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Apex Town Council
Improving Quality of Life for Our Community



Hello Neighbors and Friends -

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well during this holiday season. Here are some Town Council highlights from the month of December.

Town Council Meeting News

December 14th - [Agenda](#) and [YouTube](#) Video

We had one Council meeting this month in an effort to wind business matters down as the holiday season approached. Our December 14th meeting began with a presentation of the Town's Financial Statements for the 2021 Fiscal year by Ms. April Adams, CPA Partner, with Audit Services of Cherry Bekaert LLP.

This report is issued to inform residents of the Town's financial condition as of June 30, 2021 and how financial resources were used this past fiscal year. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Apex for this financial report. This was the 27th consecutive year that the Town has received this prestigious award! Kudos to our Finance and Accounting teams for the outstanding work that they do for us.

You can read the comprehensive financial report [here](#).

Our Consent Agenda for this meeting included motions for setting public hearings at our next meeting scheduled for January 11th, 2022. Additionally, we approved 3 firefighter positions as well as the revisions to the Town's Personnel Policies to reflect the same protected classes as covered under the Town's adopted Non-Discrimination Ordinance.

After our business items concluded, Mayor Pro Tem Dozier was recognized for her 8 years of service on the Council. She did not seek re-election during this past election cycle.

The regular meeting was then adjourned and the Organizational Meeting was reconvened. At this time, Council Members Killingsworth and Gantt were sworn in after their recent re-election to the Town Council. Ed Gray, who was elected to the seat vacated by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier, was then sworn in to his seat as Council Member.

Council Member Killingsworth was subsequently nominated and voted in to be the next Mayor Pro Tem. We approved our meeting schedule for the coming year, which will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, with meetings beginning at 6 pm. Mayor Gilbert then appointed Council Members to serve on various committees. I will be serving on the Economic Development Committee and will also be the Council liaison to the Environmental Advisory Board. Before the meeting was adjourned, Town Clerk Donna Hosch was also recognized for her retirement and years of service.

Other Information, Community Events, and Outreach

On December 3rd, we had a lovely evening in downtown with our Christmas tree lighting!

Thanks to the Apex Rotary Club for organizing another fun Christmas parade in downtown on December 4th!



On December 7th, Mayor Gilbert and Council Members participated in a years of service recognition ceremony for our Town employees (honoring employees who have been with the Town for 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-years).

Starting December 26th, Happy Kwanzaa to those who celebrate!

And more good news! The traffic light at Salem Street and Tingen Road is fully functional! Thank you for your patience as we awaited the DOT inspection and 7-day flashing period.



As we enter into the new year, we will have our first public hearing on January 11th to receive resident input for the 2022-2033 budget. Your feedback is welcome. Take the budget priorities survey [here](#).

And finally, let's continue to stay vigilant in our fight against COVID-19 and the omicron variant. WakeMed reported today that all patients in intensive care and on respirators are unvaccinated. COVID and vaccination information can be found [here](#).



In closing, from my family to yours, we wish you a very happy and blessed 2022. I look forward to continued service on the Apex Town Council and our work together. Thank you for doing your part in building community and being good neighbors to each other - which is the key to making The Peak of Good Living the best that it can be. Best wishes and take care - Cheryl

[Our Vision](#)

- A community unified in the stewardship of our small town charm, natural environment, and a future where all succeed.

[Our Mission](#)

- Provide exceptional public service that cultivates opportunity for the individual and community to live, thrive, and reach their peak.

[Strategic Goals](#)

- High Performing Government
- Healthy & Engaged Community
- Environment Leadership & Responsible Development
- Economic Vitality
- Safe Community with Reliable Infrastructure

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