

**TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING**

June 4, 2019

**Present:** Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Will Barnes, Johnny Craft, Angela Gay, Raymond Oakes, Claude Kennedy; Interim Manager Mark Warren, Clerk Angel Hudson

**Absent:** None

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order.

Mayor Jackson led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Recognition of Persons to be Heard:**

None

**Guest Speaker**

Representatives from Duke Energy came before the Board to inform the community of their plan to protect Grifton Substation from future flood events. Millie Chalk with Duke Energy Community Relations, Mike Sykes with Duke Energy Project Management, Brendan Sheppard a CMI Engineer and Porfirio Del Toro who is a Presray Sales Manager were present to make the presentation and answer questions. CMI is the company Duke is planning to use for the sheet pile wall materials. Presray is the company Duke is planning to use for the flood gates that go in the opening of the flood wall where driveways or other access is needed.

Millie Chalk introduced all people that were present on Duke's behalf.

Mike Sykes began the power point presentation on the construction of this fiberglass reinforced polymer wall and the flood gates that Duke plans to install around the substation. He commented that after Matthew they began to look for areas to move the substation and then came Florence. They then started looking at a solution to keep it from flooding in the event of another hurricane. A team of professionals has come up with the plan to construct an 8ft wall around the substation with flood gates. The wall will also be 18ft in the ground. The gates will come together during a storm and seal off the substation. Diesel powered pumps will also be deployed in the station in case water does come in but it should not get to the electrical components. Mr. Sykes stated that they feel this is a permanent engineered fix. Mr. Del Toro stated that these walls have been installed all over the United States.

Mr. Sykes also stated that construction should begin in the middle of July of this year and then in approximately 4 weeks construction should be completed.

After a lengthy questions and answer session Mayor Jackson introduced Senator Don Davis who has stood by his side through this whole process dealing with the substation.

Senator Davis stated that the Mayor has been the biggest advocate for this community concerning the substation. Senator Davis stated that he feels we need to move forward to get something in place immediately. He assured the community that if this does not work he will continue to be an advocate for Grifton. They are already talking about a “Plan B”.

After a couple more questions from the audience Mayor Jackson ended the discussion in order to continue with the regular workshop agenda.

### **Public Hearing set for June 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting**

1. *Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing – Request from Mr. William Roach for a conditional use permit to allow a church at 5678 Hwy North (Parcel #26049).*  
Commissioner Craft made a motion to hold this public hearing at next week’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.
2. *Public Hearing for the renaming portion of Gordon Street (from Water Street to Queen Street) to Kornegay Street as required by Pitt County Addressing Ordinance.*  
Commissioner Craft made a motion to hold this public hearing at next week’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gay. The motion carried unanimously.
3. *Public Hearing for proposed 2019/2020 fiscal year budget.*  
Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to hold this public hearing at next week’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items for June 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting**

1. *Consideration and adoption of close out budget amendments for 2018/2019 fiscal year.*  
Manager Warren commented that the Budget Amendments would be listed in next week’s agenda packet. The Board informed Manager Warren to put the item on the agenda for next week.
2. *Consideration and adoption of Budget Ordinance for FY 2019/2020*  
The Board informed Manager Warren to put this item on next week’s agenda.

### **Manager’s Report**

No Manager’s Report

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Barnes stated that he had complaints that the speed bumps on Tucker Street are not working.

Mayor Jackson informed Chief Silva to make their department more present in that area and to start issuing tickets.

Commissioner Oakes asked for mulch to be put at the St. David park swings and playground equipment.

Commissioner Kennedy asked for another light to be installed outside the park building.

Commissioner Gay asked if the Kornegay family has been notified about the street name change.

Mayor Jackson informed Commissioner Gay that a family member came to him to request the street name change.

There being no further business Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Angel Hudson  
Town Clerk