



301 W. Main St.  
Town Hall  
Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro  
Meeting Minutes  
Town Council**

**January 10, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers - Room 110**

**This meeting was broadcasted live on cable television and the internet.**

**Present:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Sammy Slade

**Absent:** Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Richard White, Town Manager

**Also Present:** Trish McGuire, Planning Director & Acting Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

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**POETRY READING**

Liza Wolff-Francis, the new Town Poet Laureate, read a poem entitled "Carrboro."

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**RESOLUTION: NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

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

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, National Mentoring Month brings awareness to the importance of quality mentoring that promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem, emotional wellbeing, and growth of a young person and their relationships with other adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro honors volunteer mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs like the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program, Volunteers for Youth, Musical Empowerment, the Reintegration Support Network, Triangle Bikeworks, and the Refugee Community Partnership, and capacity building agencies like the Youth Mentoring Collaborative make our communities and our state stronger by driving impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and provide invaluable support networks; and

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, mentoring programs across the state stepped up to fill gaps for young people and families, connecting them with resources despite physical distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, trauma-informed, alternative approaches to mentoring that target mental health challenges provide a pathway to promote mental wellness, increase access to evidence-based mental wellness skills training, and reduce structural barriers to mental health services; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring plays a pivotal role in career exploration and supports workforce development by helping young people set career goals, equipping mentors with the skills needed to support the professional growth of young people and driving positive outcomes for communities across the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, hereby recognizes January 2023 as National Mentoring Month in Carrboro and encourages residents to encourage and celebrate mentoring throughout the community.

This the 10th day of January, 2023.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Tom Arnel** spoke about the Fleet Feet MLK Jr Day of Service Fun Run/Walk taking place January 16th at 10am.

**Brain Crawford** spoke about the roadblock on Wyndham Dr. stating it does not comply with the Town's Land Use Ordinance.

Council Member Slade asked the staff to follow up on this issue.

**Kari Lenox** spoke about her concern of a blog post on limiting people to speak at public meetings.

**Matt Neal** spoke in favor of the loading zone on South Greensboro St. and the need for it to be marked as a loading zone.

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### **APPROVAL OF APRIL 26 & MAY 3, 2022 MINUTES**

Council suggested to keep minutes more concise.

**A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Romaine to approve the minutes as presented in the agenda packet.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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### **ADOPTION OF 2023 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR**

The purpose of this item is for Town Council to adopt the 2023 meeting calendar.

**A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Foushee to approve the meeting calendar.**

Council discussed the desire to have a little more time to thoroughly review the meeting calendar.

**Council Member Posada withdrew the motion to approve the meeting calendar.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Slade to table the vote on the meeting calendar as presented in the agenda packet.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF CHRIS ATACK TO THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS SAFETY TASK FORCE**

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council appoint Police Chief Chris Atack to serve on the Orange County School Safety Task Force.

**A motion was made by Council Member Romaine, seconded by Council Member Slade to table the vote on the appointment and request more information from Orange County on what is being asked with the appointment.**

Council Members would like to know if a volunteer from the Community Safety Task Force could serve.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO MPO 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT**

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to receive the 2021-2022 annual report from the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO).

Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO), gave a presentation to council. No Council action taken.

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**CONSIDERATION OF TOWN CODE AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING A LOADING ZONE ON SOUTH GREENSBORO STREET**

The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to consider an amendment to the Town Code establishing a loading zone in front of a portion of the north bound shoulder at 100 South Greensboro Street.

**A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Romaine to approve the Ordinance Amending the Town Code:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TO ADD A COMMERCIAL LOADING ZONE IN FRONT OF 100 SOUTH GREENSBORO STREET**

Ordinance No: 6 / FY 22-23

THE CARRBORO TOWN COUNCIL ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Article IV of Chapter 6, Section 6-25 of the Carrboro Town Code (Commercial Loading Zones) is amended by adding a new subsection (5) to read as follows:

(5) On the east side of South Greensboro Street beginning at a point approximately 25 feet south of the centerline of Main Street to a point approximately 75 feet to the south of the first point.

**Section 2.** All provisions of any town ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**CONSIDERATION OF NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES (NCLM) MUNICIPAL ADVOCACY GOALS AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to review and consider the endorsement of the NCLM municipal advocacy goals.

Council members voted by ballot on 10 legislative goal statements. The following goals were selected by Council Members to endorse:

- Expand federal and state resources for affordable housing.
- Create an adequate and permanent funding stream for local infrastructure.
- Allow municipalities to use local resources and capabilities to expand broadband access in their communities through innovative partnerships.
- Extend deadlines for completion of federal infrastructure projects.
- Expand state transportation funding streams for construction and maintenance for municipal and state-owned secondary roads.
- Support integrated and multi-modal transportation solutions.
- Increase state funding for public transportation operations.
- Expand incentives and funding for local economic development.
- Provide authority to municipal water systems to recoup costs of clean-up from polluters.
- Provide local revenue options beyond property tax.

**A motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member Posada that the following resolution be approved:**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ADVOCACY GOALS  
PROPOSED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
FOR THE 2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE BIENNIUM**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) Board of Directors approved 16 proposed municipal advocacy goals for the 2023-2024 legislative biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, each NCLM member municipality may endorse up to 10 of the 16 proposed goals as part of the NCLM's legislative goals development process; and

**WHEREAS**, each NCLM member municipality may designate a single voting delegate who will cast the municipality's vote by January 12, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, endorses the following goals from the list of 16 proposed legislative goals recommended by the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors:

- Expand federal and state resources for affordable housing.
- Create an adequate and permanent funding stream for local infrastructure.
- Allow municipalities to use local resources and capabilities to expand broadband access in their communities through innovative partnerships.
- Extend deadlines for completion of federal infrastructure projects.
- Expand state transportation funding streams for construction and maintenance for municipal and state-owned secondary roads.
- Support integrated and multi-modal transportation solutions.
- Increase state funding for public transportation operations.
- Expand incentives and funding for local economic development.
- Provide authority to municipal water systems to recoup costs of clean-up from polluters.
- Provide local revenue options beyond property tax.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council designates the Town Clerk to act as the Town’s voting delegate for the purpose of casting the Town’s vote on the proposed legislative goals identified above and directs the Town Clerk to cast the Town’s vote before the January 12, 2023 deadline.

This the 10th day of January 2023.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O’Donnell**

**A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Nowell, that the following resolution be approved:**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CLOSING NORTH CAROLINA’S  
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE GAP THROUGH MEDICAID EXPANSION**

**WHEREAS**, people in the health insurance “coverage gap” earn too much income to qualify for Medicaid but do not earn enough to qualify for a subsidy in the private marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, 8.9% of workers in Orange County are uninsured, according to an analysis from the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, closing the health insurance coverage gap through expansion of Medicaid would extend affordable health insurance coverage to 7254 people in Orange County and more than 600,000 people across the state who cannot access the health care they need; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding from taxes that North Carolinians have already paid will cover 90% of costs for states closing the health insurance coverage gap to residents who need access to affordable health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Orange County had 13 deaths and 47 emergency department visits related to opioid overdose in 2019, and closing the health insurance coverage gap would provide access to behavioral health care to address the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, healthy people and access to affordable health care are key to the Orange County and Carrboro economy; and

**WHEREAS**, closing the health insurance coverage gap would create 629 new jobs in Orange County, drive \$141,300,000 in new business activity in Orange County, and generate \$3,724,200 in new county revenue, according to an analysis by the Cone Health Foundation, the Milken Institute School of Public Health, and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, urges the North Carolina General Assembly to close the health insurance coverage gap in North Carolina by passing Medicaid expansion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council asks the Town Clerk to share this resolution with Representative Allen Buansi, Representative Renée Price, Senator Graig Meyer, and all leaders of the North Carolina General Assembly.

This the 10th day of January, 2023.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Foushee, to adjourn the meeting.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**Town Clerk**

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**Mayor**