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Council Prioritizes Projects for Coming Year in Planning Session

The Town Council held its annual strategic planning work session on Wednesday, Oct. 30, to establish priorities for projects in the coming year as well as for next year's budget.

As in previous years, the focus was on how to best use staff time and other resources on a large backlog of projects.

"This work session has become our most important tool for setting, and keeping, priorities during the year," said Mayor Scott Ramsey.

The work session began with a review of projects completed or substantially advanced since last year's strategic planning meeting. These included:

- Advancing the Main Street Enhancement Project to the bid stage (bids were opened Nov. 5)
- Replacement of Town streetlights with energy-efficient LEDs
- Replacement of benches and tables in the Town Park on Loudoun Street, as well as upgrading electrical lines for the holiday light display and Hometown Festival
- Construction of Yatton Road water main loop and connection of Well 12 to the Westlake treatment plant
- Connection of Well 22A to the Evening Star treatment plant

- Emergency generator installation for the Stoneleigh wells

- Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and SCADA used to monitor and control remote utility facilities

The meeting then proceeded to review the results of a council survey and identification of carryover projects that had near-universal consensus and are thus considered high priority, including:

- Design and preparation for construction of the Southern Water Tank
- Acquisition and development of another well (site has been identified, negotiations with owner in progress)
- Additional emergency generators at the Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant
- Sleeter Lake Park upgrades including permanent rest rooms, pavilion, ADA features and expanded boat storage
- Construction of the Main Street sidewalk project
- Sale of the large reservoir property formerly used as the primary water supply for the Town
- Zoning Ordinance amendments to more easily allow new uses for non-



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One of the projects completed this summer was replacing all the benches and tables in the Town Park.

conforming commercial properties

Finally, the remaining projects in the survey that did not get full consensus were each discussed by the council in turn. After that discussion, the council voted on which of those projects should also be high priority. These were:

- Renovations to the Town Office including roof repair and siding replacement

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Town Preparing for Hillsboro's Improvements to Rt. 9

The Town of Round Hill is preparing for anticipated increases in traffic from the Hillsboro Rt. 9 road improvements expected for construction as early as next year.

The Town is particularly concerned because its own Main Street improvements and the long-anticipated Franklin Park Trail project have just completed their construction bidding period and may also be under construction at the same time.

The Town met with VDOT and Hillsboro representatives on Sept. 30 and the Town sent a letter on Oct. 1 outlining its requested changes to the traffic management plan.

Some of those items have since been addressed, in particular the formal designation of Allder School Road and

Hillsboro Road as an official local detour in addition to the regional detour already planned on Rt. 340.

But several items on the Town's list have not yet been accomplished; the Town is currently following up with VDOT to clarify the process for each and get them in motion.

These include additional signage at the intersection of Evening Star and Woodgrove Road to direct southbound travelers to use Evening Star to reach Rt. 7 instead of Main Street; to close Main Street between Greenwood Drive and Rt. 7 business to thru truck traffic; and to install either temporary or permanent signalization to the Rt. 7 business/Evening Star Drive intersection.

GOVERNMENT

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- Design of a new office for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) to expand Town boundaries
- Design and grant application for a sidewalk extension from New Cut Road going south to the Hayman Lane and Lake Ridge Estates neighborhoods

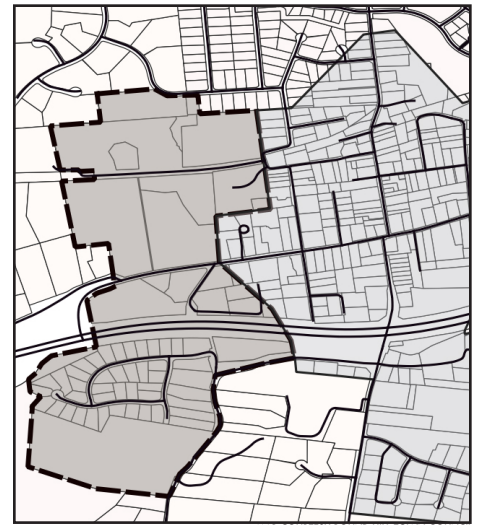
Several projects on the survey that were not voted as high priority will still be kept under consideration in future years, including:

- Decorative street-lights for Main Street and Loudoun Street
- Town beautification such as banners and planters
- Leaf collection service

- Modernization of the Town Code and Town Charter
- Development of the 2-acre civic lot proffered in the Creekside rezoning

"It becomes obvious by the end of the work session that we still have an enormous backlog of projects," Ramsey said. "For a Town our size, we have a lot on our plate."

Town staff will now be compiling all the results from the work session and updating the Town Strategic Plan as well as using the results from this work session to prepare the Town Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for FY20-21, which the Town Council will begin reviewing in early spring.



The meeting on Nov. 20 will focus on the darkly shaded areas of the map above.

IMPACTED NEIGHBORHOODS INVITED TO INFO SESSIONS ON POSSIBLE TOWN EXPANSION

The Town of Round Hill is restarting its public outreach for Town expansion with a series of meetings that are focused on specific neighborhoods.

The first public information session of this kind will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Town Office for the neighborhoods of Fallswood, Mystic Lane and West Loudoun.

Letters have been mailed to all landowners in those neighborhoods inviting them to the public information session.

The general public is also welcome to attend, but the focus of the session will be on informing and gath-

ering feedback from landowners and residents in those specific neighborhoods.

Another session for the neighborhood of Brentwood Springs is planned for a mid-December date to be announced. A third omnibus session in January will be held for residents invited to one of the previous two sessions who could not attend their specific session or who want more information on Town expansion.

For more information on Town expansion, please see roundhillva.org/town-of-round-hill-expansion/, or contact Town Administrator Melissa Hynes at mhynes@roundhillva.org or the mayor at mayor@roundhillva.org.



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This year's Town Tree Lighting and RHVFD Dinner with Santa will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, starting at 4 p.m. in the Town Park. To volunteer to help, email info@newsaroundthehill.org.

ON THE AGENDA

Issues the Town Council and Planning Commission will address in the coming months include:

- Review construction bids for Main Street Enhancement Project and Franklin Park Trail
- Finish replacement of town streetlights with night-sky LEDs
- Future well site acquisition
- Town Boundary Line Adjustment
- Additional amenities at Sleeter Lake Park
- Consider Comprehensive Plan amendment for utility extension policies

Upcoming Events

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| ► Planning Commission | Nov. 12/Dec. 3 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Expansion Meeting | Nov. 20 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office (to discuss Fallswood, Mystic Lane and West Loudoun Street) | |
| ► Town Council Meeting | Nov. 21/Dec. 19 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Work session | Dec. 5 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Tree Lighting/RHVFD Santa Dinner | Dec. 7 |
| 4:00 p.m./5:30 p.m., Town Park/Fire House | |