

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
January 14, 2010
9:30 P. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on January 14, 2010 at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioner Robert O. Vickery, Commissioner J. Carey O’Cain, Commissioner Dona M. Mennella, and Commissioner Richard P. Cooke. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present.

Mayor Johnson called to order the January 14, 2010, Council Agenda Work Session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Vickery 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 January 14, 2010 Town Council regular meeting.

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes from the December 15, 2009, Council Regular Meeting
 - b) Minutes from the December 15, 2009, Council Closed Session
 - c) Minutes from the December 15, 2009, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
 - d) Minutes from the January 14, 2010, Council Work Session

- 2) Public Hearings
None

- 3) Old Business
None

- 5) New Business

Consideration, Chapter 2, Article 1, Begging Prohibited Ordinance

- 6) 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
 - Chapter 2, Article 2, Firearms Ordinance
 - Chapter 2, Article 3, Pellet Gun and Projectiles Ordinance

Mr. Ball discussed with Council the goal to review two ordinances at the next special work session scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 10:00 am.

2. Discussion, Road closing at the Hendersonville Country Club. Mr. Ball informed Council that a representative of the Hendersonville Country Club had inquired about the procedures to close Country Club Road, a platted unopened right-of-way. The right-of-way is surrounded entirely by country club property. It was the consensus of Council that if the country club presented a petition to close the right-of-way and paid all costs associated with closing the right-of-way, Council would support the road closing.
3. Discussion, Phyllis Knopf Memorial – Laurel Green Donations. Mr. Ball informed Council that the Town had received donations on behalf of Phyllis Knopf for Laurel Green in the amount of \$925.00.
4. Discussion, snow event on December 18 – 19. Mr. Ball reviewed the snow event of December 18-19 with the Town Council. The snow storm was approximately 12 inches in depth. The local weather channel stated it was the fourth worst storm in our area. The snow was very wet and heavy, making it very difficult to move. Mr. Ball stated that the Town had hired additional help to get into the Country Ridge area, Old Orchard Drive, and Cliff Drive. The Town's equipment, because of the depth of the snow coupled with the heavy weight of the snow, was not able to get into those areas. Mr. Ball suggested upgrading the flat dump, scheduled for replacement in two years, during this budget year in order to better serve the Town's needs during major storm events. Council concurred with the request and will handle the additional capital outlay from the Town's reserves.
5. Discussion, update Old Lake Property. Mr. Ball informed Council that the additional survey work for the condemnation action had been completed and given to Sam Neill, Town Attorney.
6. Discussion, sewer project. Mr. Ball informed Council that he and Will Buie, of William G. Lapsley and Associates, had prepared a draft of the sewer study. The sewer committee will meet later this month, time to be determined, to review the draft. Once completed, the study will be presented to the entire Council for comments and discussion.

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

Board Member Appreciation Dinner, Hendersonville Country Club – February 17, 2010
 Essentials of Municipal Government in Asheville, NC – February 24-25, 2010

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.

 Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC
 Town Clerk

 Date