

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.  
April 14, 2011  
9:30 A. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on April 14, 2011 at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioner Richard P. Cooke, Commissioner Dona M. Mennella, Commissioner J. Carey O'Cain, and Commissioner Robert O. Vickery. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present.

Mayor Johnson called to order the April 14, 2011, Council Agenda Work Session.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Mennella 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 19, 2011 Town Council regular meeting.

1. Consent Agenda
  - a) Minutes from the March 15, 2011 Council Regular Meeting
  - b) Minutes from the April 7, 2011, Budget Work Session
  - c) Minutes from the April 14, 2011 Council Work Session
2. Public Hearings – None
3. Old Business – None
4. New Business
  - a) Consideration, Town Audit Contract with Bureson & Earley, P. A.
  - b) Consideration, Proclamation, Municipal Clerks' Week
  - c) Consideration, Proclamation, Police Week
  - d) Consideration, Special Meeting, FY 2011-12 Budget
5. Town Manager's Report

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

1. Discussion, Civic Association Concert at Jump Off. Sonny Iler, representing the Civic Association, stated that planning was continuing for the "BBQ and Bluegrass on the Rock." The event scheduled at Jump Off Rock for May 21, 2011 would begin at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Iler presented a plan outline of the event to Council. He discussed in detail the event information, financial sponsors, logistics sponsors, and ticket sales for the barbeque. Mr. Iler stated all proceeds from the event would be used by the Civic Association to offset costs for beautification projects planned for the Town.
2. Discussion, Budget Work Session for FY 2011-2012. Council discussed setting the next Budget Work Session for FY 2011-12. It was the consensus of the Council to set the next budget work session for April 26, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Laurel Park Town Hall. The item would be added to the agenda for approval at the April 19, 2011 regular meeting.

3. Discussion, Budget Closeout for FY 2010-2011. Mr. Ball reviewed with Council the FY 2010-2011 budget through April 1, 2011. In broad terms, he stated that estimated revenues were approximately \$25,000 above budgeted projections. The one revenue source that needed to be closely monitored was sales tax. He stated that expenditures would be watched closely as all departmental expenditures were running close to budgeted projections. Mr. Ball stated that, at each work session over the next several months, he would review the execution status of the FY 2010-2011 budget with the Council until the budget year was complete.
  
4. Discussion, Rails to Trails Update. At the March work session, Council discussed the proposed Ecusta Trail. The proposed Ecusta Trail would convert the Norfolk Southern rail line from Hendersonville to Brevard to a trail. The French Broad Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), at the City of Hendersonville's request, agreed to fund \$60K for a planning study with Hendersonville providing the 20% (\$12K) matching fund requirement. Also, Hendersonville would like to find funding for an economic impact study for the same project. The MPO could fund a planning study but not an economic impact study. The estimated cost of the economic impact study would be approximately \$15K. The Town of Brevard has committed \$5K towards the economic impact study.  
  
Mr. Ball reported that that the City of Hendersonville had selected a company to complete the planning study. He stated that cost estimates for the economic impact study were higher than anticipated. The City plans to see if other organizations would like to assist with the costs of the economic study. If the additional funds become available, the City would move forward with the economic study during the next budget year.
  
5. Discussion, MPO Trails Planning. Mr. Ball stated that the bike/pedestrian division of NCDOT had some funds available for regional bikes plans. The MPO and RPO plan to form a formal list of stakeholders. Mr. Ball stated that it would be sometime in May before additional information on the issue would be available.
  
6. Discussion, ABC Legislation. Mr. Ball discussed two legislative issues with Council that the Town's ABC Board members stated were under consideration during the current legislative session. One was to allow stores to be open on Sunday and the other was to allow distributor tasting events at ABC Stores. Although neither issue has passed, the ABC Board does not favor either issue. Council concurred.
  
7. Discussion, Planning Board Vacancy. Council briefly discussed the vacancy on the Planning Board. No consensus was reached.

**KEY DATE(S)** – The Council reviewed and discussed the following key date(s):

Laurel Park Civic Association annual dinner meeting, Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at the Hendersonville Country Club.

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

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Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC  
Town Clerk

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Date