



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

**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council**

March 21, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Eliazar Posada Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Sammy Slade

Also Present: Richard White, Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Brady Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING

Poet Susan Spalt read two of her own poems entitled “Felix” and “Naked Ladies Bloom in Autumn.”

RESOLUTION – EARTH HOUR - MARCH 25, 2023, 8:30-9:30 PM

A motion was made by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Foushee that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN EARTH HOUR ON MARCH 25th, 2023

WHEREAS, 8:30 pm on March 25, 2023, has been designated as “Earth Hour” by the World Wildlife Fund as a reminder that, through collective action, individuals can make a positive impact in the fight against climate change; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour 2023 aims to increase awareness and spark global conversations on protecting nature, tackling the climate crisis, and working together to shape a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour engages supporters in more than 190 countries and territories annually in support of conservation and climate action, making it one of the largest grassroots environmental movements in the world; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour involves a simple action—turning off lights for one hour and giving an hour for Earth by spending 60 minutes doing something—anything—positive for our planet to make this Earth Hour the Biggest Hour for Earth; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has recognized Earth Hour for the past 12 years, joined Cities for Climate Protection, and is committed to reducing greenhouse emissions; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro made its first commitment to climate protection in 2001 through joining the Cities for Climate Protection and conducted its first greenhouse gas emissions inventory in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted a climate protection resolution in December 2009, accepted the Energy and Climate Protection Plan in 2014, and accepted the Community Climate Action Plan in 2017; and

WHEREAS, cities and states across the country and around the world are joining with Carrboro to demonstrate a commitment to addressing climate action by supporting Earth Hour.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby designates March 25, 2023, from 8:30 to 9:30 pm as Earth Hour in Carrboro and encourages all residents and businesses of Carrboro to join in supporting the aims and goals of this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council directs staff to send out a public service announcement to publicize Earth Hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lights in front of Town Hall will be turned off March 25, 2023, from 8:30 to 9:30 pm in recognition of Earth Hour.

This the 21st day of March 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Haac - Addressed the Council about inclusion.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE GREENE TRACT DEEDS

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to approve a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to sign the Greene Tract deeds associated with the property recombination to allow for the transfer of property with the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE GREENE TRACT PROPERTY TRANSFER DEED

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council supports community infrastructure, planning and related remediation efforts related to impacts of the 1972 landfill siting in the Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council is a joint owner of the 107-acre portion of the Greene Tract with Orange County and the Town of Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council has adopted a resolution to recombine portions of the Greene Tract from owned jointly by the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill and Orange County to owned solely by Orange County, and vice-versa, and **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to sign the accompanying deed that recombines portions of the Greene Tract, together with any required supporting documentation, on its behalf.

This is the 21st day of March in the year 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

A REQUEST TO SET A QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT-A SUBDIVISION PROJECT AT 8522 OLD NC 86

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that Town Council adopt a resolution setting a public hearing date for consideration of a Special Use Permit-A for a subdivision project at 8522 Old NC 86. If approved, the permit will allow for the construction of 72 single-family homes.

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

A RESOLUTION CALLING A QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT-A APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED JADE CREEK ARCHITECTURALLY INTEGRATED SUBDIVISION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council seeks to provide ample opportunities for the public to comment on proposed projects; and

WHEREAS, an application has been received for a Special Use Permit-A Permit authorizing the construction of 72 single-family homes and associated infrastructure at 8522 Old NC 86, also identified by Orange County PIN number 9860-81-0089.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council hereby call a public hearing on May 23, 2023 to discuss the proposed Jade Creek subdivision project.

This the 21st day of March 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mayor Seils asked to push this agenda item to a future agenda due to missing some emails regarding this appointment during the week.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION

Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following applicant(s) to the Racial Equity Commission

Seat Designation	Appointee	Term Expiration
Person of Color - 10 Year Resident	Donald Hawkins	2/2025

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 21st day of March 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL 2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council discuss and consider additional legislative priorities for 2023-2024.

Council Member Foushee made a motion, seconded by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell that the following Carrboro Town Council 2023 Legislative Priorities be approved:

CARRBORO TOWN COUNCIL 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Adopted March 21, 2023

1. NC League of Municipalities priorities (endorsed on January 10, 2023)
 - a. Expand federal and state resources for affordable housing.
 - b. Create an adequate and permanent funding stream for local infrastructure.
 - c. Allow municipalities to use local resources and capabilities to expand broadband access in their communities through innovative partnerships.
 - d. Extend deadlines for completion of federal infrastructure projects.
 - e. Expand state transportation funding streams for construction and maintenance for municipal and state-owned secondary roads.
 - f. Support integrated and multi-modal transportation solutions.
 - g. Increase state funding for public transportation operations.
 - h. Expand incentives and funding for local economic development.
 - i. Provide authority to municipal water systems to recoup costs of clean-up from polluters.
 - j. Provide local revenue options beyond property tax.
2. Broadband flexibility for local governments in a manner that would allow leasing infrastructure to private service providers.
3. Flooding and stormwater assistance
4. Statewide source of funds (or another source of funds) for schools to address utilities/stormwater mitigation.
5. Police video camera footage viewing and release for governing boards.
6. Begin policy making and enact a program to allocate funding for reparations to governments at the local level, healing some of the deepest wounds we face today and reaffirming our commitment to a more inclusive future.
7. Authority for OWASA to safely reuse certain potable waters.
8. Legislation to raise the minimum wage to a living wage and to authorize local governments to raise the minimum wage in their jurisdictions above the state floor; to provide paid leave, such as sick leave and parental leave; and to repeal “right to work” laws and extend the right to collective bargaining to public sector employees.
9. Statewide plan to safeguard water systems from PFAS/PFOA “forever chemicals,” including stricter drinking water standards; monitoring of forever chemicals in reservoirs, emergency intakes, community sewer and septic systems, and soil; carbon/reverse osmosis filtration systems; and public education and outreach.
10. Campaign finance reform legislation to counteract the effects of *Citizens United v FEC*.
11. Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO–Capital Area MPO Joint Transportation Policy Priorities for the Triangle Metro Region
12. Climate action at the speed, scale, and breadth called for by science and climate justice principles.
13. Comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level.

This the 21st day of March 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member Slade to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.
