



Town of Carrboro

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

Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

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

Absent: Alderman Michelle Johnson, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager, Catherine Dorando, Town Clerk, Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

POETRY READING

Gary Phillips, the Town's poet laureate, read a poem from Rhina P. Espaillat entitled, "Bilingual."

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed the month of April 2017 as "Parkinson's Awareness Month" in the Town of Carrboro.

FIREFIGHTERS HONORED FOR PROTECTING AMERICAN FLAG DURING LAKE LURE WILDFIRES INCLUDE CARRBORO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT (CFRD) RELIEF DRIVER DYLAN LOWE

The purpose of this agenda item was to honor the CFRD personnel who were thanked on an ABC affiliate social media's site for protecting a NC woman's American flag during the Lake Lure Wildfires. In November 2016, personnel from Carrboro Fire-Rescue joined many other fire and emergency services personnel from across the state to battle the Lake Lure wildfires. Relief Driver Dylan Lowe

was specifically honored by one woman, Shannon Wilson, who posted to an ABC affiliate's social media site. Her posting received 209,000 likes and was shared over 90,000 times.

Her post read as follows: "Hi my name is Shannon Wilson and I live in Lake Lure NC. I have been evacuated for 7 days and was finally able to come home today. When I got home I wasn't expecting to see this. These amazing firefighters who have come from all over the world saved my house from the flames. Doing so..they took my flag down and off the flag pole.rolled it up and put it in my glass door so it wouldn't get burned by the fire. I just wanted to share this act of kindness with you. It made me have goosbumps the minute I realized what they did. I thought it would be a great news piece to share with the world. Even in the toughest times WE still respect the flag and who fought for us to wave that flag. Thank you!" [sic]

Relief Driver Lowe was recently honored at the American Legion Post by Marathon Jam for his actions.

Other CFRD members on the team with Relief Driver Lowe were: Lt. Scott Walker, Relief Driver Daniel Bass, and Firefighter Victoria Donahue.

Chief Williamson presented the information on teams that were deployed during the Lake Lure Wildfire.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

Catherine Dorando, the Town Clerk, announced the upcoming public meetings.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AND MARCH 7, 2017

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AND MARCH 7, 2017, AS AMENDED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (GIST, JOHNSON)

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The purpose of this agenda item was to update the Board on the activities of the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) this past year and to gather input for the upcoming FY 2017-18 budget process.

Erin Jobe, the Tourism Development Authority Chair, provided the annual update to the Board.

Alderman Seils expressed support for the wayfinding project. He suggested talking to local business owners about what their idea of the image of Carrboro should be when working with the Splinter Group for designs.

Alderman Chaney asked if staff time is reflected in the budget for the TDA. David Andrews, the Town Manager, stated that 25% of staff time is budgeted in the TDA budget.

Alderman Chaney stated that there was an African-American walking tour that was created by the Jackson Center and Hidden Voices and that she has not seen publications or markers for it in a few years and that she would like to see if revitalized in partnership with the Town of Chapel Hill, if possible. She mentioned that she had requested this item previously for the TDA to explore.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked if there is any way to gather information on how many people are staying at the Hampton Inn because they are visiting Carrboro rather than overflow occupancy. She also asked if there is an impact on tourism dollars spent in the past year since the passage of HB2. Mayor Lavelle stated that the Orange County Visitors Bureau has prepared a report on the effect on Orange County and she will get that to the Board. Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she wants everyone to know that Carrboro is a safe and welcoming community. She asked that the Board receive a report on the impact of HB2 annually.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked about an update on the new hotel in Carrboro. Annette Stone, the Town's Community and Economic Development Director, stated that the hotel is in the final stages of construction design and that she expects that they will go out to bid for construction again very soon.

Alderman Slade stated that it would also be good to promote the openness of Carrboro and it would be nice to see a positive economic impact due to the openness. He stated that next year he would like to see a connection between the farmers and the economy pursued.

Mayor Lavelle stated that she is particularly interested in the walking tour idea. She stated that she likes the one in Asheville that has plaques and information placed at the various historical sites.

Alderman Seils stated that the state and national NAACP are calling for an economic boycott of North Carolina due to HB2. He stated that he would like for the Board to have a discussion about how to respond in a way that honors the rationale for the boycott.

REQUEST FOR ORANGE COUNTY TO AGREE WITH EXTENSION OF TOWN'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider submitting a request to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners seeking agreement on the extension of the Town's extraterritorial boundary along the north side of NC Highway 54 West.

Trish McGuire, the Town's Planning Director, made the staff presentation. She summarized next steps related to the process. She stated that it might be possible for the Board of Commissioners to review the item by May and the Board of Aldermen can review the extension at the same time.

Alderman Slade asked if this would need to amend the Orange Water and Sewer Authority Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement (WSMPBA) agreement. Trish McGuire stated that it would not involve the WSMPBA.

Alderman Chaney stated that she would like to honor the property owner's request to examine storage in a way that is unobtrusive to the process.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY TO AUTHORIZE THAT A LETTER BE SEND TO THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEEKING AGREEMENT ON THE EXTENSION OF THE TOWN'S EXTRATERRITORIAL BOUNDARY ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF NC HIGHWAY 54 WEST AND TO EXAMINE THE ADDITION OF STORAGE AS A USE IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT DELAY THE PROCESS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (GIST, JOHNSON)

CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board to review potential infrastructure improvements identified through the Transportation Advisory Board's research on pedestrian safety in town.

