



Town of Carrboro

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301 W. Main St.
Carrboro, NC 27510

Meeting Minutes

Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Michelle Johnson Alderman Sammy Slade, and Alderman Damon Seils

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager, Cathy Wilson, Town Clerk, Mike Brough, Town Attorney

PROCLAMATION - JOHN WOOTEN NIGHT

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed the night of February 11, 2014 as "EMT-Paramedic John Wooten Night" in Carrboro.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE LOVE OF CARRBORO MONTH

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed the month of February as "For the Love of Carrboro Month" in Carrboro.

A PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN COMMUNITY INPUT ON TOWN NEEDS AND BUDGET FOR UPCOMING FY 2014-15

This was a public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the upcoming budget for the Town beginning July 1, 2014.

David Andrews, Town Manager, opened the public hearing by discussing the goals and challenges for the upcoming budget process.

Robert Dowling, Executive Director of the Community Home Trust, thanked the Board for their

previous support and asked them to consider funding them again.

Allen Spalt, a resident of James Street, asked the Board to determine the proper movement of personnel pay within the Town's pay scale so that employees do not suffer from issues of compression. He also asked for the Town to start setting aside funding to deal with stormwater and flooding issues.

Alderman Johnson stated that she would like to see the housing wage and compression issues brought back to the Board before the budget process. She also expressed a request to increase the outer agency funding that is available for non-profits.

Alderman Seils stated that he wants to see the housing wage issue brought back to the Board soon.

Alderman Gist expressed concern with the pay for staff that are in the middle of their pay grade. She also stated that the Arts Commission will be asking for an increase in next year's budget.

Alderman Slade asked for staff to address the salary ranges and determine if they need to be changed. He stated that a bond referendum is being considered for affordable housing in Orange County.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she wants to see that the Police Officer pay is competitive and that officers are brought to where they need to be.

SOLARIZE CARRBORO REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board to receive a report on Solarize Carrboro from Rob Pinder with Next Climate, Inc.

Randy Dodd, the Town's Environmental Planner, introduced Rob Pinder the Executive Director of NextClimate. Rob Pinder discussed the details associated with the Solarize Carrboro project. He explained that the group will continue to look for ways to include commercial developments and non-homeowner projects.

Alderman Gist stated that she wants to make sure that the savings do not result from lower paid labor workers. Mr. Pender stated that he can add that requirement to the RFP.

Alderman Slade asked that the Town support the project. He asked that a map be made available to assist with identifying target neighborhoods. He also asked that this project be made available for low-income households.

Alderman Seils stated that he is interested in this project being made available to large multifamily residents and non-homeowner (renter occupied) housing.

UPDATE ON THE PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING A PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN

This agenda follows up on the Board of Aldermen's resolution on November 12, 2013, relating to developing a scope for a parking management plan.

Jeff Brubaker, the Town's Transportation Planner, made the staff presentation.

Alderman Gist stated that she wants to make sure that there is an unbiased consultant chosen and will ask the Board to be involved in the review of the RFP and final selection from the top three consultants. She stated that she does not want the Carrboro Bicycle Coalition to select the consultant.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she would like to see bike sharing and rentals included in the study. She asked if the survey group could partner with established networks, such as PORCH, to distribute the survey.

Alderman Johnson stated that during the Parking Summit, she witnessed people wanting parking data and to discuss employee parking issues in Carrboro. She asked that the survey and scavenger hunt be inclusive to persons with disabilities. She also requested further information about loading zone parking.

Alderman Slade stated that he would like for the Board to have a future discussion on their personal parking plan biases and values.

Alderman Seils asked that the plan account for modes of travel, such as transit service, that don't require parking.

Mayor Lavelle asked that the plan also include using park-and-ride lots in Carrboro as regional parking areas for further transportation.

Staff will provide an update to the Board on the recent Parking Summit.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL FOR STAFF TO NARROW THE SEARCH DOWN TO THREE CONSULTANT FIRMS AND FOR THE FINAL THREE FIRMS TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR FINAL SELECTION. PRIOR TO REVIEW OF THE CONSULTANTS THE BOARD WILL HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THEIR PARKING VALUES DURING A WORK SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SEILS FOR BIKE SHARING, RENTALS, AND PARKING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PARKING PLAN. THE CONSULTANT SHOULD EXTEND THE REACH OF SURVEYS INTO NEIGHBORHOODS BY WORKING WITH ESTABLISHED GROUPS, SUCH AS PORCH. THE PLAN SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER CARRBORO'S DOWNTOWN AS A PARK-AND-RIDE LOCATION WITHIN THE SCOPE OF REGIONAL TRANSIT .VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SLADE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON FOR AN INFORMATION FORUM TO BE HELD BEFORE ANY CHARETTE TO FACILITATE AN INFORMED PROCESS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

STORM WATER DESIGN STANDARDS - FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

The purpose of this item was to provide the Board of Aldermen an opportunity to discuss possible future changes to storm water design standards in light of recent flooding issues and concerns about climate change.

George Seiz, the Town's Public Works Director, made the staff report and answered questions from the Board.

Alderman Seils stated that it will be helpful to hear from staff about the options of mitigating the current stormwater problems. Staff should report back with a program of action prior to the Board's summer break. Staff should provide frequent updates to the Board of Aldermen via email, and/or at a Board Meeting.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked that staff report back on the idea to set aside future funding to assist the vulnerable neighborhoods. She also asked for the staff updates to be made available on the Town's website for the public.

Allen Spalt stated that a few of the roads in his neighborhood are causing flood waters to dam.

Mayor Lavelle asked for a report prior to the Board's summer break that will show an outline of the process, or timeline of the work plan.

The Town Manager was given direction to update the Board on various methods of paying for the upgrades, including the Town's taxing authority.

Alderman Gist stated that she would like the website to have a list of resources for people who are experiencing moments of crisis.

DISCUSSION ON LAND USES ASSOCIATED WITH DRIVE-IN AND DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOWS

The purpose of this item was to provide the Board of Aldermen with an opportunity to discuss regulations affecting land uses with drive-in and drive-through windows.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN

HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM UNTIL MARCH 11, 2014. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

DISCUSSION OF PROHIBITION ON PARKING IN PUBLIC LOTS FROM 3 AM TO 5 AM

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide an opportunity for the Board of Aldermen to discuss the late night/early morning parking prohibition for public parking lots in the downtown.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GIST TO REMOVE THE LANGUAGE FROM THE TOWN CODE THAT PROHIBITS PARKING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00 A.M. AND 5:00 A.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GIST TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER PURSUANT TO NCGS § 143-318.11 (4). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

OPEN SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL