

**River Bend Town Council
Work Session Meeting
February 11, 2016**

Present Council Members:	Mayor John Kirkland Luci Avery Buddy Sheffield Irving Van Slyke Pat Yocum
Absent Council Members:	Bill Camp
Town Manager:	Delane Jackson
Police Chief:	Ryland Matthews
Town Clerk:	Ann Katsuyoshi

APPOINT ALTERNATE TO NBAMPO

Mayor Kirkland said that former Councilwoman Brenda Garvey had served as the Town's alternate on the New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. We now need to replace her and he asked for volunteers. Councilwoman Luci Avery said that she would be interested in serving. Councilman Sheffield agreed that Ms. Avery was an excellent candidate and **moved to appoint Councilwoman Luci Avery as the River Bend alternate to the New Bern Metropolitan Planning Organization.** The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF ZONING AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING BOARD

Town Manager Jackson said that the Planning Board has forwarded a request to the Council that would add a requirement for new subdivisions to add sidewalks. This requirement would not affect any of the currently developed areas of Town of projects where the resident is only building one house. A Public Hearing was held on this matter in August. At that time, the Council voted to table the question and return the Ordinance Amendment to the Planning Board for further discussion. The Planning Board has again forwarded its recommendation that new subdivisions be required to install sidewalks.

Councilwoman Avery said that she has often wished that the Town had sidewalks. Council member Yocum said that she believes this requirement would curtail development of the NW Quadrant and suggested encouraging sidewalks instead of mandating them. Councilman Sheffield said that such a requirement would discourage development of the NW Quadrant. The Council discussed this subject at some length. Councilman Sheffield asked that the vote be delayed until the March meeting because he will be out of town during the February. It was the consensus of the Council that the vote on this item be delayed until the March Regular Meeting.

DISCUSSION OF HIGHWAY 17 ASSOCIATION

Mayor Kirkland told the Council that Marc Finlayson, Executive Director of the Highway 17 Association, will make a presentation at the Regular Meeting on February 18th.

REVIEW FEBRUARY 18, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

The Council reviewed the Agenda for the February 18, 2016 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, Councilman Sheffield **moved to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Ann H. Katsuyoshi
Town Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was canceled due to a lack of a quorum.