

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Face coverings were optional for the September 6, 2022, Council meeting but all attendees were encouraged to wear face coverings, and to social distance from other attendees who are not members of the same household, regardless of vaccination status. Individuals in high-risk groups, individuals who are completing isolation or were recently exposed, and residents at risk of infection should continue to wear face coverings in all public indoor settings.

SPECIAL MEETING The Granite Falls Town Council held a Special Meeting on September 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Administrative Building.

PRESENT The following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Dr. Caryl B. Burns and Council Members Ritch Bolick, Larry Knight, Jim Mackie, Mike Mackie, Martin Townsend, and Tracy Townsend.

ABSENT The following member of the governing body was absent: None

STAFF PRESENT The following staff members attended the meeting: Town Manager Jerry Church, Town Attorney Bruce Cannon, Town Clerk Paula Kirby, Finance Officer Ashley Presnell, Human Resources Director Courtney Kennedy, and Police Chief Chris Jenkins.

VISITORS None

NEWS MEDIA No news media attended the meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Mayor Dr. Caryl B. Burns called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

INVOCATION Police Chief Chris Jenkins led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilmember Mike Mackie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT Councilmember Larry Knight read the Conflict-of-Interest Statement.

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Council member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflicts. Does any Council member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflicts with respect to any matters coming before the Council today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matters involved.

(N.C.G.S. 14-234, N.C.G.S. 160A-479.11, & N.C.G.S. 160D-109)

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT Town Attorney Bruce Cannon did not have a report.

COUNCIL GOES INTO CLOSED SESSION Martin Townsend made a motion the Council under N.C. General Statute 143-318.11 (3) the Council shall hold a closed session to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. Mike Mackie seconded the motion, with a unanimous affirmative vote.

COUNCIL GOES OUT OF CLOSED SESSION Martin Townsend made a motion the Council go out of Closed Session. Larry Knight seconded the motion, with a unanimous affirmative vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED Martin Townsend made a motion the Council adjourn the meeting. Jim Mackie seconded the motion, with a unanimous affirmative vote.