

**CITY OF NORTHWEST  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021  
7:00 PM**

**ASSEMBLY**

The Northwest City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 7:00 PM, at Northwest City Hall, 4889 Vernon Road.

Present were: Mayor, James Knox; Councilmen: Charles Carroll, Michael Troy, Aaron Perkins, Haywood Miller and Councilwoman Sheila Grady

Also present were: Donna Strickland, City Clerk and Justin Brantley, Brunswick County Planner

**CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION**

Mayor James Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Haywood Miller gave the invocation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Haywood Miller **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

A. Public Hearing – Northwest UDO Amendment, Item 21-01, General Statutes Chapter 160D Update and Model Homes Amendment

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to open the public hearing at 7:33 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Mr. Lewis Parker asked: what was going to happen to the commercial property in the residential areas? Justin Brantley with Brunswick County Planning Department stated that it would eventually be pushed out automatically.

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to close the public hearing at 7:35 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Mayor Knox read the Consistency Statement.

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to approve the consistency statement as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

A copy of the consistency statement will be placed Exhibit Book V.

Councilman Haywood Miller **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to approve Ordinance NO. (2021) 21-01UDO as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.



A copy of the Ordinance will be placed in the Ordinance Book..

ORDINANCE NO. (2021) 21-01UDO

City Council  
City of Northwest, North Carolina  
Date: July 27, 2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWEST TO AMEND THE NORTHWEST UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Northwest Unified Development Ordinance needs to be updated to meet requirements of North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160D; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Unified Development Ordinance needs to establish clear standards in residential areas for model homes, real estate sales centers, and neighborhood sales homes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board recommended the amendments of the Northwest Unified Development Ordinance at the June 8, 2021 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Northwest, North Carolina, doth ordain:

1. That the Northwest Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended consistent with the items recommended by the Planning Board and consistent with the amendments presented to and approved by the City Council.
2. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict;
3. This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Northwest, North Carolina, and shall be in effect on July 28th, 2021.

This Ordinance adopted this 27th day of July 2021.

ATTEST: Mayor

City Clerk

(SEAL)

**B. Park Playground Equipment**

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated that John Barrs with Barrs Recreation came to look at our swing set chains. He showed where the playground equipment was not safe (photos will be placed in Exhibit Book V). Mrs. Strickland stated that she had looked at some playground catalogs and it appeared that a minimum cost of at least \$14,000 would be necessary to begin replacing the playground equipment. She also stated that cost would be for equipment only, no mulch.

Councilman Perkins stated that if you can get playground equipment for \$14,000, it would be great. The equipment at the County Parks range from over \$100,000 upwards to \$250,000.

Councilwoman Sheila Grady **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to approve Budget Amendment 3 for the purchase of playground equipment.

Councilman Miller asked if we need to increase the amount? Councilman Aaron Perkins stated that the \$14,000 would be a good starting point and if we needed to appropriate more, we could do another budget amendment.

**The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**



C. Project Updates

- Concession Roof & Ceiling Repair Update

Councilman Aaron Perkins stated that a painter will be by tomorrow to see the areas in the Council meeting room and in the Concession Stand.

- Park Shelter Roof Repair Update

Councilman Aaron Perkins stated that as soon as possible, he will have a price to repair the Concession and Park Shelter roofs with metal roofing.

- Handicap Ramp Repair

Councilman Aaron Perkins stated that we are waiting to determine if the handicap ramp can be moved to the front.

After discussion,

It was the **CONSENSUS** of Council to have the Clerk find out if the City has been connected to the sewer system.

- Front Porch Repair

Councilman Aaron Perkins stated that, as soon as it can be determined whether the City is connected to sewer, the handicap ramp can be moved to the front and the front porch can be repaired.

- Back Porch vs Back Deck

This item will be determined by where the handicamp ramp is located.

- City Sign at City Hall

Councilman Aaron Perkins stated he is waiting to get a copy of our City Seal to send to the sign shop and once that is done, he will get a quote.

**4. LIAISON REPORTS**

- **Administration** **Councilman Miller**  
DEQ – Solid Waste and Materials Management Annual Report

- **Annexation, Information Technology & Marketing** **Councilman Perkins**  
None

- **Park** **Mayor Knox**  
Nothing additional

- **Police** **Councilman Carroll**  
Police Report

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to approve the Police Report as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- **Roads**

*Councilman Michael Troy*

Powell Bill Certified Statement Report  
Survey Roads

- Veas Road
- Smith Trail
- Port Royal

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated that she had gotten several prices from surveyors, and they ranged from \$150 to \$325. She stated that the biggest difference is the higher priced surveyors will provide the City with everything it needs, to address stormwater, mark all utilities and any other buried service on the roads and paving.

It was the **CONSENSUS** of Council to have the City Clerk call and get prices for Veas Road, Smith Trail and Port Royal to address stormwater runoff and ditches only, do not pave these roads.

- **Finance & Emergency Preparedness**

*Councilwoman Grady*

NC Local Government System – LGC-203 Report  
Hurricane Preparedness Bags

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Haywood Miller stated that the incident that happened where someone had shot the mayors' house was very serious. He also stated that he felt that the reward money should be higher than \$500.

Lieutenant Perez stated that the person could be charged with attempted murder and increasing the reward money could help with the investigation.

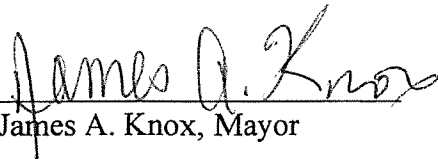
Mayor Knox recused himself from the meeting since the incident happened to him and his family at 8:23 PM.

Councilman Haywood Miller **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to increase the reward money to \$2,000. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Mayor Knox returned to the meeting at 8:35PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

  
James A. Knox, Mayor

  
Donna Strickland, City Clerk/Finance Officer