

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
DECEMBER 21, 2010
9:30 A.M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held its regular meeting in the Laurel Park Town Hall on December 21, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioners Robert O. Vickery, J. Carey O'Cain, Dona M. Mennella and Richard P. Cooke. Town Manager Jim Ball and Town Attorney Sam Neill were also present.

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 Cooke 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 November 16, 2010 Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the December 16, 2010 Council Work Session
- c) Laurel Park Planning Board
 - John Brookshire – Re-appoint to 12/31/12
 - Vanessa Mintz – Re-appoint to 12/31/12
 - Tim Cochran – Affirm appointment by Henderson County Board of Commissioners to 12/31/12
- d) Laurel Park Board of Adjustment
 - Ray Goetsch – Re-appoint to 12/31/13
 - Jeremiah Farrington – Re-appoint to 12/31/13
- e) Laurel Park ABC Board
 - Robert Pitre – Re-appoint to 12/31/13
- f) Laurel Park Parks and Greenways Board
 - George Banta – Re-appoint to 12/31/12
 - Tim Towner – Re-appoint to 12/31/12
 - Paul Hansen – Re-appoint to 12/31/12

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 was none.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION, TOWN POLICY 100.07, CODE OF ETHICS

Mayor Johnson stated that the State Legislation had recently passed a statute requiring that each local governing board adopt a resolution or policy containing a Code of Ethics to guide actions of the governing board members in the performance of the member's official duties. He stated the resolution or policy must address the following five areas as a minimum:

- (1) The need to obey all applicable laws regarding official actions taken as a board member.
- (2) The need to uphold the integrity and independence of the board member's office.

- (3) The need to avoid impropriety in the exercise of the board member's official duties.
- (4) The need to faithfully perform the duties of the office.
- (5) The need to conduct the affairs of the governing board in an open and public manner, including complying with all applicable laws governing open meetings and public records.

Mayor Johnson stated that the School of Government published a Model Code of Ethics to assist local governing boards in accomplishing this task. The policy for consideration was prepared using the model provided by the School of Government.

Commissioner Vickery moved Council adopt Town Policy 100.07, Code of Ethics. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ball had no comments.

Chief Fisher gave the following police statistics for the month of November: 4 arrests, 1,162 area security checks, 3 larcenies, 21 citations, 1 breaking and entering and larceny, and 750 residence checks for a total of 2,569 service events for the month.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL – There was none.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

MAYOR JOHNSON – Mayor Johnson had no comments.

COMMISSIONER COOKE – Commissioner Cooke had no comments.

COMMISSIONER MENNELLA – Commissioner Mennella had no comments.

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

COMMISSIONER VICKERY – Commissioner Vickery had no comments.

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting.

Attest:

Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC
Town Clerk

Date