TOWN OF LITTLETON

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March 3, 2008

AGENDA

- 1. Call Public Hearing on Renaming East End Avenue to Sam Robinson, Sr. Ave. at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Call regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Consider approval of minutes of meeting(s) held in February, 2008.
- 5. Approve for payment bills made in February, 2008.
- 6. Citizens concerns.
- 7. Consider approving release of tax and/or interest to accounts listed that were adjusted by Halifax, prorated, or should not have had interest added as USPS postmark was timely.
- 8. Consider <u>Resolution Authorizing Littleton to Submit an Application for North</u> Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant (R-08-001).
- 9. Consider Resolution Re-Naming a Street within the Extraterritorial

 Jurisdiction and the Town Limits of the Town of Littleton from East End

 Avenue to Sam Robinson, Sr. Ave. (R-08-002)
- 10. Consider appointing Margaret Knight to the Jones Memorial Library Board of Trustees.
- 11. Consider proposed amendments to Police Department budget.
- 12. Commissioners reports on activities in February, 2008.
- 13. Adjourn.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held a public hearing Monday, March 3, 2008, at the Town Hall. Commissioners present were Patrick MacRae, Betty Willis and Terry Newsom.

Mayor Hawfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and explained the purpose of the public hearing was to hear citizen's comments on renaming East End Avenue to Sam Robinson, Sr. Avenue.

The following citizens commented on the proposed change and stated that while they greatly respected late Mr. Sam Robinson, Sr. they were opposed to the name change;

Melvin Williams, Warlene Johnston, Emma Jones, Martha Carroll, Elaine Walker, Pamela Walker, Carolyn Brothers, Shirley Squire, Joe "Dempsey" Faulcon, Linda Harvey, Carolyn Harvey, Lucille Bullock, Alma Harrison, Almeta Dawson, Virginia Copeland, Lucy Williams and Sylvester Walker.

Vincent Bullock presented a petition against the name change and stated, while appreciating their good intentions, the Board should leave the name the same and find another way to honor Mr. Robinson, perhaps with a memorial. A copy of the petition is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Sam Robinson, Jr. suggested another solution, perhaps dedicating the section of Hwy 158 from Robinson Funeral Home to Mr. Sam Robinson, Sr. former home in his honor.

In discussion, it was the consensus to explore alternatives to renaming East End Avenue. Mayor Hawfield thanked everyone for coming and stated the Board did not mean to disrupt anyone and would make the right decision.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacRae, to adjourn at 7:09.

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The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held their regular meeting, March 3, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Patrick MacRae, Betty Willis and Terry Newsom, and Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester.

Mayor Hawfield opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hawfield advised he would delay vote on the resolution renaming East End Avenue until there was more time to research alternatives.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2008, as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Willis, to pay the bills made in February as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacRae to release the tax and/or interest as listed. The motion was voted and carried and a copy of the list is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacRae to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Littleton to Submit an Application for North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant (R-08-001). The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Hawfield reported the Jones Memorial Library Board had a vacancy and had recommended Margaret Knight. Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom to appoint Margaret Knight to the Jones Memorial Library Board of Trustees. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Hawfield advised Chief Suggs had stated the oldest police car, a 1994 Crown Vic, would not last much longer and had a list of new vehicles with prices and payments for the Board to consider. Chief Suggs stated the car would not last until next year's budget and he had reworked his department's budget to come up with part of the funds. The Board discussed the difference between the Dodge Chargers and funding for the new vehicle. Mayor Hawfield stated the difference could be made up with appropriations from fund balance if the Board wished to purchase a vehicle.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacRae, to purchase the Dodge "Idler" Charger with the police pack, with three payments of \$7,814.53 for three years. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to approve the Police Department budget amendments as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Newsom gave the Police Report for February.

Commissioner Willis reported there were no wastewater violations, spills or inspections, the Town had purchased 2,779,000 gallons of water and sold 1,799,000, two Bacterial tests were negative, TTHM tests would be conducted in March and hydrants flushed. A power surge had damaged pumps at the WWTP which would be covered by insurance, and patching had started where lateral seals had been done. She had attended a NADA Conference and would be

meeting on infrastructure funding. The Town had been awarded a stormwater grant and was working on a water grant.

Mayor Hawfield reported the Window Fashion Resources building would now be completely painted and in response to a question, discussion followed on the progress of the project.

Commissioner MacRae had no report for February.

Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. The motion was voted and carried.

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