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**Town of Weaverville
State of North Carolina**

**Town Council Regular Workshop
Tuesday, December 08, 2020**

Remote Electronic Meeting

Zoom: [http:// us02web.zoom.us/j/85948891960](http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948891960)

The Town Council for the Town of Weaverville met for its regularly scheduled regular workshop on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. as an electronic video meeting via Zoom Meeting.

Councilmembers remotely present were: Mayor Al Root, Vice Mayor Doug Jackson, and Councilmembers Dottie Sherrill, Jeffrey McKenna, Andrew Nagle, and Patrick Fitzsimmons.

Staff remotely present was: Town Manager Selena Coffey, Town Attorney Jennifer Jackson, Planning Director James Eller, Public Works Director Dale Pennell, Finance Officer Tonya Dozier, Police Chief Ron Davis, Fire Chief Ted Williams and Water Treatment Supervisor Trent Duncan.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Root called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Discussion of Possible Charter Amendments.

Mayor Root noted that possible amendments to the Town's charter could be adopted by ordinance pursuant to NCGS 160A-101 and 160A-102 which could increase the number of councilmembers on Town Council and provide the elected mayor the ability to vote on all matters before Council. After discussion, Council achieved consensus on providing the elected mayor the ability to vote on all matters and adding a councilmember to provide for an opportunity to increase diversity and to ensure an odd number of voting members. There was also consensus that these changes should occur with the municipal election in 2021 and not before such that the newly created council seat be filled by the voters and not appointed by council and that the voting rights of the mayor not be changed until a mayor is elected in 2021.

3. Continued Discussion of Possible Annexation Agreement with the Town of Woodfin.

As a follow-up to Town Council's discussion on November 23, 2020, Mayor Root indicated that he had recently met with two members of Council and staff to discuss the proposed annexation agreement with the Town of Woodfin. The outcome of that meeting was a revised proposed annexation agreement map. Mr. Eller described areas on the periphery of the Town of Weaverville which should be protected for future annexation and applicable land use regulations. Ms. Jackson noted that language preventing the Town of Woodfin from establishing an extraterritorial jurisdiction within areas shown for future growth for the Town of Weaverville was added to the proposed ordinance. There was consensus that the proposed revisions to the annexation map and ordinance were acceptable to Town Council and staff was directed to communicate with the Town of Woodfin concerning these changes and to put this on an upcoming Town Council agenda so that a public hearing can be set.

4. Discussion of Participation in Tree City USA.

Mayor Root and staff discussed the Town's history of participating in the Tree City USA program and the requirements for that participation. Consensus was achieved for the Town to continue work toward Tree City USA designation and for Council to revisit the Town's various responsibilities as a participating member, including reestablishment of a separate tree board, at a future date.

5. Adjournment.

Noting the consensus of Council, Mayor Root declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55.



James Eller, Town Clerk