

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
APRIL 20, 2010
9:30 A.M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held its regular meeting in the Laurel Park Town Hall on April 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioners Dona M. Mennella, Robert O. Vickery, and J. Carey O'Cain. Town Manager Jim Ball and Town Attorney Sam Neill were also present. Commissioner Richard P. Cooke was absent.

Mayor Johnson opened the regular meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Johnson asked for any additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Commissioner O'Cain moved to approve the Agenda. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes from the March 16, 2010, Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the March 16, 2010, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
- c) Minutes from the April 15, 2010, Council Work Session

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION, TOWN AUDIT CONTRACT WITH BURLESON & EARLEY, P.A.

Mayor Johnson stated the annual audit contract for the Town had been prepared by Burleson & Early, P. A. The contract covered auditing the general financial statements of Laurel Park for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and was an annual requirement. He also stated the contract amount was \$12,250, which was an increase of approximately 2.0% from the previous year's amount of \$12,000. Mayor Johnson recommended Council approve the audit contract. Upon approval, the auditor will forward a copy of the audit contract to the Local Government Commission for review and approval.

Commissioner Mennella moved to approve the Town Audit Contract with Burleson & Earley, P.A. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

CONSIDERATION, PROCLAMATION, MUNICIPAL CLERKS' WEEK

Mayor Johnson stated a proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerks' Week had been prepared for Council's approval. Municipal Clerks' Week will be observed the week of May 2 – May 8, 2010. The office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants and provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels. Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all. Mayor Johnson stated it was most appropriate the Town recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk, as well as, giving a special thanks to its Town Clerk, Kim Hensley, and Deputy Clerk, Karen Wills, for their hard work and commitment in the performance of their duties.

Commissioner Vickery moved to adopt a Proclamation for Municipal Clerks' Week, May 2 – May 8, 2010. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

CONSIDERATION, PROCLAMATION, POLICE WEEK

Mayor Johnson stated a proclamation recognizing Police Week had been prepared for Council’s approval. Law Enforcement Officers Week will be observed the week of May 9 – May 15, 2010 with May 15, 2010 being recognized as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State, and municipal officers who had been killed or disabled in the line of duty. Mayor Johnson stated it was most appropriate the Town recognize the accomplishments of law enforcement nationwide, as well as, to say a special thanks to Chief Fisher and the Laurel Park Police force for their tireless dedication to the residents of Laurel Park.

Commissioner O’Cain moved to adopt a Proclamation for National Police Week, May 9 – May 15, 2010. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

CONSIDERATION, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA’S CURRENT PUBLIC ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL SYSTEM

Mayor Johnson stated the resolution presented supported the continuance of the Alcoholic Beverage Control System, and opposed any efforts to privatize the ABC system, diminish local control, or to diminish the local government revenue stream afforded from local ABC store profits.

Commissioner Mennella moved to approve a Resolution in Support of North Carolina’s Current Public Alcoholic Beverage Control System. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Ball stated that, due to budgetary controls, Asplundh crews’ final day of chipping would be April 10, 2010. He stated Public Works would be left with approximately 1.5 miles of Town roads to clean up, followed by leaf collection, and mulch delivery.

Chief Fisher gave the following police statistics for the month of March: 774 residence checks, 3 arrests, 5 accidents, 1,234 area security checks, 313 business checks, and 102 foot patrols, for a total of 2,625 service events for the month.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL

Attorney Neill stated he planned to meet with Hasan Mansouri on April 22, 2010.

Town Clerk Kim Hensley stated the Town hoped to receive a tax payment of nearly \$12,000 by the end of April from Capital Bank; Capital Bank foreclosed on multiple Somersby park parcels – all of which it held the mortgage on.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

MAYOR JOHNSON – Mayor Johnson reminded Council of the Budget Workshop on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Hendersonville Country Club beginning at 9:30 a.m.

COMMISSIONER MENNELLA – Commissioner Mennella had no comments.

COMMISSIONER VICKERY – Commissioner Vickery had no comments.

COMMISSIONER O’CAIN – Commissioner O’Cain had no comments.

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

Attest:

Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC
Town Clerk

Date