

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.  
June 11, 2009  
9:30 P. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on June 11, 2009 at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioner Richard P. Cooke, Commissioner Keith A. Maddox, Commissioner Dona M. Mennella, and Commissioner Robert O. Vickery. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present.

Mayor Johnson called to order the June 11, 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 June 16, 2009 Town Council regular meeting.

- 1) Consent Agenda
  - a) Minutes from the May 19, 2009, Council Regular Meeting
  - b) Minutes from the May 19, 2009, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
  - c) Minutes from the June 11, 2009, Council Work Session
  - d) Tax Release
  - e) ABC Board
    - Robert Pitre – Appointment to June 30, 2011
    - Michael Hodes – Reappoint to June 30, 2012
    - Michael Hodes – Appointment as Chairman to June 30, 2010
  - f) Planning Board
    - Louis Lunardoni – Appointment to December 31, 2009
- 2) Public Hearings
  - FY 2009-2010 Budget Ordinance pursuant G. S. 159-12
- 3) Old Business
  - Consideration, FY 2009-2010 Budget Ordinance
- 4) New Business
  - a) Consideration, FY 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2
  - b) Consideration, Resolution Fixing Water and Sewer rates
  - c) Consideration, Parks Ordinance
  - d) Consideration, Contract Renewal with GDS
  - e) Consideration, Accepting and Endorsing the Solid Waste Management Plan of 2009 for the Town of Laurel Park. Will Sager, Solid Waste Manager for Henderson County, attended the June work session and reviewed the Triennial Update of the Henderson County Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan with Council.
  - f) Consideration, to set a public hearing for July 21, 2009 at 9:30 a. m. in the Laurel Park Town Hall to allow for public comment on a proposed rezoning request for Henderson County
- 5) Town Manager's Report

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

UPDATES/NOTES:

1. Discussion, Henderson County rezoning request. Mayor Johnson stated that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners has asked the Laurel Park Town Council to consider rezoning a parcel of land at the Fleetwood water tank site to facilitate intergovernmental public safety and emergency communications. Henderson County is currently coordinating a communications upgrade with the North Carolina Highway Patrol to install communication equipment and infrastructure to support the state-wide Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER). This system will facilitate communications at local, state, and federal levels during emergency situations.

The proposed communications tower will be configured to accommodate not only the VIPER system but other County emergency management system antennae (911, EMS, Hendersonville Police, for example), which are now sited on an older tower at the Fleetwood site. The old tower will not handle VIPER as an add-on, and when the new tower is operational, the old tower will be dismantled and removed—basically a one-for-one swap. The new tower will only be used for governmental communications.

The issue will be included on the agenda for the June 16, 2009 regular meeting and a public hearing on the rezoning request will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 9:30 a. m. in the Laurel Park Town Hall.

2. Discussion, FY 2008-2009 close-out. Mr. Ball reviewed with Council the current close-out status for the FY 2008-2009 budget through the month of May. In broad terms, he stated that he estimated slightly more than a \$53,000 shortfall in revenues. The revenue source that showed the most significant shortfall was sales tax. He stated that he estimated expenditures would be under spent by slightly more than \$93,000. This is mainly due to several capital projects being eliminated or deferred due to the revenue shortfalls. He stated that at the July work session, he would review the figures with Council through the month of June and continue a monthly update until the budget year is complete.
3. Discussion, stimulus application for sewer project. Mr. Ball informed Council that the Town's application for funding a gravity sewer project from Fleetwood to Cedarbrook (Laurel Park Highway "backbone") was reviewed by the State. Additional information was requested by June 3, 2009. All additional material had been provided. Mr. Ball stated that the application request was for \$2,023,530 and that the second-round notifications of funding were set for release on July 1, 2009.
4. Discussion, general review of Town ordinances for the Tuesday work session
  - Chapter 7, Article 2, Prohibiting the Carrying of Concealed Weapons on Municipal Property and Authorizing the Posting of Signs

Mr. Ball presented a copy of the ordinance that Council would review at the special work session scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 10:00 am.

5. Discussion, update Old Lake Property. Mayor Johnson stated that he had talked with Sam Neill, Town Attorney, and all the paper work for the condemnation action was nearly completed. He would likely sign the documentation the following day and Sam Neill would record the action.
6. Discussion, Crystal Spring lot. Mr. Ball stated that he had received the deed from Henderson County reference the lot (PIN 95-5887-0042 (REID #0110615)). The Town Clerk has taken the deed to the register of deeds for recording. The lot will make a nice addition to the Crystal Spring Park as open space.

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

Land of Sky annual dinner at Taylor Ranch on October 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.

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Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC, Town Clerk

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Date