

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
December 10, 2009
9:30 P. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on December 10, 2009 at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioner Robert O. Vickery, Commissioner Keith A. Maddox, Commissioner Dona M. Mennella, and Commissioner Richard P. Cooke. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present. Commissioner-elect, J. Carey O’Cain was also present.

Mayor Johnson called to order the December 10, 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 November 17, 2009 Town Council regular meeting.

1) Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes from the November 17, 2009, Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the November 17, 2009, Council Closed Session # 1
- c) Minutes from the November 17, 2009, Council Closed Session # 2
- d) Minutes from the November 17, 2009, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
- e) Minutes from the December 10, 2009, Council Work Session

2) Organizational Meeting

- a) Swearing into office Commissioner J. Carey O’Cain and Commissioner Dona M. Mennella
- b) Council elects Mayor Pro Tempore
- c) Laurel Park ABC Board
 - Keith Maddox – Appointment to 12/31/12
- d) Laurel Park Planning Board
 - Paul Hansen – Re-appoint to 12/31/11
 - Ron Rosenberger – Re-appoint to 12/31/11
 - Tom Davis – Re-appoint to 12/31/11
 - Lou Lunardonni – Re-appoint to 12/31/11
- e) Laurel Park Board of Adjustment.
 - Frank Riggs – Re-appoint to 12/31/12
 - Jeremiah Farrington – Re-appoint to 12/31/10
 - Kent Foster – Re-appoint to 12/31/12
 - Stephen Braznell - Affirm appointment by Henderson County Board of Commissioners to 12/31/11
- f) Laurel Park Parks and Greenways Board
 - Don McIntyre – Appoint to 12/31/11
 - Vicci Bane – Appoint 12/31/11
- g) Apple Country Greenway Commission.
 - Tim Towner – Re-appoint to 12/31/11

3) Public Hearings
None

- 4) Old Business
None
- 5) New Business
Consideration, Noise Ordinance
- 6) Town Manager's Report

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

1. Discussion, Laurel Park Trails. On behalf of the Civic Association, Paul Hansen discussed the overall plan to increase trails throughout Laurel Park. He also discussed two different grant opportunities for Council consideration. After open discussion on the issue, the consensus of the Council was to look at supporting a \$5,000 grant application to connect Primrose Lane to the proposed nature park on Lake Drive.
2. Discussion, street survey for FY 09-10. Mr. Ball informed Council that the street survey had been completed and was scheduled to be delivered to the Town on Friday, December 11. Mr. Buie, of William G. Lapsley & Associates, P.A. planned to give Council an overview of the completed street survey. This would be planned for either the February or March work session.
3. Discussion, 2010 Decennial Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program appeals. Mr. Ball informed Council that the Town received the appeals packet for the 2010 Decennial Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program. Mr. Ball and Commissioner Maddox reviewed the information and submitted seven corrections.
4. Discussion, general review of Town ordinances for the Tuesday work session
 - Chapter 2, Articles 1-7

Mr. Ball discussed with Council the goal to review Chapter 2, Articles 1-7, at the next special work session scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2009 at 10:00 am.

5. Discussion, unemployment claim. Mr. Ball informed Council that the Town received a reimbursement statement from the Employment Security Commission in the amount of \$3,256. He informed Council that the Town was self-insured with regards to any unemployment claims.
6. Discussion, Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS). Mr. Ball stated that the North Carolina Local Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) Board of Trustees was expected to vote in early January on a proposal that would significantly increase the employers' contribution in the system. If approved, the 1.55 percent increase in annual payroll would be approximately \$12,336.50 to the Town. The issue would be closely monitored and would be a factor in preparing next year's budget.
7. Discussion, GDS service change. Mr. Ball informed Council that there would be a minor change to the Town's residential trash collection services beginning January 7, 2010. GDS planned to bring in two newer (1 year old) residential trucks to service the Town. The trucks would not have a recycling bin in the front of the truck like the current trucks do. In order to service the blue-bag recycling program, GDS would be servicing the Town with a dedicated recycling truck. This means the recycling and trash would be picked up at different times on scheduled collection days. This gives GDS more capacity to service any growth in the recycling side of the business and eliminate double handling of recycled materials. An article would be included in the Town's January newsletter informing residents of the change.

8. Discussion, Asheville request for chain-free animal control. Mr. Ball informed Council that a member of the Asheville Council passed information to one of the Town's Planning Board members that Asheville had modified their animal control ordinance to include a section on tethering animals. They requested that Laurel Park may want to do the same. Upon discussing the issue, it was the consensus of the Council that the current animal control ordinance was adequate.
9. Discussion, School of Government request on behalf of David M. Lawrence. Mr. Ball discussed with Council the request for funds received from the School of Government on behalf of David M. Lawrence. Professor Lawrence planned to retire and an effort was underway, by The School of Government, to fund a new David M. Lawrence Distinguished Professorship. On a recommendation by Mayor Johnson, it was the consensus of Council to table any action.
10. Discussion, update Old Lake Property. Mayor Johnson informed Council that he had talked with Sam Neill, Town Attorney, on the condemnation action. Sam Neill stated to the Mayor that he had discussed the issue with Frank Jackson. He felt the discussions were encouraging but currently there was no resolution on the issue.
11. Discussion, sewer project. Mr. Ball informed Council that he and Mr. Buie had met with Lee Smith and Dennis Frady of the City of Hendersonville. They discussed both the distances that Hendersonville would consider on cross-country easements and the number of homes that Hendersonville would consider to be served by a single lift station that would make the station cost effective to build and maintain. The information was provided to the sewer committee. Will Buie, of William G. Lapsley & Associates, had begun the final draft of the sewer study. Once this was completed, it would be reviewed by the sewer committee. A final briefing should be presented to Council sometime in March.
12. Discussion, Board Member Appreciation Dinner. Council discussed the date of February 17, 2010 for the Board Member Appreciation Dinner. Mr. Ball would check with the Hendersonville Country Club to see if that date was available.

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

Town Employee Christmas Party – December 19, 2009 at 6:00 pm – Tooleys Essentials of Municipal Government in Asheville, NC – February 24-25, 2010

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