

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.  
MARCH 15, 2011  
9:30 A.M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held its regular meeting in the Laurel Park Town Hall on March 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioners Robert O. Vickery, Dona M. Mennella, J. Carey O'Cain and Richard P. Cooke. Town Manager Jim Ball and Town Attorney Sam Neill were also present.

Mayor Johnson opened the regular meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Johnson asked for any additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Commissioner Vickery moved to approve the Agenda. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Minutes from the February 15, 2011 Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the March 10, 2011 Council Work Session

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 13, GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL ORDINANCE**

Mayor Johnson stated that the ordinance applied to the preparation, collection, transportation, and disposal of all garbage and other refuse within the Town limits. Currently, the procedures were contained within information papers and it was felt that the procedures should be consolidated in ordinance format. The basic procedures for garbage collection and disposal would not be affected.

Commissioner Cooke moved to approve Chapter 2, Article 13, Garbage Collection Ordinance. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**CONSIDERATION, AMENDMENT #1 TO THE FY 2010-2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Mayor Johnson stated that the action for consideration was Amendment #1 to the FY 2010-2011 budget. The amendment redistributed funds internally within the adopted budget to cover the legal costs associated with the old lakebed condemnation action, costs associated in doing title searches on the thirteen unknown owner parcels, and the cost of replacing a computer within the administration department.

Commissioner Mennella moved to approve Amendment #1 to the FY 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT** – Mr. Ball stated that he and Town Clerk Kim Hensley attended a joint tax meeting with Henderson County Tax Collector/Assessor Stan Duncan and the other municipalities in Henderson County. He stated that Henderson County planned to mail all county residents a real property revaluation notice on March 18, 2011. Mr. Ball stated that, according to Mr. Duncan, the Town of Laurel Park would see a reduction of approximately 14.4% in real property valuation. The notice being sent to taxpayers would include appeal procedures.

Mayor Johnson asked what the projected re-evaluation reduction percentage was county-wide. Mr. Ball stated that it was approximately 11.05%. Mr. Ball also added that Town of Laurel Park's re-evaluation reduction percentage was the highest among the other municipalities. Commissioner O'Cain asked why the Town's percentage was the highest. Mr. Ball stated that it was due to the percentage of high-end properties located within the Town. Mayor Johnson asked if Mr. Duncan had a "gut" feeling on how appeals approved for residents would affect the final numbers. Mr. Ball stated that Mr. Duncan based the percentages on the trends he had typically seen for appeals. Mayor Johnson stated that Town Council would take a closer look at the numbers at the upcoming budget workshop retreat on April 7, 2011.

Chief Fisher gave the following police statistics for the month of February: 8 arrests, 2 citations, 4 prowlers and 9 suspicious persons for a total of 3,371 service events for the month. Chief Fisher also stated that on March 26, 2011, the Laurel Park Police Department would be at the Rite Aid Pharmacy in Laurel Park between 12 noon and 3pm for an "Operation Medicine Drop Take Back Event" where people could drop off unused and/or out of date medicine.

**OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL** – There were none.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**MAYOR JOHNSON** – Mayor Johnson had no comments.

**COMMISSIONER COOKE** – Commissioner Cooke had no comments.

**COMMISSIONER MENNELLA** – Commissioner Mennella had no comments.

**COMMISSIONER O'CAIN** – Commissioner O'Cain had no comments.

**COMMISSIONER VICKERY** – Commissioner Vickery had no comments.

There being no further business, Commissioner Mennella moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Attest:

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Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

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Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC  
Town Clerk

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Date