Tina Moon, the Town's Planning Administrator, made the staff report.

Alderman Seils stated that connecting the proposed improvements with existing plans may help in identifying priorities. He stated that there are development projects that are on the way and that some improvements would be online from those developments and that there may be a need for further improvements that could be identified. He stated that pilot projects have been implemented and asked what happened to the Oak Avenue flexible delineators. He stated that several of the problem areas are at intersections with wide turning radii.

Alderman Chaney agreed with Alderman Seils suggestion to find the synergies that exist with other projects. She suggested that the Town continue with the slow-zone projects. She stated that speed has a lot to do with the feeling of safety in the crosswalks. She stated that it makes sense to think about experimenting with the color of the crosswalks by addressing the areas that were identified by the public.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she likes the idea of pursuing the work in-house. She stated that she would like the TAB to consider the crosswalk near the PTA Thrift Shop, Chapel Hill Tire, and Akai Hana. She stated that the PTA exist is misaligned with the street.

Alderman Slade stated that he wants to go with the crosswalks and curb extensions as soon as funds are available on Jones Ferry Road, Poplar Avenue, and Main Street. He asked for information to be included about what populations the projects are serving and that the HWY 54 HAWKS project be prioritized because of the low-income populations that they serve.

Mayor Lavelle stated that she agrees that HWY 54 HAWKS projects need to be pursued and prioritized. She stated she thinks something should be done on North Greensboro Street just north of Shelton Station and suggested blinking lights. She stated that at the very least, repaint the crosswalk and install reflectors in the roadway, if possible. She stated that the triangle at Main Street across from Town Hall needs to be addressed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chaney, seconded by Alderman Seils, that this resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION ON THE CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has a history of supporting improvements to pedestrian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Board referred a citizen request to research pedestrian safety in downtown Carrboro to the Transportation Advisory Board on October 7th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board presented its findings, including a map of pedestrian safety concerns, at the January 19, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board directed staff to review the preliminary recommendations with NCDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board receives information relating to potential infrastructure improvements for pedestrian safety and provides the aforementioned comments.

This the 28th day of March, 2017

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Alderman Gist and Alderman Johnson

LEAST INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE

The purpose of this agenda item was to request permission to update the Town's existing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and to receive guidance from the Board of Alderman.

JD Freeman, the Town's Public Work's Director, provided the staff report.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked how the Town can best share best practices with the community to help residents know how to treat pests and weeds with the least aggressive approach. JD Freeman stated that the education component would be rolled-out as part of the during the stormwater project process.

Alderman Slade asked if all chemicals have been eliminated completely. JD Freeman stated that the Town still uses chemicals, but only as a last resort. Alderman Slade stated that the Board should reexamine their idea of beauty rather than resorting to chemical use. He asked that antimicrobial soaps not be used in the Town's bathrooms.

Alderman Chaney stated that the items that concern her are the things that people are allergic to and she struggles with how to treat them when they are not responsive to natural treatments. She stated that she wants the least harmful strategy but that she is ok with torching a fire ant home and also ok with using chemicals to destroy poison ivy and poison oak. She stated that she had Pine Beetles on her lot two years ago that caused her to remove two trees due to infestation. She stated that the Town should be proactive about monitoring for those infestations.

Mayor Lavelle stated that the Town used goats in the past to eat poison ivy and weeds and asked staff to explore this as a resource.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL FOR STAFF TO PROCEED WITH UPDATING THE LEAST

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY AND TO EXPLORE THE USE OF GOATS TO EAT WEEDS AND POISON IVY. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (GIST, JOHNSON)

PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS RELATING TO SIGNAGE

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider amending the Land Use Ordinance to add new provisions relating to construction fence wrap signage.

Tina Moon, the Town's Planning Administrator, made the staff report.

Mayor Lavelle opened the public hearing. There were no comments provided. Mayor Lavelle closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Seils, seconded by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, that this ordinance be approved.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN OF CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE
PROVISIONS RELATED TO SIGNAGE
Ordinance No. 16/2016-17**

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO ORDAINS:

Section 1. Subsection 15-273(a)(2) of the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance shall amended to read as follows:

(2) Construction site identification signs. Such signs may identify the project, the owner or developer, architect, engineer, contractor and subcontractors, funding sources, and may contain related information. (i) Not more than one such sign may be erected per site, and it may not exceed thirty-two square feet in area. Such signs shall be erected prior to the issuance of a building permit and shall be removed within ten days after the issuance of the final occupancy permit. (ii) In addition, fence wraps displaying signage when affixed to perimeter fencing at a construction site are exempt until a certificate of occupancy is issued for the final portion of any construction at the site, or 24 months from the time the fence wrap is installed, whichever is shorter. If the construction is not completed at the end of 24 months from the time the fence wrap was installed, the Town may regulate the signage but shall allow fence wrapping material to remain affixed to the perimeter fencing. Fence wrapping shall not impede the view from sight distance triangles.

Section 2. All provisions of any Town Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 28th day of March, 2017

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Alderman Gist and Alderman Johnson

CLOSED SESSION - NCGS 143.318.11(A)(3)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S 143.318.11(A)(3). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (GIST, JOHNSON)

OPEN SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SLADE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (GIST, JOHNSON)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SLADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (GIST, JOHNSON)