

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
March 10, 2011
9:30 A. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on March 10, 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 March 10, 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 March 15, 2011 Town Council regular meeting.

1. Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes from the February 15, 2011 Council Regular Meeting
 - b) Minutes from the March 10, 2011 Council Work Session
2. Public Hearings – None
3. Old Business – None
4. New Business
 - a) Consideration, Chapter 2, Article 13, Garbage Collection and Disposal Ordinance
 - b) Consideration, Amendment #1 to the FY 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance
5. Town Manager's Report

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

1. Discussion, Stream Restoration Project. The Council met with Clement Riddle, of ClearWater Environmental, and Andrew Bick, P. E. They reviewed with Council the final plan for the stream restoration project. Mr. Riddle stated that he would now move forward with permitting the project. Mr. Riddle stated that the goal was to have all permitting completed by August or September of 2011 for a tentative construction date in the spring of 2012.
2. Discussion, Proposed Letter to Senator Apodaca. The Council reviewed and signed a letter to Senator Apodaca urging the abandonment of the moratorium on municipal annexation authority in favor of urgent discussions aimed at reforming the annexation laws during the current legislative session.

3. Discussion, Rails to Trails Economic Impact Study. At the February work session, Council discussed the proposed Ecusta Trail. The proposed Ecusta Trail would convert the Norfolk Southern rail line from Hendersonville to Brevard to a trail. The French Broad Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), at the City of Hendersonville's request, agreed to fund \$60K for a planning study with Hendersonville providing the 20% (\$12K) matching fund requirement. Also, Hendersonville would like to find funding for an economic impact study for the same project. The MPO could fund a planning study but not an economic impact study. The estimated cost of the economic impact study would be approximately \$15K. The Town of Brevard has committed \$5K towards the economic impact study. At the February work session, Paul Hansen requested Laurel Park contribute an appropriate amount to the economic impact study.

Mr. Ball reported that he spoke with Sue Anderson at the City of Hendersonville. She stated requests for proposals for the economic impact study had been requested. The City does plan to move forward with the study during the next budget year. There was a general consensus from the Town Council that an appropriate contribution from the Town would be considered.

4. Discussion, MPO Trails Planning. Mr. Ball stated that the bike/pedestrian division of NCDOT had some funds available for regional bikes plans. The MPO and RPO plan to form a formal list of stakeholders. Both Commissioner Vickery and Mr. Ball would try to get additional information on the issue to see if it could have any benefit to the Town.
5. Discussion, Parks and Greenways Board Survey. At the February work session, Paul Hansen informed the Town Council that the Parks and Greenways Board had developed a survey to gather information from residents about Town Parks, walking areas, and green space. As part of a Comprehensive Long Term Plan, the Parks and Greenways Board would request residents of Laurel Park to take part in the survey and provide input and comments to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. The survey was designed in a manner so it could be included as an insert in the Town's April newsletter. Council reviewed the final survey and recommended changing the content of one question. Mr. Ball and Mr. Hansen would work together to redraft the question.
6. Discussion, Civic Association Concert at Jump Off. Mr. Ball informed Council that the Civic Association was planning a concert at Jump Off Rock for May 21, 2011. He presented a plan outline of the event to Council. He stated an additional update would be provided at the Council's next work session.
7. Discussion, Property Taxes due on Mansouri condemnation. Mr. Ball stated that, during the closing settlement of the Mansouri condemnation action, outstanding taxes were not settled. The amount due to Henderson County was \$380.32. He recommended paying the outstanding taxes. Council concurred.
8. Discussion, Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction. Mr. Ball stated when a city adopts an extraterritorial boundary ordinance, the city acquires jurisdiction for all ordinances adopted under Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. That not only would include zoning and subdivision ordinances but also housing and building codes and several other regulatory areas. The Town needed to review whether or not it might want to adopt a minimum housing code and how the code would be enforced. Mr. Ball planned to research the issue and present Council with additional information at a future work session. Commissioner Vickery stated he would be glad to assist.
9. Discussion, Spring Brush Collection. Mr. Ball recommended that the Town move forward with a spring brush collection in the April timeframe. All details and dates would be included in the April 1 Town newsletter. Council concurred.
10. Discussion, Unknown Parcels. No new information was discussed on the subject.

11. Discussion, Census 2010. Mr. Ball presented Council with a spreadsheet showing Census 2010 numbers for Henderson County. Laurel Park's population was 2,180. This figure was 110 less than the estimated population of 2,290 last published by the state demographer.
12. Discussion, Budget Work Session for FY 2011-2012. Mr. Ball recommended the first budget work session for drafting the FY 2011-2012 Town budget be scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 9:30 a. m. at the Hendersonville Country Club. Council concurred.

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

“Mayor’s Cup” Raft Race hosted by Land-of-Sky Regional Council, Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the French Broad River Park on Amboy Road in Asheville.

Laurel Park Civic Association annual dinner meeting, Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at the Hendersonville Country Club.

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