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Town of Carrboro

Meeting Minutes Town Council

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager; Cathy Dorando, Town Clerk; Brady Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING

Fred Joiner, the Town's Poet Laureate, read a poem by Claude McKay titled "If We Must Die," and a poem by Georgia Douglas Johnson, titled "When I Rise Up."

PROCLAMATION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed February as "Black History Month" in the Town of Carrboro and presented the proclamation to Anna Richards, President of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Branch of the NAACP.

RESOLUTION – CALLING FOR UNC-CHAPEL HILL TO CEASE OPERATIONS OF ITS COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT

Mayor Lavelle stated that this item will be postponed to allow for the addition of language that better reflects information that the Council has received during the last week.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Jovita Lee, with the Center for Biological Diversity, spoke in favor of the proposed resolution calling for the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to cease operation of its coal-fired power plant.

Terry Richards spoke in favor of the proposed resolution calling for the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to cease operation of its coal-fired power plant.

Terri Buckner stated that she appreciates that everyone wants clean air but that closing the cogeneration plant at UNC will push more pollutants to other residents. She was not in support of the proposed resolution calling for the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to cease operation of its coal-fired power plant.

Council Member Seils will work with Jovita Lee and provide a revised UNC Coal resolution at a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2020 AND AMENDMENTS TO JUNE 26, 2018 MEETING MINUTES VIA ATTACHED RESOLUTION

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, THAT THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4, 2020 AND AMENDMENTS TO JUNE 26, 2018 MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED.
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING QUARTERLY REPORT

The purpose of this item was for the Council to receive an update on the Town's Affordable Housing Activities.

Council Member Foushee requested an update on the Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) map and on details related to possible affordable housing efforts on Town-owned land in future reports.

Rebecca Buzzard, Housing and Community Services Director, provided a staff response to Council Member Foushee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The purpose of this agenda item was to update the Council on economic development activity within the Town.

Council Member Foushee requested that additional efforts be made to engage with the Town's minority owned businesses and that this information be reflected in future reports. She also inquired about how the GARE initiative will align with the department's work and asked for future information on this, as well.

Council Member Gist asked that staff look into providing small business training and possibly partnering with Launch and 1789 at UNC to reach more minority residents that are interested in exploring entrepreneurship.

Annette Stone, the Town's Economic Development Director, provided the staff response.

STORMWATER UTILITY MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the monthly update regarding Stormwater Utility projects and initiatives.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND TO HAVE STAFF REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION ON THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT PROVISIONS IN THE COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF JORDAN LAKE RULES REQUIREMENTS AND THE BOLIN CREEK WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

ENO ARTS MILL PRESENTATION

The purpose of this item was for Orange County Arts Commission Executive Director Katie Murray to update the Town Council on a new initiative to provide affordable space for artists at the Eno Arts Mill in Hillsborough.

There was no formal action by the Council.

CONTINUATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK QUOTE PLAQUES

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Town Council to approve five quotes needed for the walking trail plaques.

Anita Jones-McNair, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Resources Director and Race and Equity Officer, provided the staff report.

A motion was made by Council Member Seils, seconded by Council Member Foushee, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING REMAINING QUOTES FOR PLAQUES ALONG THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WALKING TRAIL

WHEREAS, Town staff reached out to the following groups to seek additional quotes

- Carrboro Youth Advisory Board
- Carrboro Youth Council
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP
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- Truth Plaque Committee;

WHEREAS, Town staff also included a suggestion box at the Youth Led Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Life and Legacy Celebration and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Ribbon Cutting Event; and,

WHEREAS, Town staff developed a list based on ideas received; and,

WHEREAS, five quotes are needed for remaining plaques along the walking trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council for the Town of Carrboro approves the following quotes:

5. “No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.”

#8. “[P]rivilaged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily.”

#23. “A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programming of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”

#24. “Capitalism was built on exploitation and suffering of black slaves and continues to thrive on the exploitation of the poor – both black and white, both here and abroad.”

#27. “There is not even a common language when the term ‘equality’ is used. Negro and white have a fundamentally different definition.”

This the 4th day of February 2020.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O’Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, and Council Member Sammy Slade

GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE AND EQUITY (GARE) INITIATIVE UPDATE

The purpose of this agenda item was to update the Town Council on the GARE initiative.

Anita Jones-McNair, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Resources Director and Race and Equity Officer, provided the staff report.

There was no formal action taken by the Town Council regarding the receipt of this update.

SCOPE OF DUTIES AND POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD, PLANNING BOARD, AND APPEARANCE COMMISSION

The purpose of this agenda item was to consider adjustments to the duties and titles of noted Town advisory boards in conjunction with shifting Climate Action Plan implementation to the Town Manager’s office.

Trish McGuire, Planning Director, provided the staff report on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gist, seconded by Council Member Foushee, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SCOPE OF DUTIES AND POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD, PLANNING BOARD AND APPEARANCE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council has considered possible adjustments to the duties and titles of advisory boards in conjunction with the implementation of the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, information on the existing and possible new scope of duties for these boards has been provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Town Council provides the following direction:

1. Staff will seek feedback from the Planning Board and Appearance Commission before scheduling a public hearing.
2. Staff will report back on the impact and precedent of dissolving an advisory board.
3. Staff will consider “Environmental Protection” in the new Appearance Committee name.
4. Staff will consider adding sustainability to the name of the new climate action group.
5. Staff will include the municipal plan in the scope of work for the climate action group.

This the 4th day of February 2020.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, and Council Member Sammy Slade

203 PROJECT WITH PROJECTIONS

The purpose of this item was to provide the Town Council with a report on cost projections related to parking leases and construction, and energy efficiency/carbon reduction strategies.

Trish McGuire, the Planning Director, Arche McAdoo, the Finance Director, and Annette Stone, the Economic Development Director, provided the staff report.

The Town Council discussed elements of the design, including the possible addition of a fourth floor, additional parking, the inclusion or removal of the black box theater component, renting the additional 4th floor out as commercial space (a source of income) or using the space as a startup incubator, but did not take any formal action on these discussion points.

Staff commented that they will continue to move forward and engage in a conversation about a contractual option that would allow a review and change period provision in the beginning of the design process. Staff will also review the 4th floor conversation and show an impact this could have on debt with commercial rental as income. Staff will also show the projections about what the actual dollar amount is between the maximum debt ratio shown and the 12% maximum.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, FOR STAFF TO REPORT BACK ON WHAT THE COST WOULD BE TO MAKE THIS PROJECT ENERGY NEUTRAL. VOTE:
AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 143-318.11(A)(1) and (5)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GIST, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHÉE, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHÉE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

Town Clerk

Mayor