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Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council**

September 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Barbara Foushee, Council Member Catherine Fray, Council Member Jason Merrill, Mayor Pro Tem Danny Nowell, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Eliazar Posada

Also Present: Patrice Toney, Town Manager; Lamar Joyner, Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING

N/A

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation
Diaper Need Awareness Week Proclamation
Voter Registration Day Proclamation
Chapel Hill Transit's 50th Anniversary Proclamation
Reproductive Rights are Human Rights Resolution

Council Member Haven O'Donnell made a motion to pass the Reproductive Rights are Human Rights resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Posada.

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Patrice Toney shared information and upcoming events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rose, a proud Carrboro citizen, voiced their support for the Reproductive Rights as Human Rights resolution. They shared that they are at risk of an ectopic pregnancy and would require an abortion if they were to get pregnant. They encouraged others to support and join member-led organizations fighting for abortion care.

Tara Romano is the Executive Director of Pro-Choice North Carolina. She voiced support for reproductive freedom.

Florence Simán has been a Carrboro resident for the last twenty-five years, and works with El Pueblo, an organization working at the intersection of immigrant rights and

reproductive justice. She voiced that no one should be criminalized for pregnancy outcomes.

Anu Kumar is the President and CEO of IPAS, an organization dedicated to expanding access to abortion and contraception. Thanked the council for approving the Reproductive Rights are Human Rights resolution.

Melva Okun of 108 High St in Carrboro thanked Council Member Haven O'Donnell for working with organizations in the community to create the Reproductive Rights are Human Rights resolution. Ms. Okun expressed that women's lives, especially women of color, are at risk. She encouraged residents to vote.

Shelley Welch expressed concern about the Town of Carrboro's Planning and Zoning department's processes as not being equitable.

CONSENT AGENDA

REQUEST TO SET LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION CONSOLIDATION AND ATTENDANCE

PURPOSE: To request the Town Council set a public hearing to consider amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to consolidate certain advisory boards and commissions and to revise language associated with attendance policies and procedures. A resolution setting a public hearing for October 15, 2024, has been provided.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ORANGE COUNTY CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY SERVICES BY THE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INITIATIVE (DFI) FOR THE GREENE TRACT

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council consider adopting a resolution of support for Orange County proceeding with financial feasibility services related to the development of the Greene Tract Master Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Fray seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDUCT A QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER A TREE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY POSES A DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY

PURPOSE: Conduct a quasi-judicial public hearing to assess the removal of a tree on private property that has been declared a public nuisance due to its potential danger to public health and safety.

Town attorney Nick Herman came to the podium to go on public record that this is not a legislative decision, it is a quasi-judicial one.

Lamar Joyner, Town Clerk, presented the oath to Deputy Director of Public Works Keith Berger and Julie Rorrer, the property owner.

Keith Berger and Julie Rorrer affirmed the oath.

Mr. Berger gave a presentation about the tree on Ms. Rorrer's property at 710 W Rosemary Street in Carrboro.

Ms. Rorrer explained that she wants the dead tree gone, and she would like help from the Town to pay for the cost of removing the tree. Ms. Rorrer explained that the Town installed a pedhead on her property over twenty years ago without her agreement.

Council Members asked questions.

Mr. Herman explained the provision, cost, and expenses to Ms. Rorrer and Council.

Council members had questions about the process and whether the Town or Ms. Rorrer was responsible for the tree.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell made a motion to pass the resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Merrill.

Council Member Posada made a motion to amend the resolution that the property owner reimburse the town within ninety days instead of thirty. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fray.

Motion carried, 6-0.

GENERAL AGENDA

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND STAFFING ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION AND PAY PLAN RESOLUTION

PURPOSE: For the Town Council to receive a presentation by Baker Tilly on the recently completed Town of Carrboro Organization Structure and Staffing Assessment and request that the Town Council adopt the changes to the Town of Carrboro Position Classification and Pay Plan in alignment with the recommendations of the organizational assessment.

Julie Eckenrode, HR Director, introduced representatives from Baker Tilly who presented a PowerPoint about the staffing study via Zoom.

Council Members asked questions about the assessment and Baker Tilly's town-wide recommendations.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell made a motion to amend the resolution, directing Town Manager Toney to provide a detailed plan in response to action item number one in addition to the resolution pertaining to salaries. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fray.

Motion carried, 6-0.

CHANGE THE START TIME OF THE SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2024 FROM 7:00 PM TO 6:00 PM.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to have any discussion and adopt the change to the start time of the scheduled regular meetings and work sessions for the remainder of 2024.

Town Manager Toney provided an explanation for the proposed time change.

Council Member Haven O'Donnell asked who is burdened by this change.

Council members agreed to circle back at the end of the year.

Council Member Fray made a motion to change the start time of Council meetings to 6pm for the remainder of the year. Mayor Pro Tem Nowell seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 6-0.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REVIEW TO CREATE PAID PARKING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PARKING LOCATIONS

PURPOSE: To provide information on the public engagement of paid parking and gather Council direction.

Jon Hartman-Brown, Economic Development Director, gave a presentation about the background and outreach efforts, as well as recommendations for next steps regarding paid parking in the Town.

Council Members asked Mr. Hartman-Brown questions and engaged in discussion about paid parking.

Council Member Fray made a motion to have a work session about paid parking between now and the end of March 2025. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nowell.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell made a motion to direct staff to bring Council a presentation about the feasibility of a leasing program in which the Town leases spaces in publicly owned lots to downtown workers and businesses. Council Member Fray seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Council Member Haven O'Donnell made a motion that staff provide a feasibility write-up about pedestrianizing the block of Weaver Street, between North Greensboro and Main Street, adding downtown micro-mobility options to Council. Mayor Pro Tem Nowell seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE ORANGE COUNTY SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

PURPOSE: The Orange County Transportation Services Department has engaged consultant services to prepare a Short Range Transit Plan. The purpose of this item is to provide the Town Council with an update on the process and an opportunity to review the draft plan. The County is anticipated to adopt the plan in October 2024.

Tina Moon, Planning Administrator, gave a presentation on the overview and next steps of the short-range transit plan.

Council members asked questions

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) to hear legal matters with no possible action anticipated following the closed session. Council Member Fray seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The Council heard the update and had discussion regarding the matters. No action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell moved to go back into open session. Council Member Haven-O'Donnell seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Nowell moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Fray seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.
