been floating around – either she or Interim Town Clerk Carmany will make copies for any board. Mayor Pro Tem Smith interjected that the mayor has the responsibility to supervise the staff and the building.

Closed Session for a Personnel Matter

MOVED by Councilman Wallace that he be excused for the rest of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Wyrick. He stated that he must go to work. **APPROVED, 5-0.**

Councilman Wallace left the meeting at 10:45pm.

MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to go into a Closed Session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 143-318 to discuss personnel matters. She stated the Town Council would return to Open Session afterwards. Town Attorney Vaughan agreed to take the minutes during the Closed Session since Interim Town Clerk Carmany would not be attending it due to potential conflict of interest. **APPROVED, 4-0**

The Town Council adjourned to Closed Session at 10:50pm.

The Town Council returned to Open Session at 11:45pm.

MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to use Randy Billings of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments to contact the people who were selected as finalists for the Town Administrator/Clerk and to send applications and proceed from there. APPROVED 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith volunteered to meet with Mr. Billings and take him the applications and names.

Interim Town Clerk Carmany referred to the motion made at the January 14, 2008 Special Meeting on Staffing that hired her for 32 hours of work per week. It is necessary for her to work additional hours if she is expected to attend all Town Council and Board meetings to take minutes for those meetings.

MOVED by Councilman Wyrick to authorize the Interim Clerk to work the number of hours necessary to get the work done with a minimum of 32 hours per week, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith. APPROVED, 4-0.

MOVED by Councilwoman Johnson to adjourn. APPROVED, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54pm.

Clerk

Date

Mayor