

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

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on November 12, 2009 at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioner Robert O. Vickery, Commissioner Keith A. Maddox, Commissioner Dona M. Mennella, and Commissioner Richard P. Cooke. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present. Commissioner-elect, J. Carey O’Cain was also present.

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

1) Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes from the October 20, 2009, Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the October 20, 2009, Council Closed Session
- c) Minutes from the October 20, 2009, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
- d) Minutes from the November 12, 2009, Council Work Session
- e) Tax Release

2) Public Hearings
None

3) Old Business

Town Audit Report as prepared by Burlison & Earley, P.A. for year ending June 30, 2009

4) New Business
None

5) Town Manager’s Report

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

1. Discussion, Organizational Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2009. Mayor Johnson discussed and reviewed with Council the requirements for the Organization Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2009. He first discussed the need to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Johnson stated that was usually rotated between members every two years. He recommended Commissioner Cooke and if there was consensus among the members of the Council this would include appointment as the second member representing the Town on the Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action. Mayor Johnson

recommended Commissioner Vickery be appointed as the Town representative to the French Broad Technical Advisory Committee and Henderson County Technical Advisory Committee. Mayor Johnson stated that Commissioner Mennella should remain finance officer and the Town representative to the Land of Sky Regional Council. Other appointments were discussed that would also require no change to the current appointments. Council expressed consensus with all of Mayor Johnson's recommendations. Any final decisions would be made at the December work session during the review of the agenda for the December Council Meeting and the Organizational Meeting.

2. Discussion, Board member appointments. Mayor Johnson discussed and reviewed with Council the status of all board appointments. Three appointments will expire on the Board of Adjustment and the three current members wish to remain on the board. Four appointments expire on the Planning Board and the four current members wish to remain on the board. Two appointments expire on the Parks and Greenways Board; one member wishes not to be reappointed and the other member has not informed the Mayor of his intent.

Mayor Johnson discussed with Council the idea to also align the ABC Board appointments with all other Board appointments, which are on a calendar year schedule. He planned to meet with the Chairman of the ABC Board to discuss the issue in detail. Board member, Meredith Kever, whose appointment will expire on June 30, 2010, has expressed interest on not being re-appointed. If the timeframe for appointments changed, she would like to step down as soon as possible. Mayor Johnson also stated that he had spoken with Keith Maddox about the possible opening.

3. Discussion, street survey for FY 09-10. Mr. Ball informed Council that he had reviewed the final draft of the street survey as prepared by Will Buie of William G. Lapsley & Associates, P.A. He planned to meet with Mr. Buie on November 13 to discuss a couple of minor points in the draft street survey. The final report would then be completed. Mr. Buie planned to give Council an overview of the street survey at either the December or January Council work session.
4. Discussion, general review of Town ordinances for the Tuesday work session
 - Chapter 1, Article 1, Noise Ordinance

Mr. Ball presented the Council with a draft Chapter 1, Article 1, Noise Ordinance. The ordinance was scheduled to be reviewed at the next special work session scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 10:00 am.

5. Discussion, School of Government request on behalf of David M. Lawrence. Mr. Ball informed Council that the Town had received a request for funds from the School of Government on behalf of David M. Lawrence. Professor Lawrence was planning to retire and an effort was underway, by The School of Government, to fund a new David M. Lawrence Distinguished Professorship. On a recommendation by Mayor Johnson, it was the consensus of Council to table any action.
6. Discussion, update Old Lake Property. Mr. Ball stated that he and the Mayor had talked with Sam Neill, Town Attorney, on the condemnation action and there was currently no new information on the matter.
7. Discussion, sewer project. Mr. Ball informed Council that, for various reasons, the meeting with the City of Hendersonville had been delayed; the meeting was scheduled for November 13, 2009.

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

Essentials of Municipal Government in Asheville, NC – February 24-25, 2010

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