

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 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, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Mitchell, Commissioners Jessie Bellflowers, Pat Edwards, Meg Larson and Jerry Legge.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Melissa Adams, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Police Chief Joel Acciardo, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Lopez, Chief Building Inspector Ray Reeves, Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin and Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown. Also present was Attorney Katie Barber-Jones of Hartzog Law Group in lieu of Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Reverend Ellen McCubbin, Hope Mills United Methodist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of New Business item g. Discussion of Open Meetings Law.

2. PRESENTATIONS.

- a. Proclamation of 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.

**Office of the Mayor
Town of Hope Mills, NC
Proclamation**

In observance of the 18th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on America, we hereby adopt the following Proclamation in tribute to those lost and injured on 9/11, and the many who gave of themselves in service to their communities and to this country in the aftermath of the attacks:

WHEREAS, people of all ages and walks of life, across America, and around the world, collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001 will never, and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot Day Proclamation officially and permanently designated September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, the flying of the flag of the United States at half-staff, as well as community service and charitable activities in tribute and remembrance.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Jackie Warner, Mayor of the Town of Hope Mills, do hereby proclaim September 11th, as a voluntary Day of Service and Remembrance, and furthermore, call upon all citizens and organizations to consider joining in this observance and to engage in activities of tribute, solemn remembrance and charitable service.

This the 9th day of September, 2019.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

- b. Proclamation of American Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, September 29, 2019.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for American Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, NC
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the service rendered the United States by the American mother and family is the greatest source of the Country's strength and inspiration; and

WHEREAS, the American mother and family are doing so much for the moral and spiritual uplift of the people of the United States and hence so much for good government and humanity; and

WHEREAS, American Gold Star Mothers and Families suffered the supreme sacrifice in the loss of their sons and daughters in wars and conflicts through the years; and

WHEREAS, On June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day and in 2011, President Barack Obama amended the day to "Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jackie Warner, Mayor of the Town of Hope Mills, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2019, "Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day." in the Town of Hope Mills in tribute and urge all citizens to join in the expression of

appreciation to the many Gold Star Mother's and Family's in our community who have given so much on our behalf in times of both war and peace.

This the 9th day of September, 2019.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

- c. Tier 1 informational presentation.

Mayor Warner presented this item. Mayor Warner commented Cumberland County, once designated as a Tier 2 county, is now a Tier 1 county. The County Mayors who have been attending Tier 1 meetings and gathering information on the Counties designation were tasked with presenting Tier 1 information to their Board's prior to their next meeting on September 17, 2019. Cumberland County is one of the 40 most distressed counties in North Carolina based on annual median household income. In moving forward with economic development, the county has been focused on human capital, education and training, the labor market, and investing in the future. The counties goals in striving to become a tier 3 community are to raise property values, lower the unemployment rate, raise the median household income, and increase population growth.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT.

1. We are extremely thankful that the effects from Hurricane Dorian were minimal. We were prepared for the worst and hoping for the best. I would like to thank Mark Brown, Senior Customer Programs Officer with PWC and David McNeill, District Manager with Duke Energy for their personal contact with me, prior to the Hurricane. I want to personally thank all of our Department Heads and First Responders for the actions that were taken to mitigate the effects of Hurricane Dorian.
2. We experienced some leaking in the new roofing at the Parks & Recreation Center. This will be addressed through the warranty on the new roof. We have notified the contractor.
3. Rockfish Road Sidewalk Project: The recent traffic control plan for this project was rejected by NCDOT. McGill is working with Hughes Construction to come up with an alternate traffic control plan so the construction process can begin.
4. Johnson Street Sidewalk Project: The project is still being reviewed by CSX.
5. Hope Mills Lake Dam: Mark Landis with Schnabel Engineering was scheduled to be in the area on Friday, September 6th, the day after Hurricane Dorian, to inspect another project he is involved with in the area. He came by and did a visual inspection of the dam and was very pleased with how it is performing.
6. Public Works will install erosion control measures; geotechnical fabric and rip rap at the end of the bulkhead, as soon as the weather becomes cooler.
7. We are waiting for the surveyor to schedule a date to conduct the survey of the former golf course property, in order to move ahead with the design of the driveway entrance and parking lot.

