

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.  
January 13, 2011  
9:30 A. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on January 13, 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 January 13, 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 January 18, 2011 Town Council regular meeting.

1. Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes from the December 21, 2010 Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the January 13, 2011 Council Work Session

2. Public Hearings – None

3. Old Business – None

4. New Business

Consideration, Resolution for Approving Local Water Supply Plan

5. Town Manager's Report

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

1. Discussion, ABC Privatization. Chief Fisher briefed the Council on a meeting he attended with other members of the Chiefs' Association and staff members from the Governor's office pertaining to the possibility of the State privatizing the ABC system within North Carolina. Chief Fisher presented an information paper outlining the framework currently being presented by the Governor's office. The discussions centered on the following areas: state and local government revenue streams would be protected; asset distribution if the current ABC stores would be disbanded; retail privatization process and operations; and wholesale distribution process and operations. Several issues remain unanswered. Council concurred that the issue would need to be closely monitored during the upcoming legislative session.

The presented information paper outlining the issue was hereby incorporated, by reference, and made a part of the minutes.

2. Discussion, Trash Collections Procedures. Mr. Ball discussed with Council the need to develop an ordinance outlining trash collections procedures. Staff will work to draft the ordinance for initial Council review at the next scheduled work session.

3. Discussion, Unemployment Claim. Mr. Ball discussed an unemployment claim received by the Town in the amount of \$2,307.70. The Town is self-insured against unemployment claims.
4. Discussion, Glen Laurel property. No new information was discussed on this subject.
5. Discussion, unknown parcels. Mr. Ball stated the Town hired Loic Laforet, a North Carolina certified paralegal, from Juris Care, Inc., to complete a title search of the unknown parcels within the Town as directed at the November Council meeting. Loic Laforet hopes to have the work completed by the end of January 2011.
6. Discussion, Rhododendron Lake Property. Mr. Ball stated that Clement Riddle, of ClearWater Environmental, had updated him on the stream restoration project. Mr. Riddle stated that the detailed plan for the stream restoration project should be completed by the end of January or the early part of February. The goal was to have all permitting completed by August 2011.
7. Discussion, Parcels adjacent to Rhododendron Lake Property. Mr. Ball stated that Russ Litner, of the Litner Company, had completed the appraisals on properties adjacent to the Old Lake Bed Property. The parcel (.51 acres) owned by Jim Lancaster was appraised at \$20,000 and the parcel (1.38 acres) owned by Toni Youngblood was appraised at \$45,000. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Ball would conduct informal discussions with both parties about the possibility of purchasing the land.
8. Discussion, Sky View Lots. Mr. Ball stated he met with Jules Hagymassy and Constance Drury. They asked if the Council would have any interest in purchasing an approximate 7.5 acre tract of land near Jump Off Rock that could be added to the park. Council agreed, at the last work session, to review the request for further discussions at the next work session. Council concurred that currently the Town did not have any interest in the property because of the Town's current commitment to develop a nature park with the Rhododendron Lake Property.

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

Laurel Park Christmas Dinner was scheduled for Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 6:30 p. m. in the Echo Mountain Inn – rescheduled from December 16, 2010 due to the December snow storm.

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