

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 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 21, 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, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown and Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Rev. Tim Gore, Liberty Hospice Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

Mayor Warner remarked former Sheriff Moose Butler passed away.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Scarola and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of Consent Agenda item b, moved to New Business item c.

2. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Mayor Warner remarked she passed out the Greater Fayetteville Business Journal.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked Town staff for making Hope Mills great.

Commissioner Legge encouraged everyone to attend Spring Sports Opening Day on April 9th.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Presentation from Nore Brantley Regarding Internships in Partnership with CC Schools, The Town of Hope Mills, And the ICON Program Through Cumberland County.

Ms. Nore Brantley of Cumberland County Schools presented the ICON internship program which stands for innovative career opportunities now. Ms. Brantley remarked ICON Program began with NC Works Career Center Youth Services Contracts and partnerships with PWC and the City of Fayetteville and added FTCC and several private companies. What the program entails is paid internships for Cumberland County Schools' students that are 16 years of age or older. ICON Program begins with employability/soft skills training, and a competitive interview process. Interns work for 32 hours per week for 4-6 weeks. The program is projected to start back up in summer 2022.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Scarola and carried unanimously, to partner with ICON Program and instruct the Town Manager and Finance Director to look into how many interns would be feasible for the Town and costs.

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

Mr. Scott Garner of Garner Brown Architects remarked the contractor is currently working on roof panels and interior work. Exterior panels are projected to be installed next month as well as exterior lighting that was recently approved.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. **Annexation Case A2022-01** Camden Commons. Plat Book 00147-Page 0196, 82.503 Contiguous Acres.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Annexation Case A2022-01. There were none.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley to close the public hearing.

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing for Annexation Case A2022-01 at 7:32 p.m.

- Authorize staff initiating the initial zoning of Camden Commons at the Planning Board Meeting: May 17, 2022.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to approve Annexation Case A2022-01 Camden Commons and authorize the initial zoning of 82.503 +/- acres of land to the MXD/CUD Mixed Use/Conditional Use District.

b. **Annexation Case A2022-02** Camden Preserve. Plat Book 00146-Page 0152, 52.94 Contiguous Acres.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Annexation Case A2022-02. There were none.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley to close the public hearing.

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing for Annexation Case A2022-02 at 7:33 p.m.

- Authorize staff initiating the initial zoning of Camden Preserve at the Planning Board Meeting: May 17, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to approve Annexation Case A2022-02 Camden Preserve and authorize staff to begin the initial zoning process to designate the development under the R7.5 Single Family District. Staff is also requesting initial zoning to the C1(P) Planned Local Business District for a small 0.724-acre portion at the northwest corner along Camden Road.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Rod MacLean, 5435 Fountain Lane, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. MacLean spoke in regard to his concern for paying for wetland mitigation due to the sale of the Trade Street Museum property.

Mr. Mark Sternlicht, 2712 Bennington Drive, Fayetteville, NC. Mr. Sternlicht remarked he is a Superior Court Judge and is running in the next general election to keep his seat.

Ms. Rosalyn Hood, 3808 Chantelle Drive, Fayetteville, NC. Ms. Hood provided her background information, to include over 20 years of military service, and remarked she is running as a democratic judicial candidate.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 7, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- b. Moved to New Business.
- c. Consideration of Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute Agreements Associated with the 2022 Household Hazardous Waste and Shred Event on May 7, 2022. Items are included in the current budget.
- d. Consideration of Approval to Discontinue Work on CSX, Johnson Street Sidewalk Project as Instructed by the Board of Commissioners During the Budget Retreat.

- e. Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment #24. This covers change order #6 and construction loan interest for the John W. Hodges Public Safety Center project previously approved at the February 21, 2022 meeting.
- f. NON-HEARING **P12-55**. Initial zoning of 39.43+/- acres to MXD Mixed Use Development/CUD Conditional Use District or to a more restrictive zoning district; located on the southeast side of SR 1108 (Lakewood Drive) and on the north side of SR 1112 (Rockfish Road); owned by Traemoor Village Owner's Association Inc. and HCC Investments LLC. (Hope Mills).
- g. Consideration of Approval of Board, Commission, and Committee Policy. The Board of Commissioners and town volunteer groups and have reviewed this document.
- h. Consideration of Approval of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. This is a routine process that the State requests every few years.
- i. Acceptance of the February 2022 Financial Report.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

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

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration to Authorize the Town Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the John R. McAdams Company, Inc. for the Provision of Heritage Park Phase I Construction Documents.

Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison remarked pursuant to the Mini Brooks Act, the Town ran a 15-day RFQ process and McAdams was the only firm that submitted a proposal. This worked well for the Town as McAdams already completed the Master Plan phase and Design Development phase plan for the project. This part of the plan has already been budgeted and planned for.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the John R. McAdams Company, Inc. for the provision of Heritage Park Phase I Construction documents.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Nominations for Town Volunteer Committees.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the Nominating Committee recommendations for Town volunteer committees.

- b. Discussion of Five for Friday Program and Pledge. Requested by Mayor Warner.

Mayor Warner encouraged Town officials and Town staff to take the pledge and participate in Five for Friday by collecting 5 pieces of garbage each Friday to combat the Town's litter problem.

- c. Consideration of Approval of Sale of Trade Street Museum Building as Instructed by the Board of Commissioners During the Budget Retreat.

Commissioner Scarola commented she was contacted by residents with concerns regarding the permit tied to the dam and museum project. Mayor Warner responded Heritage Park has been designed to be an outdoor museum.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell to sell the Trade Street Museum building by sealed bids in accordance with NCGS 160A-268 and the motion carried 3 to 2, with Commissioner Scarola and Commissioner Legge voting against.

9. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. Manager's Report.

Town Manager Meszaros provided a copy of the Manager's Report included in the agenda packet. Town Manager Meszaros updated that Schnabel will be here during the week of April 4th to inspect the dam. Public Works will be lowering the lake level approximately one foot to accommodate the inspection.

- b. Reminders.

- 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.
- Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Mayor's Youth Leadership Committee** Regular Meeting, in the Luther board room at Town Hall
- Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting**, in the Luther board room at Town Hall.

- Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Prime Movers** Luther Board Room Town Hall.
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Historic Preservation Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- **MAY 7, 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SHRED EVENT**

c. Department Monthly Reports

- Fire Department, Feb., 2022
- Police Department, Feb., 2022
- Permitting, Feb., 2022
- Stormwater Department, Feb., 2022
- Public Works Department, Feb., 2022
 - (1) Sanitation
 - (2) Service Garage
 - (3) Buildings & Grounds
 - (4) Street

10. STAFF COMMENTS.

Town Clerk Starling remarked additional copies of the Five for Friday pledge are available. Mayor Warner requested Town Clerk Starling be the point of contact and collect the pledges.

11. CLOSED SESSION.

- a. Closed Session Called Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to conduct a closed session 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 8:07 p.m.

At 9:17 p.m. Mayor Warner called the regular meeting back to order.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Marley 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 Legge and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.