

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF MAXTON, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of Maxton, North Carolina met in formal session in the meeting chambers of the Town of Maxton Town Hall located at 201 McCaskill Avenue Maxton, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Christopher Bethea-McDougal, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Michael Hines, Commissioner Paul McDowell(absent), Commissioner Toni Bethea, Commissioner Victor Womack, Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Amber Quatkemeyer.

WORK SESSION

Call to Order: Mayor Christopher Bethea-McDougal

Invocation: Commissioner Hines

a) Landscape Bids

Manager Pitchford opened the discussion of the Landscape stating there were questions and concerns.

Commissioner Womack said some of the businesses didn't understand what was originally asked of them so their proposal was too high. He stated that Gr@scape and Ziegler had spoken and were willing to work together so that both parties are involved.

Ziegler Landscaping began telling the Board that he received the wrong information and that is why his bid is higher than the other proposals.

Michael Cousar Speaking for Gr@scape stated that he had told Manager Pitchford that he was putting in a proposal for his son. However Manager Pitchford replied she did not know it was for his son and would not have approved it due to it being a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Hines asked Mr. Cousar if the \$23,000 total was to cover both and Mr. Cousar replied yes, that is to cover both cemeteries.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson asked if the two companies were going to work together and how would that work. Mr. Cousar responded by saying that it is fine with both parties and they would work something out.

Attorney Snead clarified Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson's question to Mr. Cousar on how the two parties would work together. Mr. Cousar stated the contract would have to be written out by the Town.

Tabled to discuss in closed session.

b) Civil Affairs Use of Freight Building

Manager Pitchford let the Board know that Mayor Pro Tem and she had been working with civil affairs and they had ask to use the Freight Building to teach a class for four days. Stating they are trying to help the Town any way they can. The Town is allowing them to use the building at no cost, just for this once. She asked if anyone had any concerns about the use.

Commissioner Womack responded saying that he thinks it is a good thing.

c) Robeson County Church and Community

Manager Pitchford let the Board know that a decision needed to be made on where the playground equipment is going to be placed. Manager Pitchford suggest it being placed on the field across from the walking track. She asked for other suggestions. Attorney Snead ask Manager Pitchford to remind the Board of how it was going to play out cost wise. Commissioner Hines Suggest the equipment being on the same field as the football field. Manager Pitchford stated that would not be enough room and we just need the answer by the February meeting. Mayor Pro Tem suggest getting aerial views of the suggested properties to make the final decisions on it.

Mayor Bethea-McDougal asked for a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Womack made the motion to go into closed session to consult the Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

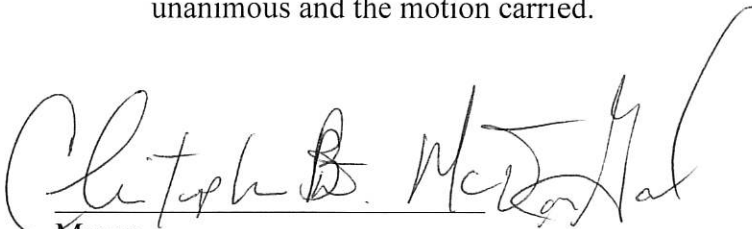
Closed Session:

G.S. Motion to go into closed session, pursuant to **NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6)** to discuss personnel issues and consult with Town Attorney. (1) Permitted Purposes. – A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required. (1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statues.

Mayor Bethea-McDougal asked for a motion to come out of closed session. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion and Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion and Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Mayor



Town Clerk