

Subject: Fwd: Citizens comments at Tuesday's Council meeting.
Date: 2016-01-26 20:56:55
From: Marilyn Sellers
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From: Beauford Burton <bburton14@carolina.rr.com>
Date: 01/25/2016 8:36 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Marilyn Sellers <marilyn@scljvkn.com>
Cc: Lynda Mattox <lyndam@cityofkn.com>
Subject: Citizens comments at Tuesday's Council meeting.

Hi Marilyn, I hope you're well and enjoying the new year. I have a special request and don't know the general policy about sharing comments when one is unable to attend the meeting. I am attaching comments I would like to have read at the meeting tomorrow because I am sick and cannot come. If you'll read the attachment it is self-explanatory. Please be kind enough to respond whether Lynda Mattox can read the comments on my behalf. (Of course if it is okay I should also say please to Lynda as well...Please).
Marilyn,
Beauford Burton

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Beauford Burton 322 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain
2016

January 26,

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The infection I have now reminds me of how the illness parallels the proposal of a casino. I'm fairly certain most would agree and make the same decision I've made, not to bring the possibility of spreading the illness. I don't know what the odds are that none in this room, one in this room, several in this room or many in this room would catch something, but even the possibility of infecting one is enough to decide to stay home.

It's much the same with a casino. I believe most would agree that some will become addicted to gambling. Some, even if a few, may lose rent money, grocery money, child care money just for a very slim chance of winning. Possibly one or more may put children at risk by leaving them in a car while they gamble. Possibly, at some point, one or more may even lose their life through suicide.

How many are disposable?

We have a new face in the Mayor's seat. We have a new Councilman for Ward 5. Even if you're unwilling tonight to agree to drop support for a casino, PLEASE, put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting and allow well studied facts against a casino to be presented for your consideration.

I bid you all well.

Subject: Tonight's Council meeting.
Date: 2016-01-26 17:24:23
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From: Beauford Burton
To/Cc: + Curtis Pressley; Howard Shipp; Keith Miller; Mike Butler; Rodney Gordon

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Gentlemen,
I'm sending this because I waited too late to try and find someone to read it for me. I believe it is self explanatory and just ask that you read it and share it with Jay Rhodes and Mayor Neisler since I do not yet have their emails.
Thank you,
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Karen Tucker

From: Elizabeth Stewart <lib.kmherald@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 1:54 PM
To: Lynda Mattox
Subject: Re: city council meeting

Thanks.

On Thu, Jan 28, 2016 at 1:28 PM, Lynda Mattox <lyndam@cityofkm.com> wrote:

Gordon & Pressley were the two that voted against both the governing board statements and the Ordinances. This was on all three cases.

From: Elizabeth Stewart [mailto:lib.kmherald@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 1:27 PM
To: Lynda Mattox
Subject: Re: city council meeting

Thanks.

On the vote for rezoning 5-2 the two voting against were Pressley and Gordon or Pressley and Shipp. I put down Gordon. I don't think I will use the votes on the governing board statement. Some voted against the governing board statement and only two voted against the ordinance.

On Thu, Jan 28, 2016 at 1:12 PM, Lynda Mattox <lyndam@cityofkm.com> wrote:

Scott Whitney (minister) Adam Forcade and Doug Lawing (planning board) spoke during citizen recognition. Doug Lawing spoke regarding the Triathlon cancellation and he said he knew of a girl who has been training for the event.

They asked council to take a vote to publicly withdrawal their support for the casino.

No action taken at Closed Session

Haley stated that due to the lower athlete participation, lower visitors to Kings Mountain for the event and higher expenses over the last few years it was decided to try some new ideas. Triathlons are popping up all over and more people are participating in more localized events. She said they were working with the Gateway Trails and YMCA on a bike race for June.

Scott is looking into the problem of the microphones.

From: Elizabeth Stewart [mailto:lib.kmherald@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 11:02 AM

To: Lynda Mattox

Subject: city council meeting

I didn't get the names of the people who spoke during the 3 minute time allowed.

The chairman of the planning board (I think that's who he was) said that the council should have had consideration for many of the kids who were trying out for the 2016 Triathlon before they canceled it and gone ahead and had the 2016 event, making an other decision for 2017. Is that what you heard:

The preacher and Adam Forcade asked the council to take a vote Tuesday night - for or against a proposed casino. I think Forcade said all they needed was for three additional members of the council to vote in the affirmative supporting KM Awareness Group. Is that was you heard?

I didn't stay to hear if any action was taken after the closed session. Was there any action taken?

I don't know if you have had time to do your minutes yet. I need the name of the minister and also the name of the planning board member. I did not hear all of what Haley Wilson had to say - I really need her remarks-

I am going to ask Scott if he will ask Council and speakers to use the microphone and speak into it. I don't think any of those folks who sit further back in council chambers hears a thing that's going on. I tried to get Mayor Murphrey to say something to the presenters and Council about that but he never did of if he did they didn't pay any attention. Some are so soft spoken.

Thanks for all your help.

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