

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 7:00 P.M.
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray, Commissioners Jessie Bellflowers, Pat Edwards and Jerry Legge.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Bryan Marley (arrived at 8:13 p.m.).

STAFF PRESENT

Interim Town Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin and Deputy Stormwater Administrator Tyler Riddle. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Deacon Pat Snyder, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

Mayor Warner announced Commissioner Marley would be late as he is attending budget meetings for his job.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

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

2. PRESENTATIONS.

- a. Earth Day Proclamation.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Earth Day.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Ms. Casey Ferris, Interim President of the Hope Mills Chamber, remarked the Chamber is accepting votes for Executive Board and will announce the nominations at their annual banquet on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Mr. Ron Maury spoke in reference to renaming the Veterans Memorial Park after Jim and Jean Clark for their contributions to the Town.

Mr. Grilley Mitchell, 4056 William Bill Luther Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Mitchell thanked Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin for getting the directional sign for the VFW, the wonderful Easter sunrise service, Jamie from Parks & Recreation and the Towns efforts to make Hope Mills pedestrian friendly.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- b. Consideration of Formal Contract Approval for Exterior Chapel Renovations in the Amount of \$23,391. Previously Budgeted and Discussed.
- c. Consideration of Budget Amendment #13 for Parks & Recreation Rain Garden Project approved March 15, 2021; in the amount of \$19,750.
- d. Consideration of Ordinance NS2021-04 Temporary Road Closing for a July Forth Parade on July 3, 2021.
- e. Consideration of Contract for 2021 Household Hazardous Waste and Shred Event 4/17 - included in the current budget in the amount of \$15,759.79.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as read.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **CASE NO. 21-030.** REQUEST FOR A SITE PLAN REVIEW, HOPE MILLS ZONING ORDINANCE; ZONING: C2(P); TOTAL ACREAGE: 1.49 AC. +/-; LOCATION: 2605 HOPE MILLS RD; SUBMITTED BY TED HILL (OWNER). (HOPE MILLS).

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin remarked the site plan review is tied to Hillside Landscaping.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to approve Case No. 21-030 request for a site plan review, Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoning: C2(P); total acreage: 1.49 ac +/-; location: 2605 Hope Mills Road; submitted by Ted Hill (owner).

b. Consideration and Possible Action on Nominating Committee Recommendations.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray remarked the Nominating Committee recommends Mr. Mark Hess for the Parks & Recreation Committee, and Ruben Garcia and Deanna Rosario for the Arts and Heritage Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

6. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Manager's Report.

Interim Manager Zell provided a report included in the agenda packet.

b. Reminders.

- CANCELLED April 14, 2021 6:00 PM - Historic Preservation Committee.
- April 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM - Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting in the Luther Board Room.
- April 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM - Veterans Affairs Committee in the Recreation Center.
- April 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM - Parks and Recreation Committee in the Recreation Center Building.
- April 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM – Appearance Commission in the Recreation Center Building.
- May 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Mayor's Youth Leadership – Zoom
- May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM – Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting in the Luther Board Room.

c. Committee Liaisons update on Committee Activities.

- Commissioner Pat Edwards - Appearance Commission, Mid-Carolina Council of Government

Commissioner Edwards commented the Appearance Commission discussed with the Veterans Affairs Committee, future Christmas events, and planters that will be placed at Town Hall and Parks & Recreation.

- Commissioner Jerry Legge - Historic Preservation Committee, RLUAC (Regional Land Use Advisory Commission)

Commissioner Legge requested Public Works Director Sisko provide the update

Public Works Director Sisko commented the events that took place during the Special Historic Preservation Committee meeting were: review of the contract, discussion of prioritizing projects for the interior of the chapel and inspecting the existing conditions of the interior of the building, such as flooring.

- Commissioner Bryan Marley - Veterans Affairs

Mr. Grilley Mitchell commented the Veterans Affairs Committee discussed renaming the Veterans Memorial, which was voted on; compiling a list of the Clark's accomplishments, and installation of new benches at the Veterans Memorial.

- Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray - Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Cumberland County Air Quality Stakeholders Committee, Prime Movers

Mayor Pro Tem McCray recognized Prime Movers Chair Jerel McGeachy to provide the update for the Prime Movers Committee.

Mr. McGeachy commented the committee is partnering with the Chamber to offer a Blood Drive on April 24, 2021.

- Mayor Jackie Warner- Mayor's Youth Leadership Committee, FAMPO TPB (Transportation Policy Board), FCEDC Municipal Advisory Meeting Liaison

Mayor Warner thanked the Prime Movers for supplying the Mayor's Youth Leadership Committee with water and Gatorade on Saturday, April 3, 2021 during their highway cleanup. The Youth Leadership Committee met this evening and will be mailing their charter to the state tomorrow; additionally, they have been selected to send one member to the Youth Legislative Delegation in Raleigh and have been approved for the adoption of HWY 162/

7. STAFF COMMENTS.

Town Clerk Starling clarified though the Historic Preservation Committee meeting for April 14th was noted as canceled on the reminders, they will meet.

8. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray thanked Jamie Bahma and any other staff members that were responsible for coordinating the Easter Sunrise Service and commented Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations staff as well as Hope Mills Police and any others involved last year in facilitating community training will meet again on April 20, 2021 at Mission Field Ministries.

9. CLOSED SESSION.

- a. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney Client Privilege and Personnel NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6).

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

At 7:41 p.m. Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the front conference room.

Mayor Warner called the regular meeting back to order at 9:00 p.m.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Legge 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.

Commissioner Legge commented Parks & Recreation truck #21 is in need of a step rail and toolbox, and the first baseball game in Hope Mills is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2021.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

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