8. Fountain Lane House: Public Works is proceeding with creating specifications, in order to obtain bids for demolition.
9. Trade Street Museum Update: Public Works Director Don Sisko plans to attend the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 11th to review with the members some suggested minor revisions to the renovations, due to the plumbing and electrical features.
10. Parish House Update: As of today, Monday, September 9th we have not received the report on the Parish House from Mark Blankinship of Lysaght & Associates.
11. Heritage Park Master Plan: A Public Kick - Off Meeting involving the HPC, Appearance Commission, Lake Advisory Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, and the public is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation Center.
12. Rockfish/C. Wayne Collier flooding issue: On August 29, 2019, Town Staff met with Cumberland County, Cumberland County Schools and NCDOT. The meeting was to follow-up after the soil samples were taken and get an update from all parties. Town Staff reviewed the soil sample results and notified all parties that even though the infiltration rates are good, the seasonal high-water table is too high for any type of infiltration device to work on the school grounds. NCDOT update that the let date of the project, which was currently scheduled for the year 2024, was subject to change due to the current funding issues and priority ranking. Cumberland County and Cumberland County Schools had no updates in reference to flooding. As NCDOT is still in the planning phase for this particular area and until a plan is finalized, they feel any temporary solution would be cost prohibitive for all parties. Town staff is reaching out to DOT to ask that they re-ditch the area along Rockfish Road in front of the school and surrounding property.
13. ADA Transition program - Stewart, Inc.: Staff is in the process of completing self-assessments for facilities and programs, to be submitted to Stewart, Inc.
14. The new carpet for Town Hall has been installed, all but a few offices. They will return this weekend to finish the installation.
15. Code Enforcement: Aaron Rents was contacted regarding flag signs and temporary banners that are in violation of the sign ordinance. They have since been removed.
16. SecureCare Public Storage was issued a formal zoning violation for the display of U-Haul trucks along Hope Mills Road. The notice of violation gives them 30 days to come into compliance which will include the requirement of a site plan approval to store them on their own property. The 30-day notice requires them to remove the trucks permanently from the current location.
17. A homeowner in the Thompson Circle community was contacted regarding a damaged fence that violates the zoning ordinance in regards to fencing required when a swimming pool is located in the rear yard. The fence was damaged as a result of a weather event and the home owner's insurance policy is funding the repairs. Staff will continue to coordinate with the homeowner until brought into compliance.
18. SKETCH PLAN REVIEWS:
Plan review staff has 2 sketch plan reviews scheduled for Thursday September 12th. The first review is for the proposed development of the recently approved 77-

acre industrial development located off of Corporation Drive. The second review is for a proposed collision repair development at the intersection of Camden and Elk Road which is located in the Hope Mills MIA. Staff is setting up the review in anticipation of the submittal of an annexation petition.

19. Staff is also coordinating with the developers of a recently approved Waffle House at Traemoor Village for a sketch plan review as well; however, a date has not been finalized.

20. **BUILDING PERMITS:**

Current developments that have been approved by the board that are being reviewed for building permit issuance are as follows:

- a. Biscuitville – 2659 Hope Mills Road
- b. Circle K – Chicken Foot Road
- c. Circle K – S. Main Street
- d. Chick-Fil-A – Main Street

21. The Inspections Department was recently inspected by the Insurances Services Office, Inc. (ISO). Generally, an inspection is conducted every five years. The ISO is an insurer-supported organization with the primary mission of providing advisory underwriting and rating information to insurers. The Building Code Effectiveness Grading rating scale is 1 -10 with 1 being the highest and 10 the lowest rating. This Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule is only an insurance underwriting and information tool. Chief Building Inspector Ray Reeves has received notification that the resulting Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification is 3 for 1 and 2 family residential property and 3 for commercial & industrial property.

22. The Town has been notified by Grants Manager, Margo Jarvis that we have been awarded the \$2,500.00 Fayetteville / Cumberland County Arts Council Grant for the creation of the UNCP Art sculptures. We received the check today in the mail.

23. The Town would like to recognize and thank Ms. Peggy Carter for her recent donation to the Historic Preservation Commission. Her donation was made in memory of Mackey Hall.

24. The Town would like to recognize and thank Sally Bailey for the beautiful floral arrangement she had commissioned for the back lobby.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS. NONE

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. William McQueen, 5903 Hunting Ridge Road, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. McQueen commented on his concern for the Memorandum of Understanding in regard to the Golf Course Parking Lot. Mr. McQueen believes the parking lot owner was pressured by Town officials to allow use of his property after he denied their request several times.

Ms. Elizabeth Cooper, 4413 Goldenrod Court, Parkton, NC. Ms. Cooper commented on her concern for the Memorandum of Understanding in regard to the Golf Course Parking Lot. Ms. Cooper feels the Town had other priorities such as Heritage Park and the Lake

Park but has instead chosen to open a walking trail a half of a mile away from the current walking trail.

Ms. Susan Moody, 3647 Lake Forest Road, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Moody spoke in reference to the Town's image after all the negativity in the news. Ms. Moody requested Town officials set aside personal agendas and spending of taxpayer dollars until a Strategic Plan is set in place.

Ms. Joanne Scarola, 5429 Archer Road, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Scarola spoke in reference to the various smear campaigns that have gone on and the distrust it has caused the public to feel towards elected officials.

Mr. Grilley Mitchell, 4056 William Bill Luther Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Mitchell spoke in reference to the agenda item for emails sent to and from Bill Bowman which have already been discussed. Mr. Mitchell feels too much time has been wasted focusing on negativity and the Town needs to move forward.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2019.
- b. Consideration of Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2019.
- c. Resolution 2019-18 Acceptance of The Donation of Personal Property to The Hope Mills Police Department. The US Military's Law Enforcement Support Program has donated an Oshkosh M-ATV with a value of \$767,360.00 at no cost to the Town.

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TO THE HOPE MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 2019-18

WHEREAS, a city may accept the donation of personal property from another governmental unit within the United States, a sister city, a nonprofit organization, or an individual, including supplies, materials and equipment.

WHEREAS, the US Military's Law Enforcement Support (LESS) 1033 Program has donated certain personal property to the Town of Hope Mills Police Department.

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding charges due to the Town of Hope Mills for this property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hope Mills is interested in obtaining the Oshkosh M-ATV serial number 2355-01-623-0967 valued at: \$767,360.00; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Mills Town Board desires to accept the donation of this property for use by the Hope Mills Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners accepts said property as a donation to the Hope Mills Police Department and authorizes the Police Department to use as they deem necessary.

ADOPTED and approved this the 9th day of September, 2019.

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

- d. Consideration of Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Cumberland County Board of Education. Hope Mills Parks and Recreation shall provide athletic and recreational programming, and routine maintenance at Hope Mills Middle, South View Middle, South View High, Baldwin Elementary, C. Wayne Collier Elementary and Rockfish Elementary Schools. Maintenance costs are included in current budget.
- e. Consideration of Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Jet Rodding Contract for Continuous Annual Storm Drain Maintenance. The amount is \$30,000.00 and is included in the current budget.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

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

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Case No. P17-45.** Rezoning of 10.42+/- acres from R6A Residential to C(P) Planned Commercial or to a more restrictive zoning district; located on the east side of SR 1138 (Applebury Lane) across from the intersection of Cumberland Bay Drive; submitted by Albert Norton, Jr on behalf of Ole Bluff LLC (Owner). (Hope Mills).

Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin presented this item. Mr. McLaughlin commented this is a reconsideration for rezoning. The portion of the property

under consideration is 3.22 acres in size. This portion was previously considered for a rezoning request to C(P) Planned Commercial as a part of an overall 10.42-acre parcel but was denied by the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners on December 11, 2017. The remaining 7.20 acres located outside of the Town limits were approved for rezoning on the same evening.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and carried unanimously, for the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to approve Case No. P17-45 for rezoning from R6A Residential to C(P) Planned Commercial and find it is consistent with the adopted Southwest Cumberland Land Use Plan, which calls for "Mixed Use and Heavy Commercial" developments at this location, mixed use allows for retail and commercial uses; and further find that approval of the request is reasonable and in the public interest because all uses allowed within the R6A district are not suitable for a gateway into the Town. In addition, approval will allow for increased commercial development of property under the same ownership and located at a major intersection.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Case No. 18-020. Consideration of the Nickoy Grey; C(P) Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinances; Zoned: C(P); Acreage: 0.43 ac. +/-; Located at 3121 N Main Street (NC HWY 59); submitted by Nickoy Grey (Developer).

Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin presented this item. Mr. McLaughlin commented the site plan approval request for the 0.43-acre site is currently developed with a single story vacant commercial structure that provides for a total of 8 parking spaces. The developer is requesting approval of a change of use for the sale of motor vehicles.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve Case No. 18-020 Consideration of the Nickoy Grey; C(P) Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinances; Zoned: C(P); Acreage: 0.43 ac. +/-; Located at 3121 N Main Street (NC HWY 59); submitted by Nickoy Grey (Developer).

- b. Consideration of an Amendment to the Town of Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance tied to sidewalk requirements in residential subdivisions.

Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin presented this item. Mr. McLaughlin commented at the August 5, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board directed staff to explore language that would amend the Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance to alleviate redundant issues tied to sidewalks in residential subdivisions. The addition to the language is suggested for Section 86A-405(a)1a that reads: No new sidewalks will be required for group developments within already approved subdivisions that were initially approved without the requirement of sidewalks.

Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers and carried unanimously, to approve the amendment to the Town of Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance tied to sidewalk requirements in residential subdivisions.

- c. Consideration of A Request to Execute A Memorandum of Understanding with NC Commerce for A Study of The Hope Mills Municipal Influence Area. The estimated cost is \$2,077.00 and is currently budgeted.

Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin presented this item. Mr. McLaughlin commented Hope Mills staff met with the NC Commerce Main Street and Rural Planning Department on August 15, 2019 to engage them in assisting with a strategic economic development initiative in the Hope Mills Municipal Influence Area. The NC Commerce Team agreed to lead the efforts of conducting the strategic plan and gateway study and is requesting the execution of a Resolution of Support and Memorandum of Understanding. The overall initiative will be facilitated by NC Commerce with the assistance of a coalition team created by Town staff with a targeted completion date of June 2020.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the request for a Memorandum of Understanding for a study of the Hope Mills Municipal Influence Area.

- d. Consideration of Authorizing Town Manager Adams to Execute Contract and Adoption of Budget Amendment 2019-2020 #1. This is to provide electrical repair to the Episcopal Church at a cost of \$5,900.00. The budget amendment includes previously requested tree removal next to the Parish House in the amount of \$3,750.00 for a total \$9,650.00.

Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina
 Budget Ordinance Amendment
Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Amendment #1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2020:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account</u>		<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Church/Parish House	10-620-7301	-	9,650.00
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,650.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$9,650 in the appropriations of the General Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

<u>Account</u>		<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Fund Balance	10-3990	-	9,650.00
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,650.00</u>

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this 9th day of September 2019.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling, Town Clerk

Discussion ensued regarding the remaining heir as the Town owns 5/6 of the building.

Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers to table discussion of this item and allow the Historic Preservation Commission to provide a recommendation in naming the building in honor of Mr. Oakman at their next meeting on September 11, 2019 and the motion carried 3 to 2, with Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and Commissioner Larson voting against.

- e. Consideration and Possible Action Relating to Memorandum of Understanding for the Golf Course Parking Lot in the Amount of \$4,800.00. (As requested by MPT Mitchell).

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell commented hundreds of his constituents have provided positive feedback in funding a temporary parking lot to access the Golf Course Property.

Commissioner Edwards commented she was not included in discussions of a temporary parking lot but has received feedback in opposition of spending taxpayer dollars on something that is temporary. Commissioner Edwards commented money should be spent on projects the Town has budgeted for.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented he would like to see language added to the Memorandum of Understanding, specifically regarding the termination portion. Commissioner Bellflowers inquired whether the golf course walking trail is ADA accessible and what steps would need to be taken to bring it up to those standards.

Commissioner Larson responded Attorney Hartzog informed the Board during a previous meeting that provided the Town did not make any additions to the walking trail, it would not trigger the need to bring the property into ADA compliance.

Mayor Warner commented Attorney Hartzog did not provide a definite, final answer as to whether the property would be a liability if not brought up to ADA standards.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented he would like a more definite answer from the Town Attorney before taking any action.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell requested a poll of each Board member regarding Attorney Hartzog's answer in reference to ADA compliance during their closed session.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented he would like the Town Attorney to state for the record as to whether opening the Golf Course Property for public access would not be a liability to the Town.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell requested a poll of each Board member once again.

Commissioner Legge commented it was his understanding that Attorney Hartzog approved the Town in moving forward with allowing public access to the golf course property.

Commissioner Larson was in agreement with Commissioner Legge.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell concurred with both Commissioners Legge and Larson.

Commissioner Edwards commented the Town Attorney did not attempt to discourage the Board from voting on the issue but she did sense he wanted to caution them.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented Attorney Hartzog did not dissuade the Board from allowing access to the Golf Course Property, but Commissioner Bellflowers wished for an answer in open session as all discussion took place in closed session.

Commissioner Larson commented in speaking with Attorney Hartzog today, she inquired if it were appropriate for the Board to take action in removing the "No Trespassing" signs, to which he answered in the affirmative.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Golf Course Parking Lot in the Amount of \$4,800.00 and the motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Edwards voting against.

- f. Discussion of Commissioner Larson's Public Records Request of Bill Bowman's E-mails. (As requested by Commissioner Larson).

Prior to Commissioner Larson speaking, Mayor Warner commented on her concern for discussing private citizens as she believes it is inappropriate to speak about an individual that is not in attendance to defend him/herself.

Commissioner Larson commented she requested this item as it has not been recorded as a public record. Commissioner Larson provided a timeline of the Town's partnership with the Up & Coming Weekly publication. Commissioner Larson commented two fellow Board members had knowledge of the slanderous editorials aimed at her prior to them being published in the Up & Coming.

Mayor Warner commented she did have knowledge of editorials that were merely an author's opinion. Following that, she did not have any further knowledge. Mayor Warner commented a great deal of negativity surrounding the Lone Survivor Project and her family has circulated, but politics require an individual to develop a thick skin. Mayor Warner wished for no further discussion on this topic after tonight so the Town may move forward. Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell commented the negative media Up & Coming have created has prevented the Town from moving forward.

9. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Reminders.

- Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – 5:00 PM **Historic Preservation Commission** meeting at the Parks and Recreation Building.
- Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 6:00 PM **Lake Advisory Committee** meeting at the Parks and Recreation Building.
- Thursday, September 12, 2019- 5:00 PM **RESCHEDULED Food Truck Rodeo**, at the Municipal Park Complex.
- Saturday, September 14, 2019 -9:00 AM **RESCHEDULED Good 2 Grow Farmers Market**, at the Hope Mills Municipal Complex.
- Monday, September 23, 2019 – 6:30 PM **Parks and Recreation Committee** meeting at the Parks and Recreation Building.
- Monday, September 23, 2019 – 7:00 PM **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting** in the Luther Board Room at Town Hall.
- ~~Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – 6:30 PM **Appearance Commission Meeting** CANCELLED~~ in lieu of attending Heritage Park Master Plan meeting.
- Thursday, September 26, 2019- **Heritage Park Master Plan Public Input** meeting.

b. Committee Liaisons update on Committee Activities.

- Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell - Historic Preservation Commission & Municipal Advisory Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell commented the Historic Preservation Commission discussed the Pat Caulder Award, updates on the museum renovation, updates on the Parish House electrical inspection and Heritage Park Master Plan meeting schedule.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell commented the Municipal Advisory Committee did not meet.

- Commissioner Edwards – Lake Advisory Committee & Mid-Carolina Aging Advisory Council.

Commissioner Edwards commented the Lake Advisory Committee will meet next month and Mid-Carolina Aging Advisory Council will meet this coming Thursday.

- Commissioner Legge – Appearance Committee & Festival Committee.

Commissioner Legge commented the Appearance Committee has been working on creating ribbons and flags for the Christmas holiday season. Commissioner Legge requested Grilley Mitchell provided a Festival Committee update as he was not in attendance for this evenings meeting.

Mr. Mitchell commented the Festival Committee reviewed their calendar to determine which events will need to be postponed or scrapped all together. The information will be forthcoming.

- Commissioner Larson – Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Commissioner Bellflowers - Veterans Committee and RLUAC.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented the Veterans Affairs Committee will meet at the end of the month. Commissioner Bellflowers commented RLUAC heard a presentation concerning a joint land use study and they will meet again on November 21, 2019.

- Mayor Warner

Mayor Warner commented the Mayor's Youth Leadership Committee will begin meeting again in October. Mayor Warner commented she will attend training for her appointment as a delegate to the Mid-Carolina Legislature on September 12, 2019 and attend her first sessions in Raleigh on October 1-2, 2019.

10. STAFF COMMENTS.

11. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Bellflowers inquired whether Town staff were aware of the CityBiz Breakfast scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019. Town Manager Adams commented she and Town Clerk Starling would make arrangements.

Commissioner Edwards commented the citizens should be involved in all monetary decisions and projects for the Town.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell thanked Town staff for their hurricane preparedness efforts. Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell apologized for the heated discussion but encouraged citizens to reach out to the Commissioners to gain their own insight.

Commissioner Larson commented the discussion this evening was necessary to provide citizens with the truth.

Commissioner Legge thanked everyone for attending and requested discussion of renting out the unused ballfields be added to the next agenda.

Mayor Warner apologized for the heated discussion this evening and commented in moving forward, any discussion that takes place during Town meetings will be concerning Town business.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.