

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

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

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

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes from the February 17, 2009, Council Regular Meeting
 - b) Minutes from the February 17, 2009, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
 - c) Minutes from the March 12, 2009, Council Work Session

- 2) Public Hearings
None

- 3) Old Business
None

- 4) New Business
 - a) Consideration, Peddlers Ordinance
 - b) Consideration, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Police Officers
 - c) Consideration, Removal and Disposition of Abandoned, Nuisance, and Junked Motor Vehicles
 - d) Consideration, Resolution Directing the Town Clerk to Investigate a Petition for Voluntary Annexation by Doctor Anne Kirkley
 - e) Consideration, Final Plat approval 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, stimulus application for sewer project. Mayor Johnson stated he had prepared a resolution for Council to review reference the Town's application for a \$2.2M gravity sewer project from Fleetwood to Cedarbrook (Laurel Park Highway "backbone") to be submitted to the North Carolina Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The resolution included approval of \$37,500 for construction design. It also included approving applications for two other permitted sewer projects (Echo Mountain Inn and Crystal Spring). After a brief discussion, Council approved adding the resolution to the March 17, 2009 Council regular meeting agenda.

Mr. Ball added that CWSRF had released a list of projects under consideration for ARRA funding. There were 294 projects totally approximately \$2.2B. Also, Mr. Ball informed Council that the application deadline had been changed to April 3, 2009.

2. Discussion, general review of Town ordinances for the Tuesday work session
 - Revoke Ordinance authorizing Finance Office to Charge and Collect Certain Fees and to Disconnect and Reconnect Service to Utility Customers
 - Discussion, Organization of Chapter 4 and Chapter 6

Mr. Ball discussed briefly the ordinance that Council would cover at the special work session scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10:00 am. He also stated that Council should review the organization of Chapter 4 and Chapter 6.

3. Discussion, Civic Association web link. Mr. Ball stated he had discussed with Paul Hansen the idea of having a link to the Town's web site for the Civic Association. After discussion, Council decided that the Civic Association may want to pursue their own separate web site with a link to the Town's site.
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 work session, 110 deeds had been executed and returned. Town Attorney, Sam Neill, informed Mr. Ball that his office would begin recording the deeds. Once all deeds were recorded, he would file the condemnation action.
5. Discussion, FY 2008-2009 execution status. Mr. Ball reviewed the current execution status for the FY 2008-2009 budget with Council. In broad terms, he stated that he estimated an approximate \$72,000 shortfall in revenues. The revenue source that showed the biggest shortfall was sales tax. He presented a list of items which totaled approximately \$72,000 that would not to be executed without Council approval. He also stated that, at each work session until the FY 2008-2009 budget was completed, he would provide Council with an updated execution status of the budget.
6. Discussion, FY 2009-2010 overview. Mr. Ball stated that he had begun the process of preparing the FY 2009-2010 budget. He stated he planned to prepare the budget as in previous years. Due to the difficult economic conditions, he would also prepare a list of items Council may or may not want to execute in order to keep the budget balanced. He also discussed the timeframe for the Council's first budget work session. Council agreed to set the special budget work session for April 28, 2009 at 10:30 a. m. at the Hendersonville Country Club.
7. Discussion, water/sewer accounts write off for bad debt. Mr. Ball discussed that, as part of the adoption of the Water/Sewer Billing Ordinance, procedures were developed at the request of the Town auditor to write off bad debt. Mr. Ball presented three old, uncollected water/sewer accounts to be written off that totaled \$323.48. Council concurred to have the bad debt written off; the item would be placed on the consent agenda for the March 17, 2009 regular meeting.
8. Parks and Greenways Board update. The Laurel Park Parks and Greenways Board provided an update to Council on its activities. The following areas were presented by George Banta and Paul Hansen: updating the trail system within the Town, early thoughts and ideas on the developing the nature park for the old lake bed property, and disposition of the eleven unknown properties located within Laurel Park. Mr. Ball stated that the county was working on the unknown properties issue and the issue was not particular to Laurel Park. He was meeting with county representatives on March 24, 2009 and this would be one area to be discussed. The Parks and Greenways Board expressed interest in four of the properties that could be used as either links to trail development or pocket parks and asked for support from Council in acquiring these properties. Council agreed to support the request, but also stated cost would clearly have to be considered in any acquisition.

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

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Laurel Park Civic Association at Laurel Green on April 11, 2009 from 4 p.m. to 5 p. m.

Mayor's Raft Race is tentatively scheduled for June 7, 2009.

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.

Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC, Town Clerk

Date