

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
February 12, 2009
9:30 P. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in the Town Hall on February 12, 2009 at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioner Richard P. Cooke, Commissioner Keith A. Maddox, and Commissioner Robert O. Vickery. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present. Commissioner Dona M. Mennella was absent.

Mayor Johnson called to order the February 12, 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 February 17, 2009 Town Council regular meeting.

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes from the January 20, 2009, Council Regular Meeting
 - b) Minutes from the January 20, 2009, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
 - c) Minutes from the February 12, 2009, Council Work Session

- 2) Public Hearings
None

- 3) Old Business
None

- 4) New Business
 - a) Tax Collector's Report
 - b) Consideration, Water/Sewer Billing Ordinance
 - c) Consideration, Water/Sewer Bill Adjustment Ordinance
 - d) Consideration, Water Operations Ordinance
 - e) Consideration, Ordinance to Revoke Privilege Licenses
 - f) Consideration, Preliminary Plat review for phase II of Davis Park

- 5) Town Manager's Report

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

1. Discussion, general review of Town ordinances for the Tuesday work session
 - Peddlers
 - Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Policemen
 - Removal and Disposition of Abandoned, Nuisance, and Junked Motor Vehicles

Mr. Ball discussed briefly the ordinances that Council would cover at the special work session scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:00 am.

2. Discussion, FY 2009-2010 budget process. Mr. Ball stated that he planned to review the initial timeline for completing the FY 2009-2010 budget with Council at the March work session. He also stated he would include in the review the current execution status for the FY 2008-2009 budget. The overall economic outlook will present several challenges with both budgets.
3. Discussion, Garrison property. Mr. Ball stated to Council that he contacted James Garrison, who owns the property next to Town Hall, and stated to him that Council may have an interest in the property, 1810 Laurel Park Highway. Mr. Garrison stated he would let Mr. Ball know when he and his brother had determined a price.
4. 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. As of the January work session, 105 deeds had been executed and returned. Town Attorney, Sam Neill, has contacted the remaining property owners and has received three of the outstanding deeds. One property owner plans to meet at his office later today to execute his/her deed, which would only leave two deeds outstanding. Mr. Neill will update Council at its Tuesday's meeting of any changes and his plans for moving forward with the condemnation action.
5. Discussion, Parks and Greenways Board update to Council on March 12, 2009. Mr. Ball stated the Parks and Greenways Board have requested to be added to the agenda for the March work session to update the Council on its activities. Council concurred.
6. Discussion, Sewer request from Echo Mountain Inn. No additional information was available on this item.
7. Discussion, sewer project by William G. Lapsley and Associates. Mr. Ball stated there were two areas to address. One, a Stimulus Package Workshop will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 11:30 a. m. in Asheville that he plans to attend. The workshop will discuss the Federal Economic Stimulus Package. Second, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality had sent a letter stating they may receive funding for wastewater projects from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. They asked for letters to be submitted in order for potential recipients to be included on a state project list. Will Buie from William G. Lapsley and Associates will get the complete details for review. Although all the facts are not known at the current time, the Town may be able to receive grant funding for all or a portion of the sewer project. The letter to DENR does not officially commit the Town in any way.

Mayor Johnson stated that due to time constraints, Council should authorize the Manger to submit a letter of intent to DENR for the Town's sewer project. The Council would still have time to review the overall Town commitment and make a final decision. The Council concurred. Also, Mayor Johnson stated he would like to reconfirm that Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Maddox, Town Manager Jim Ball, and John Crook would continue working with William G. Lapsley and Associates on the current year's study. The goals as stated at the January work session are: (1) evaluate the various options to add sewer to the entire community, (2) divide selected alternative into smaller – manageable projects, and (3) develop and prioritize the projects. The committee would continue updating Council at its monthly work sessions.

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

Mayor's Raft Race is tentatively scheduled for June 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