

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022, 5:30 P.M.  
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the special meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 5:31 p.m.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin and Human Resources Director Leesa Jensen.

Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was led by Commissioner Grilley Mitchell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

**1. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consideration to Observe Juneteenth as an Official Town Holiday.

Mayor Warner explained that the Federal Government has recognized June 19<sup>th</sup> as an official holiday known as Juneteenth. The state has not added it as an official holiday however several municipalities have begun including it. She suggested that we honor it this year on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> since Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> is on the Board's regular meeting date and there are public hearings already scheduled for that date. She continued that in years coming it would be on the actual day of the holiday except if on Saturday it be observed on Friday and if on Sunday it be observed on Monday. Discussion ensued.

Town Manager Meszaros gave a brief explanation of the current holiday schedule. The Board of Commissioners approved the Town observing the same holidays as the State of NC in 2018.

Mayor Warner explained that the only fiscal impact of adding the holiday would be in the Police and Fire Departments who work on Holidays. This would not require a budget amendment or change.

Mayor Pro Tem McCray commented that she came prepared to read the history of how it took 32 years for the Martin Luther King holiday to be recognized however she decided not to read the entire history and explained that the states of Arizona and South Carolina

were the two final additions and she didn't want NC to be the last to recognize Juneteenth.

*Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the addition of Juneteenth as an additional paid holiday for Town Employees.*

**2. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

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Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk