

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 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, May 2, 2022 at 7:03 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, Development Services Director Chancer McLaughlin, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Deputy Public Works Director Bruce Clark and Police Chief Stephen Dollinger. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was led by Dr. Ron Godbolt, Word of Truth Ministry, Inc., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.**

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Business Item d. Consideration of applications for Parks & Recreation and Historic Preservation Committee.*

**2. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.**

Mayor Warner addressed concerns regarding the Veterans Memorial due to the widening of Rockfish Road by NCDOT. Mayor Warner suggested the formation of an ad hoc committee to make recommendations for the Veterans Memorial. The committee would be named Veterans Memorial Renovation/Relocation Committee. Mayor Warner wished to appoint Dr. Oatman; Mr. Jim Morris; Commissioner Scarola and a member from the Parks & Recreation, Sunshine and Appearance Committees to the ad hoc committee.

Commissioner Scarola thanked everyone for attending and the notable number of residents in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray echoed the comments of Commissioner Scarola.

Commissioner Mitchell remarked the Veterans Memorial is a priority and they will be working on it.

Commissioner Legge recognized all of the Veterans in attendance and thanked all who attended Spring Sports Opening Day.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Final Presentation of the Strategic Plan by Rick Roscetti.

Mr. Roscetti reviewed the strategic plan he has been drafting for the Town after meeting with Town staff and officials.

- b. Proclamation of May 5<sup>th</sup> as National Day of Prayer in Hope Mills.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for National Day of Prayer in Hope Mills.

- c. Proclamation of May 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> as Air Quality Awareness Week.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Air Quality Awareness Week.

- d. Proclamation of National Police Week Observance May 11-16, 2022.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for National Police Week.

- e. Presentation by Jenna Grace Nance About the Kindness Day Event.

Miss Jenna Grace Nance, an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader from Gray's Creek Middle School remarked she will be competing for Miss North Carolina Teen in June and her initiative is Freedom to Be Kind.

Mayor Warner presented Miss Nance with her official Kindness Day proclamation that was presented during the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- f. Presentation from Charlotte Robinson Related to Funding and Support for the TJR Live Center.

Ms. Charlotte Robinson reviewed the various programs and amenities offered at TJ Robinson Center and presented short video clips showcasing the Life Center. Ms. Robinson proposed the Town partner with TJ Robinson Life Center and commit \$5,500 per month for 120 months along with a tax abatement.

Ms. Valerie Shue spoke on behalf of the parents that travel outside of Fayetteville for their children that are involved in basketball and the monetary impact tournaments hosted at TJR Life Center could create for Hope Mills.

- g. Presentation of Manager's recommended proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget.

Town Manager Meszaros touched on highlights of the proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget.

Finance Director Drew Holland reviewed the layout of the budget books.

- Consideration and Possible Action to hold a Budget Workshop(s) in May and/or set a date for Public Hearing on proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The consensus of the Board was to hold the Budget Workshop on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Bill Bowman, 1662 Greenock Ave Fayetteville, NC and Mr. Greg Adair, 2325 Cleveland Ave, Fayetteville, NC. Mr. Bowman spoke on behalf of Gates Four and the entertainment they are hosting. Mr. Adair spoke about the concert series he's responsible for coordinating.

Mr. Jim Morris, 3725 Floyd Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Morris spoke in reference to the Veteran population in Hope Mills and the Veterans Memorial.

Dr. Adrienne Monroe, 1631 Kara Court, Fayetteville, NC. Ms. Monroe spoke in support of the TJ Robinson Life Center.

Ms. Zaneta Lewis, 264 Rene's Ln, Raeford, NC. Ms. Lewis spoke on behalf of the TJ Robinson Life Center reviewing the senior and youth programs being offered.

Mr. Andrew Early, 6443 Touchstone Dr, Fayetteville, NC. Mr. Early spoke in support of the TJ Robinson Life Center and requested the Town partner or provide assistance with the Center.

Ms. Sally Bailey, 5857 Hunting Ridge Road, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Bailey spoke in reference to the state-owned sidewalks by Carlie C's that are in terrible condition and are not handicap accessible.

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 18, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

- b. Consideration of Authorizing Audit Contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Co., P.A for FY 2021-22.
- c. Consideration of Authorizing the Disposal of a Surplus Fixed Asset; 24X60 Modular Unit purchased June 29, 1999.

**“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”**

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

**7. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consideration of Accepting Revision of Section 58-213 of the Panhandling Ordinance by Passing Ordinance Amendment S2022-03.

