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TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes - Monday, January 23, 2023
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Mayor Jackie Warner called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray; Commissioners Jerry Legge, Grilley Mitchell and Joanne Scarola.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Bryan Marley.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Programs/Events Meghan Hawkins, Parks & Recreation Special Events & Communications Coordinator Meagan Mereness, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Deputy Public Works Director Bruce Clark, Police Chief Stephen Dollinger and Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Pastor Michael Mathis, Mission Field Ministries, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the Town Attorney on matters within the attorney-client privilege and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel matters.

2. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Legge remarked he is pleased to see the public safety and parking lot project moving forward.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Scarola echoed the words of Commissioner Mitchell.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray remarked the FTCC H.O.P.E. class began this evening.

Mayor Warner thanked everyone for attending and read a statement provided by her lawyer in regard to a lawsuit against her in association with her Facebook page.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Public Safety Building Project Update Presented by Scott Garner, Architect.

Mr. Scott Garner of Garner Brown Architects provided an update on the progress of the Public Safety Building Project. Mr. Garner remarked Phase III has begun with the demolition of the fire station. Phase III is expected to take two months to complete.

- Consideration of Change Order for Public Safety Center Project in the amount of \$2,545.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve change order 12 in the amount of \$2,545.00.

- b. Proclamation Recognizing January 22, to January 28, 2023 as Hope Mills School Choice Week.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for School Choice Week 2023.

- c. Proclamation Recognizing Friday, February 3rd as “Go Red for Women” Day.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for National Wear Red Day.

- d. Proclamation Recognizing February as Black History Month.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Black History Month.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Public Hearing for Annexation A2022-07 Crosspointe Church property at 7050 Rockfish Rd. If annexation is approved consideration to authorize staff to begin initial zoning process of C2(P) Planned Service Retail.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing for Annexation A2022-07 at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Annexation A2022-07. There were none.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray to close the public hearing for Annexation A2022-07.

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve Annexation A2022-07 Crossspointe Church property at 7050 Rockfish Road and authorize staff to begin the initial zoning process of C2(P) Planned Service Retail.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Pamela Sinclair, 3756 Golfview Road, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Sinclair expressed her concern for the safety of Golfview Road where it curves, and the amount of litter along the roadway and broken bricks at Golfview Greenway.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the January 9, 2023 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- b. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the Closed Session at the November 7, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- c. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the Closed Session at the December 5, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- d. Case# ZNG-010-22: Initial zoning of 82.50+/- acres to R5 Single Family and C2(P) Planned Service and Retail or to a more restrictive zoning district, located 655 feet east of the intersection of Rockfish Road and Waldos Beach Road and 560 feet west of the intersection of Camden Road and Wipperwill Drive on REIDs 9494961873000, 9494863275000, 9494765995000, & 9494951997000, submitted by Trae Livick (agent) on behalf of Barbara M Johnson Heirs (owner). **This item was continued to this meeting and the agent is requesting it to be continued again until April 17, 2023.**
- e. Consideration to Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Contract with Fleming and Associates to complete the East Patterson Street Embankment Project. This is currently funded in this year's budget.
- f. Acceptance of December 2022 Financial Report.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as read.

7. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion Seeking Direction from the Board of Commissioners Regarding Programing for the Chapel.

Parks & Recreation Assistant Programs Director Meghan Freeman and Parks & Recreation Special Events & Communications Coordinator Meagan Mereness presented this item. Assistant Director Freeman requested the Boards direction on how to utilize the chapel. Parks and Recreation staff provided a handout of their proposal. Parks & Recreation staff wish to remove 10 of the pews from the chapel to utilize the space for meetings and programs. There is a lack of space at the Recreation Center and Brower Park causing staff to turn down new programs. Allowing the space to be rented would be a small return on the Towns investment.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Board was for the the Historic Preservation Committee to meet with Parks & Recreation staff at the Chapel on February 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to provide input on the suggested changes and uses for the pews.

9. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. Reminders.

- Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:30 PM **Appearance Commission** Meeting in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 5:30 **Board of Commissioners Special Dinner Meeting** to discuss budget priorities at Sammio's 3057 N. Main St. Hope Mills.
- Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM **Veterans Affairs Committee** Meeting in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6:30 PM **Parks and Recreation Committee** Meeting in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM **Prime Movers Committee** Meeting at 6:00 PM in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM **Board of Commissioners** Regular Meeting in the Luther Board Room.

- b. Monthly Department Reports.

- Inspections and Permitting December 2022
- Police Department November and December 2022
- Fire Department December 2022
- Public Works November and December 2022
- Code Enforcement & Zoning December 2022

10. STAFF COMMENTS.

11. CLOSED SESSION.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the Town Attorney on matters within the attorney-client privilege and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel matters.

Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the front conference room at 7:54 p.m.

At 8:56 p.m. Mayor Warner called the regular meeting back to order.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to seal the minutes of the closed session until such time as the release of the information would no longer frustrate the purpose of the closed session and further no action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk