

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison, Police Chief Stephen Dollinger, Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin and Public Works Director Don Sisko. 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.

Mayor Warner remarked Commissioner Marley would be arriving late.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of Consent Agenda item i. Consideration of Non-Statutory Ordinance #NS2022-01 declaring a temporary road closure for the Fourth of July parade, moved to New Business item b. and the addition of a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.

2. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray remarked the FTCC Trade Skills Academy began at South View High School this evening and South View Middle School will be offering Trade Skills soon.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Legge thanked everyone for attending the meeting and provided an update on his brother's health.

Mayor Warner requested prayers for Ukraine.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Presentation from the Cumberland County Community Development (CCCD). Regarding planning for their 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Ms. Dee Taylor, Director of CCCD provided a brief update on community development activities and their 2022 Annual Action Plan. Ms. Taylor remarked they receive an average of \$1.2 million in federal grant money annually, with most funds used to benefit low to moderate income families. Their Annual Action Plan identifies projects and priorities they will fund. Ms. Taylor gave an overview of the programs CCCD offers and their partnerships.

- b. National School Breakfast Week Proclamation.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for National School Breakfast Week.

- c. Town Charter Day Proclamation.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Town Charter Day.

- d. Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week Proclamation.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Cindy Hamilton, 4216 Achilles Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Hamilton spoke in reference to the Town's Animal Control Ordinance and continuing issues with her neighbor's dog.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 21, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- b. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the January 31, 2022 Special Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- c. Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment #22. To use \$9,000 of Tournament Funds from the last budget year to cover costs associated with current year spring & summer athletic programs.
- d. Consideration of Resolution R2022-07 Setting Annexation Hearing Date of March 21st for Camden Commons. Annexation A2022-01 petition accepted by Board of Commissioners on February 21, 2022.

- e. Consideration of Resolution R2022-08 Setting Annexation Hearing Date of March 21st for Camden Preserve. Annexation A2022-02 petition accepted by Board of Commissioners on February 21, 2022.
- f. Consideration of Resolution R2022-06 Donation of Surplus Vehicles to St. Paul's Police Department.
- g. Consideration of Resolution R2022-09 Donation of Previously Declared Surplus Radios to St. Paul's PD.
- h. Consideration of Budget Amendment #24 Moving Funds from Public Safety Building Contingency Fund as Approved by the Board of Commissioners at the February 21, 2022.
- i. Moved to New Business.
- j. NON-HEARING Case No. **DEV-001-22**. Consideration of the Providence Hope Mills Subdivision; R6 Zero Lot Line Subdivision/Group Development Review; Hope Mills Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance; Zoned: R6; Acreage: 110.48 ac. +/-; Located at 703 Sand Hill Road; submitted by Dominion Land Corporation (Developer) and Norris & Tunstall (Engineer).
- k. NON-HEARING Case No. **DEV-005-22**. Consideration of the Liberty Point Industrial Park – Lots 2 & 3; M1(P) Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: M1(P); Acreage: 17.59 ac. +/-; Located at 5360 & 5430 Corporation Drive; submitted by Windsor Commercial (Developer) and Timmons Group (Engineer).

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

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

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration to Authorize the Town Manager to Negotiate and Execute Contracts Related to the Bathrooms at the Thomas Oakman Campbell Chapel.
 - Adopt related Budget Amendment #23 in the amount of \$46,775.00.

Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison reviewed the history of this project to include the contractor and bids.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Scarola and carried unanimously, to adopt Budget Amendment #23 in the amount of \$46,775 and authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute contracts related to the bathrooms at the Thomas Campbell Oakman Memorial Chapel.

- b. Consideration of Non-Statutory Ordinance #NS2022-01 Declaring a Temporary Road Closure for the Fourth of July Parade. This is required by NCDOT in order to close DOT streets.

Parks & Recreation Director Morrison remarked the company the Town uses for pyrotechnics is unable to honor the date of the Fourth but can provide the fireworks display on Saturday, July 2nd. Parks & Recreation recommends all Fourth of July festivities occur July 2nd due to cost and other logistics.

Discussion ensued regarding holding the fireworks and parade on July 2nd versus July 4th.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to hold all Fourth of July festivities on July 2nd and to approve Non-Statutory Ordinance #NS2022-01 declaring a temporary road closure for the Fourth of July Parade.

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. Manager's Report.

Town Manager Meszaros provided a copy of the Manager's report in the agenda packet. Town Manager Meszaros added that he will attend a FAMPO meeting with the Mayor on Thursday to discuss additional funding for Johnson Street/CSX railroad and the buoys that have been in question at the lake are expected to be removed by next week.

- b. Reminders.

- Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Historic Preservation Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Friday, March 11, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Board **Yearly Budget Retreat** at Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center (226 Camp Rockfish Rd, Parkton, NC 28371)
- Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. **Board of Commissioners** Regular Meeting, in the Luther board room at Town Hall.
- Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Appearance Commission** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Thursday, March 24, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Veterans Affairs Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.

- Monday, March 28, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- c. Committee Liaisons update on Committee Activities.
- Commissioner Bryan Marley - Historic Preservation Committee
 - Commissioner Grilley Mitchell - Appearance Commission, RLUAC (Regional Land Use Advisory Commission)
 - Commissioner Joanne Scarola – Veterans Affairs Committee, Cumberland County Air Quality Stakeholders Committee
 - Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray - Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Prime Movers
 - Mayor Jackie Warner- Mayor’s Youth Leadership Committee, Mid-Carolina Council of Governments, FAMPO TPB (Transportation Policy Board), FCEDC Municipal Advisory Meeting Liaison

9. STAFF COMMENTS.

10. CLOSED SESSION.

- a. Closed Session Called Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11 (A)(5) Concerning the Acquisition of Real Property and NCGS § 143-318.11 (A)(3) Attorney Client Privilege and pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11 (A)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Legge 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)(5) concerning the acquisition of real property and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (A)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.

Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the front conference room at 7:46 p.m.

At 8:14 p.m. Mayor Warner called the regular meeting back to order.

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk