



Town of Carrboro

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Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

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

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager, Catherine Dorando, Town Clerk, Bob Hornik, Town Attorney

TOWN OF CARRBORO AWARDED GFOA'S DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

The purpose of this item was to acknowledge the Town's Finance Department for being awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Mayor Lavelle noted that the Town of Carrboro has received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award for the 14th year. She presented the award to members of the Finance Department that were in attendance. The staff included: Arche McAdoo, Finance Director, Sandy Svoboda, Purchasing officer, Earlene Hicks, Assistant to the Finance Director, Jane Bowden, Accounting, and Kathleen Nolan, Payroll Specialist.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2017

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SLADE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SEILS TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2017, AS AMENDED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to accept the Community Climate Action Plan.

A motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, a temporary Energy and Climate Action Task Force was formed in 2014 to present community climate action planning recommendations; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing to receive input on a draft plan was held on April 26, 2016, and additional outreach and follow up actions have been pursued.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board accepts the Community Climate Action Plan as presented as an attachment to the agenda item.

This the 24th day of January in the year 2017.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Alderman Seils, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney, Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 TOWN OF CARRBORO BIENNIAL CITIZEN SURVEY REPORT

The purpose of this item was for the Board receive the report from the Town of Carrboro's 2016 Biennial Citizen Survey.

Catherine Dorando, the Town Clerk, provided the staff report.

Alderman Gist stated that she would like to see census data compared with the same demographics of respondents measured in the survey. She stated that the lower income data may be skewed by the student population. She stated that she would like to see future surveys add recent college graduates to the survey. She stated that it is important to get proportional numbers with respondents for citizens with disabilities and senior citizens.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell suggested that future surveys ask further questions on the "currently enrolled" category to better understand undergraduate enrollment versus graduate enrollment. She also stated that she would like to see which radio station people listen to and would like to find out how many people watch the Board meetings. She also asked staff to look at ways to address debris in creeks mentioned in the survey and the creek by Davie Road.

Alderman Chaney suggested that future surveys consider the wording for "pay for new programs" question to ensure respondents understand what they are answering. She asked for future surveys to distinguish between overcrowding and over development issue questions.

Alderman Slade suggested that the report be sent to the advisory boards.

Alderman Seils stated that he would like to see the census information as it compares to the demographics of those surveyed. He noted that the rent versus own category response seems to be the most skewed from the current census data.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SLADE TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND FOR THE REPORT TO BE REFERRED IN ITS ENTIRETY TO ADVISORY BOARDS, ORANGE COUNTY, AND THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON TOWN BUDGET FOR UPCOMING FY 2017-18

The purpose of this was to host a public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the upcoming budget for the Town beginning July 1, 2016.

David Andrews, the Town Manager made the staff presentation.

Robert Dowling, the Executive Director of Community Home Trust, thanked the Board for their previous support and asked them to continue their longstanding support.

AN UPDATE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN CARRBORO

The purpose of the agenda item was to give the Board an overview of the various projects, programs and activities that support the economic vitality of the Town.

Annette Lafferty, the Town's Economic Development Director, made the staff presentation.

Alderman Chaney asked if any of the loans are restricted in their use by their source.

Alderman Gist stated that she would like for the town to work on affordable business space along with affordable housing.

Mayor Lavelle stated that there may be some synergy with the County to have recommendations from the Climate and Energy Task Force addressed by the provision of grants and loans.

Alderman Seils stated that nonprofits could be encouraged to explore the business loans. He suggested that staff steer nonprofits in that direction so they are aware of other financing strategies.

Alderman Chaney stated that she would like to see how development falls over the next five years and for the board to look at revenues when they are making decisions regarding development. She stated that she would like to see on a continuous basis on projections related to expenses, taxes, and various terms of revenue. She stated that she would like to see the opportunity cost shown.

Mayor Lavelle stated that Alderman Chaney's recommendation could be shown with best and worst case scenarios.

Alderman Gist stated that Alderman Chaney's recommendation would serve the board well on all projects. She stated that she would like to see both the cost and the benefit for projects. She stated that she would like to keep an eye open for funding cuts related to federal cuts.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell agreed with keeping an eye on federal budget cuts and stated that the Board should also be mindful of how that may affect federal employees and how affordable Carrboro is for livability.

Alderman Slade stated that the Town has changed loan procedures for businesses and suggested that the economic sustainability commission review ways to manage interest rates competitively.

Alderman Chaney asked if the Town would remain ownership if the Old 86 property is developed for business use due to the land owned by government not being on the property tax rolls. Annette Lafferty explained that while the land will not be taxed, improvements made to that land for business use will be on the tax roll.

ADJOURNMENT

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