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DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

May 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Public Library on May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Janet Whitt, Wendi Uselton, Olivia Shelton, Mike Barsness, Andrew Mathys, Town Administrator Byron Ellis, Town Attorney Mike Bruce and Town Clerk Dianne Starnes. Others present were Clara Nelson, Velmalene Leake, Rebecca Sullivan, Earle Sullivan, Mike Fulp, and Gary East.

Mayor Whitt called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Requested amendments to agenda were: Mayor Whitt - add discussion item: possible street festival. Olivia Shelton – add discussion item: Relay for Life 5K Race on June 5, 2010. Andrew Mathys – add two action items: removal of (2) Duke Energy street lights at sidewalk project and put Art Market building up for sale.

On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Mike Barsness, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the agenda be amended to include requested discussion items.

On motion of Mike Barsness, seconded by Andrew Mathys, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the public hearing open at 7:09 p.m.

There were no comments on the Rebecca Sullivan zoning map amendment request, the proposal to amend the campground section of the zoning ordinance or the proposal to increase criminal fines relating to zoning ordinance violations.

On motion of Wendi Uselton, seconded by Olivia Shelton, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the public hearing be closed and the regular meeting resume.

Discussion Items – Recommendations from Planning and Zoning Board on proposal to increase criminal fines relating to zoning ordinance violations. The Planning Board requests further research prior to a final recommendation. Mayor Whitt stated that she is waiting for information from Stokes Economic Director, Alan Wood, regarding the Art Market building. June 27, 2010 has been set as a tentative date for the Sidewalk Project Dedication.

Andrew Mathys suggested that two Duke Energy-provided street lights be removed--they are no longer needed since new lamp posts lights have been erected at the sidewalk project site.

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Mayor Whitt would like to see an annual event, a festival, an Octoberfest or a July 4th celebration for the Town of Danbury.

On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Olivia Shelton, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the minutes for March 24, March 29, and April 28, 2010 be approved.

Mike Barsness made a motion to deny Rebecca Sullivan's zoning map amendment request. Andrew Mathys seconded the motion. Mike Barsness and Andrew Mathys voted yes to deny the request. Olivia Shelton and Wendi Uselton voted no.

There was a discussion regarding a potential conflict of interest involving Mayor Whitt's voting on this item.

On motion of Mike Barsness, seconded by Andrew Mathys, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Council go into closed session to seek legal advice from Town Attorney.

On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Wendi Uselton, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Council go out of closed session at 8:20 p.m. No action was taken.

It was determined that there was no conflict of interest and the Mayor voted no—the motion failed.

On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Wendi Uselton, it was

RESOLVED that Rebecca Sullivan's zoning map amendment request be approved.

Olivia Shelton and Wendi Uselton voted yes. Mike Barsness and Andrew Mathys voted no. Mayor Whitt voted yes to break the tie.

On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Mike Barsness, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the proposal to amend the Campground Section of the zoning ordinance be approved.

On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Wendi Uselton, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED that the proposal to increase criminal fines relating to zoning ordinance violations go back to the planning board for further study and recommendations.

On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Mike Barsness, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that a request to remove two street lights adjacent to the sidewalk project be submitted to Duke Energy.

Discussion of Art Market Building: Olivia Shelton suggested that the Council postpone any decision on the disposition of the Art Market Building until hearing from Stokes County Economic Development Director Alan Wood. Andrew Mathys made a motion to put the Art Market Building up for sale. The motion failed for lack of a second.

On motion of Wendi Uselton, seconded by Olivia Shelton, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Council go into closed session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss a legal matter with the Town Attorney.

On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Wendi Uselton, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Council go out of closed session at 9:02 p.m.

No action was taken.

On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Wendi Uselton, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the meeting adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk