

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
January 12, 2012
9:30 A. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on January 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mayor J. Carey O'Cain, Commissioner Richard P. Cooke, Commissioner Dona M. Mennella, and Commissioner Robert O. Vickery. Town Manager Jim Ball and Paul Hansen were also present.

Mayor O'Cain called to order the January 12, 2012, Council Agenda Work Session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mennella moved to approve the Agenda. Mayor O'Cain asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to approve the agenda.

AGENDA REVIEW – Council reviewed the agenda items for the January 17, 2012 Town Council regular meeting.

1) Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes from the December 20, 2011 Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the January 12, 2012 Council Work Session
- c) Laurel Park Board of Adjustment.
Stephen Braznell - Affirm appointment by Henderson County Board of Commissioners to 12/31/13

2) Public Hearing(s)

None

3) Old Business

Swearing into office Commissioner A. Paul Hansen

4) New Business

- a) Consideration, Resolution Awarding Badge and Service Side Arm to Laurel Park Police Chief Don Fisher
- b) Consideration, Adoption of the 2011 Parks and Greenways Comprehensive Plan
- c) Swearing in Assistant Police Chief Bobbie K. Trotter

5) Town Manager's Report

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

1. Discussion, Rhododendron Lake Park. Mr. Ball stated that the Town Attorney completed the closing on the Youngblood property on January 9, 2012 and the deed had been recorded. Toni Youngblood discussed with Council the purchasing of the remaining portion of her property that was adjacent to the Rhododendron Lake Park. Mayor O'Cain stated that Council would review her proposal and let her know.

Mr. Ball stated that Clement Riddle, of ClearWater Environmental, told him that the Army Corps of Engineers had commented about how the stream restoration plan stated that the long-term protection

section proposed the use of restrictive covenants, with the Town of Laurel Park responsible for enforcing the provisions. The Corps prefers the use of a conservation easement to more thoroughly protect the mitigation section. Mr. Riddle plans to work with the Corps to finalize the plan by sometime in February.

2. Discussion, Unknown Owner Parcels. No additional informed was discussed on the item.
3. Discussion, Board Member Vacancies. The Council discussed the vacancy on the Planning Board and the vacancy on the Parks and Greenways Board. Mr. Ball discussed with Council the applications that the Town had received by residents over the past couple of years. Mayor O'Cain stated that the two boards should be asked if they had any recommendations. Council agreed to address this matter in more detail at the next work session.
4. Discussion, Board Member Appreciation. Mr. Ball discussed the Board Member Appreciation Dinner with the Council. The dinner was scheduled for February 22, 2012 at the Hendersonville Country Club. Invitations should be sent out the last week in January.
5. Discussion, Police Chief Drop-in. Mr. Ball discussed with Council the drop-in scheduled for Chief Fisher. The retirement celebration was scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2012, from 3:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. at the Cedars in Hendersonville.
6. Discussion, FY 2012-2013 process. Mr. Ball stated that the staff was preparing to develop a draft budget for FY 2012-2013. Prior to the staff work beginning, Mr. Ball stated that he would like to review issues affecting the coming year's budget with Council at the February work session. Council concurred.
7. Discussion, Shaws Creek Farm. Mr. Ball stated that he had talked with Tom Jacobson, PT Green Construction, about the Town approving the final plat for the Shaws Creek Farm development. Mr. Ball stated to Mr. Jacobson that the Town would not approve the final plat unless the roads within the development were completed to Town standards. The company does have the option of bonding the work that remains at 1.25%. Mr. Ball discussed several possibilities concerning the roads within the development with Council. He will meet with Mr. Jacobson to discuss the options and provide additional information to Council at the next work session.
8. Discussion, Glenn Laurel. Mr. Ball stated that the Planning Board began reviewing the zoning requirements for the proposed Glen Laurel property. The Board looked at three options: recommending zoning a portion of the property MIC, recommending that in certain areas of the R-20 district a nursing facility would be allowed as a conditional use, or recommending establishing a separate zoning designation for the area. The Board wished to ask if Council still supported the project and if there was a preference from the Council as to the zoning question. Council discussed the issue. Commissioner Cooke and Commissioner Vickery are attending a Community Planning and Zoning session in Asheville on January 25 taught by the School of Government. They will discuss the issue at the training session. Mr. Ball was tasked to contact the developer to get an update on his plans/timeline for development.

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

- Chief Fisher drop-in retirement celebration is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2012, from 3:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. at the Cedars in Hendersonville.
- The 2012 Community Planning and Zoning Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2012 in Asheville at the Doubletree Biltmore (Commissioner Cooke and Commissioner Vickery).

- The Laurel Park Board Member Appreciation Dinner is scheduled February 22, 2012 at the Hendersonville Country Club.
- The 2012 Essentials of Municipal Government is scheduled for February 28-29, 2012 in Charlotte at the Hilton Charlotte University Place (Mayor O'Cain, Commissioner Mennella, and Commissioner Hansen).

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.

J. Carey O'Cain, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC
Town Clerk

Date