

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
9:30 A.M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held its regular meeting in the Laurel Park Town Hall on September 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioners Richard P. Cooke, Dona M. Mennella, J. Carey O'Cain, and Robert O. Vickery. Town Manager Jim Ball and Town Attorney Monica Gillette-Stallings were also present.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Johnson recommended that item 7(a), State Representative Chuck McGrady to give Council Legislative Update be added to the agenda. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Johnson asked for any additional additions and/or deletions to the agenda; there were none.

Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the Agenda as revised. 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 August 16, 2011 Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the August 24, 2011 Council Special Meeting
- c) Minutes from the August 24, 2011 Closed Session
- d) Minutes from the September 15, 2011, Council Work Session

Commissioner Mennella 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**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK MCGRADY**

State Representative Chuck McGrady met with Council to highlight issues addressed during the current legislative session. He discussed the following: state gas tax, re-districting, and Powell Bill distributions. Representative McGrady stated he was always available to assist if Laurel Park needed anything of him.

**CONSIDERATION, REVISING TOWN POLICY 700.02, TRAVEL EXPENSES WHILE ON TOWN BUSINESS**

Mayor Johnson stated that the revision to the Town Policy would update the meal reimbursement for travel using the U. S. General Services Administration standard North Carolina rate. All other information within the policy remained unchanged.

Commissioner O'Cain moved to revise Town Policy 700.02, *Travel Expenses While on Town Business*. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**CONSIDERATION, REVISING TOWN POLICY 1000.01, TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM USE**

Mayor stated that staff had reviewed the policy used to reserve the Town Hall Meeting Room. All changes recommended were grammatical in nature. Along with the review of the policy, there were some minor grammatical changes made to the Meeting Room Request Form.

Commissioner Vickery moved to revise Town Policy 1000.01, *Town Hall Meeting Room Use*. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**CONSIDERATION, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CHARGING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT 2011 TAXES**

Mayor Johnson stated that, in accordance with the Machinery Act of North Carolina, the governing body of the Town of Laurel Park should authorize the tax collector to collect 2011 taxes. The Town Council adopted a tax rate of \$0.36 per \$100 dollars valuation for the 2011 tax year. Council had a resolution for consideration charging the tax collector to collect 2011 taxes.

Commissioner Mennella moved to adopt a Resolution Charging the Tax Collector to Collect 201 Taxes. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**CONSIDERATION, TO SET A SPECIAL WORK SESSION FOR OCTOBER 18, 2011 AT 10:00 A. M. IN THE LAUREL PARK TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS ZONING OF COMMERCIAL/NONCOMMERCIAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Johnson stated that Council had received a draft of a proposed update to the zoning ordinance dealing with commercial and noncommercial wireless communications regulations. The Planning Board had been working on the issue and language within the documents for the past year. It was recommended at the September 15, 2011 work session that Council set a special work session to go over the information. The date and time discussed for the work session was October 18, 2011 at 10:00 a. m. in Laurel Park Town Hall.

Commissioner Cooke moved to set a special work session for October 18, 2011 at 10:00 a. m. in the Laurel Park Town Hall to discuss zoning Commercial/Noncommercial Wireless Communications. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT** – Mr. Ball had no comments.

Chief Fisher gave the following police statistics for the month of August: 2 accidents, 4 arrests, 2 alarm activations, 330 business checks, 142 foot patrols, 3 assist County Sheriff, 13 citations and 430 residence checks for a total of 1,963 service events for the month.

**OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL**

There were none.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**MAYOR JOHNSON** – Mayor Johnson recommended that Mr. Ball give Council an update at the October work session as to what steps had been taken as a result of the items recommended at the September closed session regarding departmental communications. Mr. Ball stated he would plan to give an update.

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Cooke moved to recess the Regular Meeting and go into Closed Session to instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiation of the amount of compensation or other items of an employment contract [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (5)]. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Vickery moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cooke 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