Attorney Hartzog remarked currently, the panhandling ordinance requires businesses to inform people they cannot solicit. The revision makes it the responsibility of the person looking to solicit to get permission from the business. It shifts responsibility and makes it easier to enforce.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the revision to section 58-213 of the Panhandling Ordinance by passing Ordinance Amendment S2022-03.*

- b. Consideration of Resolution R2022-14 Setting a Public Hearing Date of May 16, 2022 for Annexation A2022-03. The Board accepted the application for an annexation on April 18, 2022 and instructed the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the application which has been completed.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution R2022-14 setting a public hearing date of May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for Annexation A2022-03.*

- c. Consideration of Acceptance of Annexation Petition A2022-04 “Being all of Lot 1, containing 6.00 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat entitled "Horner Subdivision, Addition of Lot 1" and Adopting Resolution R2022-12 Instructing the Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of the Application.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve acceptance of Annexation Petition A2022-04 and adopt Resolution R2022-12 instructing the to investigate sufficiency of the application.*

- d. Consideration of applications for the Historic Preservation and Parks & Recreation Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray remarked the Nominating Committee recommends appointing Jessie Devane to the Historic Preservation Committee and Trea Jenkins to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to appoint Jessie Devane to the Historic Preservation Committee and Trea Jenkins to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.*

## **9. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. Manager's Report.

Town Manager Meszaros provided a report included in the agenda packet.

- b. Reminders.

- Thursday, May 5, 2022 @ 12:00 Noon - **National Day of Prayer** Observation in the Municipal Gazebo.
- Thursday, May 5, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Prime Movers** meeting in the Luther board room in town hall.
- **SATURDAY MAY 7, 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SHRED EVENT.**
- Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Sunshine Committee** meeting in the parks and recreation center.
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Historic Preservation Committee** meeting in the parks and recreation center.
- Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. **Board of Commissioners** regular meeting, in the Luther board room in town hall.
- Monday, May 23, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Parks and Recreation Committee** meeting in the recreation center.
- Tuesday, May 24, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Appearance Commission** meeting in the recreation center.
- Thursday, May 26, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Veterans Affairs Committee** meeting in the recreation center.
- **MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, TOWN OFFICES ARE CLOSED.**

- c. Committee Liaisons update on Committee Activities.

- Commissioner Bryan Marley - Historic Preservation Committee

Commissioner Marley remarked the HPC discussed completing the historic district inventory, inquired about budget concerns and discussed upcoming projects and possible fundraising opportunities.

- Commissioner Grilley Mitchell - Appearance Commission, Hope Mills Sunshine Committee

Commissioner Mitchell remarked the Appearance Commissioner discussed the Christmas decorations.

Mayor Warner recognized Mr. Ron Maury to provide an update on the Sunshine Committee. Mr. Maury remarked the committee elected officers and discussed spreading the word about the committee since their formation.

Commissioner Mitchell requested Town Manager Meszaros work with Parks & Recreation Director Morrison to determine ways for the Sunshine Committee to work with TJ Robinson Center and the senior programs offered and other ways the Sunshine Committee and Town may be able to collaborate with TJR Life Center.

- Commissioner Joanne Scarola – Veterans Affairs Committee

Commissioner Scarola recognized Mr. Jim Morris to provide an update.

Mr. Morris remarked the committee, in conjunction with VFW 10630, just concluded a tax filing assistance program they offer each year. The committee assisted 42 low-income families, saving them over \$10,000 in tax filing fees.

- Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray - Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Prime Movers

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray requested Town Manager Meszaros work with Parks & Recreation Director Morrison to determine ways to partner with the TJ Robinson Life Center in program offerings.

- Mayor Jackie Warner- Mayor's Youth Leadership Committee, Hope Mills Sunshine Committee, Mid-Carolina Council of Governments, FAMPO TPB (Transportation Policy Board), FCEDC Municipal Advisory Meeting Liaison

Mayor Warner remarked she will be presenting high school seniors in the Mayor's Youth Leadership with cords during their graduation and honoring with certificates at Town Hall.

Mayor Warner attended opening day for Seniors Games at Reid Ross as part of the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments.

**10. STAFF COMMENTS.**

Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison discussed opening the swimming area at Hope Mills Lake earlier this year.

*Motion made by Commissioner Scarola, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to open Hope Mills Lake swimming area on May 3, 2022.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jane G. Starling CMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk