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TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Agenda – May 20, 2024
5:00 p.m. Special Meeting- Budget Workshop

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jessie Bellflowers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Jessie Bellflowers

1. INTRODUCTION- Town Manager Chancer McLaughlin

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. National Public Works Weeks Proclamation (**TAB 1**)
- b. National Cities, Towns & Villages Month Proclamation (**TAB 2**)
- c. Proclamation Recognizing Memorial Day (**TAB 3**)
- d. Proposed GO Bond Presentation (**no attachments**)
- e. FY 24-25 Budget Discussion (**no attachments**)

3. REMINDERS

- Thursday, May 23rd | Torch Run | Public Safety Center | 9am
- Monday, May 27th | Memorial Day Ceremony | HM Veterans Memorial Park | 4pm
- Monday, June 3rd | Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting | Town Hall | 7pm

4. ADJOURNMENT.



National Public Works Week Proclamation

May 19-25, 2024

“Connecting the World Through Public Works”

WHEREAS public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of **The Town of Hope Mills**; and,

WHEREAS these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in **The Town of Hope Mills** to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS the year 2024 marks the 63rd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and

So now be it resolved, I, Mayor Jessie Bellflowers, do hereby designate the week of May 19-25, 2024 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

Proclaimed this 20th day of May 2024.

Jessie Bellflowers, Mayor



National Cities, Towns and Villages Month

Whereas, the National League of Cities was founded in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas, as the American Municipal Association by state municipal leagues seeking more coordination and national representation as cities, towns, and villages expanded rapidly; and

Whereas, the nonpartisan National League of Cities is the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States, representing the interests of more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages across the country; and

Whereas today, the National League of Cities works in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues across the country to strengthen local leadership, drive innovation, and influence the federal policies that impact local programs and operations; and

Whereas, as the voice of cities, towns, and villages in Washington, DC, the National League of Cities has successfully championed federal legislative solutions that support municipalities and has worked closely with Congress and the Executive Branch to educate policymakers on the realities of local implementation; and

Whereas, The Town of Hope Mills is a proud member of the National League of Cities, and has benefited from the organization's research, technical expertise, federal advocacy and opportunities to learn from other local governments; and

Whereas, local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical, and transparent government in the world; and

Whereas, from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history; and

Whereas, The Town of Hope Mills was first incorporated in 1891 and is proudly served today by 6 Elected officials and a municipal workforce of 183 dedicated public servants; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Hope Mills hereby proclaims May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

PROCLAIMED this day 20th day of May, 2024.

Jessie Bellflowers, Mayor

Proclamation
MEMORIAL DAY
May 27, 2024

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 and called Decoration Day to commemorate the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars and was declared a National Holiday by Congress in 1971, to be celebrated the last Monday in May; and

WHEREAS, each Memorial Day Americans remember the debt of gratitude we owe to our veterans who gave their lives for our country; and

WHEREAS, thousands of American men and women have given their lives for their country and many thousands more still bear severe disabilities and the scars of war, and by remembering these, we are reminded that the cost of war and peace is great; and

WHEREAS, we continue to rely on our brave and steadfast men and women in uniform to defend our freedoms, we commemorate this noble American holiday, we honor those who fell in defense of our freedoms and we honor them in our memory; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, JESSIE BELLFLOWERS, MAYOR of the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina, do hereby urge all citizens to observe this day in honor and in memory of the thousands of American men and women who have answered the call to duty in defending the hard-won freedoms we enjoy today and who have sacrificed their lives in defense of their country.

PROCLAIMED this 20th day of May, 2024.

JESSIE BELLFLOWERS, MAYOR