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Hope Mills Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Summary

HOPE MILLS, N.C. – The following is a summary of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners regular meeting, which was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Luther Board Room of Town Hall. To view the agenda packet for this meeting, please visit www.townofhopemills.com/agendacenter

PRESENTATIONS

Girl Scout Troop 1804 members led the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a presentation of their Girl Scout Award Project focused on teen gun violence prevention. Scout Troop Leader Monica Crawford invited the public to visit their Memorial Garden at Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church located on Raeford Road.

Representatives from Friends of the Skateparks Foundation Terry Grimble and Victor Fontanez, also known as Vic Blends, presented a proposal for a partnership with the Town of Hope Mills to make improvements to the Hope Mills Municipal Skate Park. Mr. Grimble noted quality skateparks benefit municipalities by lowering crime rates, increasing tourism, and keeping kids and young adults active outdoors. Skateparks also promote good physical and mental health and build self-esteem. Grimble also reviewed cost estimates and possible sources of funding Friends of the Skateparks Foundation would provide assistance with through fundraising events, sale of merchandise, donations, sponsorships, and grants. ***The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a partnership with Friends of the Skateparks Foundation.***

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Case ZNG-008-23: Rezoning of 2.27+/- acres from the R10 Residential district to the C(P) Planned Commercial district; located at 4215 Legion Rd REIDs 0424086776000 and 0424088534000; presented by TIL Holdings of Texas, LLC (agent) on behalf of Myron Kent Dove; Judy Dove; John D. Dove, Jr; Gail Dove; Kimberly McGill Dove Trustee (owners). ***There were no speakers during the public hearing. The Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.***

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CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the August 21, 2023 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- b. Consideration of Budget Amendment 23/24 #1. A Parks & Recreation Center Alarm System was approved at the August 21, 2023 Board Meeting. Budget Amendment #1 provides the funding for the purchase and installation of the new Alarm System.
- c. Acceptance of the August 2023 Financial Report.

The Board unanimously approved the items on the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration of Nominating Committee Recommendations.** *The Board voted unanimously, to appoint Glenn Wallace to the Appearance Commission and Denise Melton to the Veterans Affairs Committee.*
- b. **Discussion of No Parking Ordinance on Golfview/Black Bridge Road.** This discussion item was added to the agenda during the approval of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. The Town of Hope Mills has faced ongoing public safety issues as a result of lack of parking at facilities within the Town limits and vehicles parking off to the side of state-maintained roadways. Town officials plan to reach out to facility owners to remedy the situation. Additionally, the Town Attorney and Interim Town Manager determined the Town has the authority to adopt a No Parking Ordinance on a state-maintained roadway and reviewed the process noting that the Town would be responsible for enforcing it. ***The Board voted unanimously to instruct the Town Attorney to draft a No Parking Ordinance.***

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Town Manager's Report.** Interim Town Manager Chancer McLaughlin highlighted several items in his Manager's Report that is included in the agenda packet and posted to the Town's social media pages and website after each meeting. Interim Town Manager McLaughlin announced the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Heritage Park scheduled for Friday, October 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., and the Town's recent partnership with Mid-Carolina Regional Council Area Agency on Aging.

Interim Town Manager McLaughlin commended members of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners and Town staff that participated in a staff led #TeamHopeMills Litter Sweep that was the kick off to the Town's fall cleanup events that began on Saturday, September 16, 2023. A townwide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023.

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CLOSED SESSION

Closed session called 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) (6) to discuss a personnel matter. *The Board voted unanimously to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) and (a) (6).* The Board of Commissioners assembled in the front conference room of Hope Mills Town Hall at 8:12 p.m. to conduct a closed session. At 9:00 p.m. the regular meeting was called back to order. ***The Board voted 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.***

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