

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
April 16, 2009
9:30 P. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on April 16, 2009 at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioner Keith A. Maddox, Dona M. Mennella, and Commissioner Robert O. Vickery. Commissioner Richard P. Cooke was absent. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present.

Mayor Johnson called to order the April 16, 2009, Council Agenda Work Session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Maddox moved to approve the Agenda. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to approve the agenda.

AGENDA REVIEW – The Council reviewed the agenda items for the April 21, 2009 Town Council regular meeting.

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes from the March 17, 2009, Council Regular Meeting
 - b) Minutes from the March 17, 2009, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
 - c) Minutes from the April 16, 2009, Council Work Session

- 2) Public Hearings

None

- 3) Old Business
 - a) Certificate of Sufficiency from the Town Clerk on the voluntary annexation request by Sidney and Anne Kirkley
 - b) Consideration, resolution fixing date of public hearing on the voluntary annexation request by Sidney and Anne Kirkley

- 4) New Business
 - a) Consideration, Revoke Ordinance Authorizing Finance Officer to Charge and Collect Certain Fees and to Disconnect and Reconnect Service to Utility Customers
 - b) Consideration, Proclamation for 40th Annual Municipal Clerks' Week, May 3 – May 9, 2009
 - c) Consideration, Proclamation for National Police Week, May 10 – May 16, 2009
 - d) Consideration, Resolution Supporting Local Control of Local ABC Boards and Opposing Forced Mergers of Local ABC Boards
 - e) Consideration, Resolution recognizing Small Business Week in Henderson County, May 18 – May 22, 2009
 - f) Consideration, to set a special budget work session for April 28, 2009 at 10:30 a. m. at the Hendersonville Country Club

- 5) Town Manager's Report

COUNCIL UPDATES AND OPEN DISCUSSION – The Council received updates on and discussed the following areas:

1. Discussion, stimulus application for sewer project. Mr. Ball informed Council that the Town's application for funding a gravity sewer project from Fleetwood to Cedarbrook (Laurel Park Highway "backbone") was submitted by the April 3, 2009 deadline. He presented a map to Council showing the proposed route. Mr. Ball state that the application requested \$2,023,530. The first round notification of funding is set for April 17, 2009 and the second round notification of funding is set for July 1, 2009.
2. Discussion, general review of Town ordinances for the Tuesday work session.
 - Chapter 5, Article 4, Road Construction and Right-of-Way

Mr. Ball discussed briefly the ordinance that Council would cover at the special work session scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:00 am.

3. Discussion, update Old Lake Property. Mr. Ball updated the Council on the condemnation action on the Old Lake Property. The Town mailed 111 deeds to affected property owners on November 18, 2008 and 110 deeds had been executed and returned. Town Attorney, Sam Neill, informed Mr. Ball that his office has begun recording the deeds. As of the work session, five deeds remain to be recorded. Once all deeds were recorded, he would file the condemnation action.
4. Discussion, FY 2008-2009 execution status. Mr. Ball reviewed the current execution status for the FY 2008-2009 budget with Council through the month of March. In broad terms, he stated that he estimated an approximate \$51,215 shortfall in revenues. The revenue source that showed the biggest shortfall was sales tax. He presented a list of items which totaled approximately \$71,500 that would not to be executed without Council approval. He also stated that, at each work session until the FY 2008-2009 budget was completed, he would provide Council with an updated execution status of the budget.
5. Discussion, road dedication request from Shaws Creek Farm. Council discussed a request from the Green Company concerning the road network in Shaws Creek. They propose to dedicate approximately 75% of the road network within Shaws Creek. They would complete the final coat to Town specifications prior to dedication. After a brief discussion, Council agreed that they would prefer the entire project be completed prior to road dedication.
6. Discussion, County antenna site upgrade. Mr. Ball stated that Chief Fisher and he had met with Rocky Hyder. Mr. Hyder asked if the Town would allow him to move his communications tower from its current location at the Fleetwood Water Tank site to the lot next to the site. Mr. Ball stated SBA owns all the communications rights to the Fleetwood Water Tank site. To move the tower to the adjacent lot would take rezoning the lot plus there are other issues that may need to be addressed. After discussion, Council agreed that the County needs to submit a request in writing for the rezoning action.
7. Discussion, real property located at 1810 Laurel Park Highway. Mr. Ball stated to Council that he had received a letter from James Garrison, who owns the property next to Town Hall. Mr. Garrison stated the asking price for the property was \$132,900. After discussion, Council directed Mr. Ball to contact James Garrison in order for members to access the property prior to any final decision being made.
8. Discussion, historical markers within Laurel Park. Mr. Ball discussed with Council a proposal from the Civic Association supported by the Greenways Board to place historical makers within the community. The first maker would be about the Fleetwood Hotel. Upon review of the proposal packets, Council stated they would support the proposal. Each historical maker project would come before the Council for final approval.

KEY DATES – The Council reviewed and discussed the following key date:

Mayor’s Raft Race is tentatively scheduled for June 7, 2009.
Land of Sky annual dinner at Taylor Ranch on October 7, 2009.

There being no further business, Commissioner Maddox moved to adjourn. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC, Town Clerk

Date