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Town of Carrboro

Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Chambers - Room 110**

7:00 PM

Board

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

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

POETRY READING, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Fred Joiner, the Town's Poet Laureate, read an untitled poem of his own that was inspired by sculpture artist, Tinka Jordy.

Mayor Lavelle congratulated Fred Joiner for receiving a grant from the Academy of American Poets.

PROCLAMATION – POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed May 12-18 as Police Week and May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the Town of Carrboro. Chief Horton and several members of the Carrboro Police Department were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION – MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed May 5-11 as Municipal Clerks Week in the Town of Carrboro. The proclamation was presented to Catherine Dorando, Town Clerk.

BRUCE SINCLAIR – COMMENTS REGARDING BUDGET

Bruce Sinclair spoke to the Board about prioritizing energy efficiency in Town developments through budgeting. He suggested that the budget include incentives for energy efficiency and a full-time climate energy officer.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL AND ORANGE COUNTY FOR SHARING COSTS RELATED TO SEWER LATERAL CONNECTIONS FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOMES IN HISTORIC ROGERS ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the Board of Aldermen an opportunity to authorize the Town Manager to execute an interlocal agreement between Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro to establish responsibility for cost sharing related to connecting sewer lateral service lines to low and moderate income homes in Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood following installation of a sewer system to serve the area.

A motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Foushee, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen hereby authorize the Town Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Orange County and the Town of Chapel Hill for sharing costs related to connecting private sewer lateral service lines to low and moderate income homes in Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood.

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

A motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Foushee, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING AN EXISTING PROCEDURE AND POLICY FOR CONNECTING EXISTING HOMES IN CARRBORO TO SEWER

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen hereby modify the existing procedure and policy to read as follows:

Procedure for Providing a Subsidy for Sewer Connections for Existing Dwelling Units in Carrboro (Established 9/2/1997. Amend. 3/9/1999, 1/25/2005. Amend 5/7/19.)

Purpose:

The Town of Carrboro created reserve of \$120,000 over a six year period that was begun in 1995-96 to subsidize providing sewer to those existing dwelling units presently not served by OWASA. OWASA, in 1997, estimated that there were 160 units not served by sewer within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro.

Policy:

The Town of Carrboro will pay OWASA a subsidy of \$2,000 per dwelling unit in existence as of January 25, 2005 on behalf of a property owner to cover any fees due to OWASA for the connection of a dwelling unit to a public sewer main. This subsidy will be paid for only existing dwelling units within the corporate limits of Carrboro that are not served by OWASA sewer at the effective date of this policy. This subsidy will be redeemed on first come, first served basis as long as the established reserve and its accumulated interest exist.

For homes in Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood connecting to a public sewer main owned by Orange County and qualifying as low to moderate income, the entirety, 100%, of costs associated with the connection will be paid by Orange County for a period of two years from the effective date of this Policy. For one additional year, the third year from the effective date of this policy, 50% of the costs associated with the connection will be paid by Orange County. The Town of Carrboro will reimburse Orange County 14% of the costs of the connection for this three year period or \$34,020, whichever is less.

Following the three year period, the Town of Carrboro will pay Orange County a subsidy of \$2,000 per dwelling unit in existence as of January 25, 2005 in Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood on behalf of a property owner to cover any fees due to Orange County for the connection of a dwelling unit to a public sewer main owned by the county for the duration of time the county remains the owner of the sewer main lines in the neighborhood. This subsidy will be redeemed on first come, first served basis as long as the established reserve and its accumulated interest exist.

Procedure:

All eligible property owners who have contracted with OWASA to have their dwelling unit served by a public sewer and are interested in receiving the subsidy should contact the Town Clerk to complete a request for the subsidy. The Town Clerk will certify the eligibility of the request and notify OWASA. Upon receipt of an invoice, the Town will pay to OWASA \$2,000 of the fees levied against the eligible property on behalf of the property owner.

For property in the Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood, Orange County shall invoice the Town of Carrboro for full or partial payment as specified above.

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, TO ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION

For more than thirty years, the Town has worked with designers and developers to identify areas that are suitable for public use, including open space and access easements for anticipated future Town projects such as greenways. The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider accepting sections of open space in two subdivisions to provide easements for the Jones Creek Greenway.

A motion was made by Alderman Foushee, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE TOWN'S ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF DEDICATION

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has identified that certain portions of development tracts may be suitable for public use as greenways, open space, and bicycle and pedestrian access areas, and,

WHEREAS, the development review and approval for conditional use permits and final plats for the Legends at Lake Hogan and Lake Hogan Farms, Phase 8, Glen Ridge Townhomes included open space intended to be dedicated to the Town of Carrboro for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board accepts the 2,703 square foot area as described by the legal description (Attachment B) for a portion of the open space at the Legends at Lake Hogan dedicated to the Town of Carrboro for public use and recorded in the Orange County Register of Deeds, (DB 5510 Page 505; PB 104 Page 853).

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board accepts the 18,406 square foot area as described by the legal descriptions below for a portion of the open space in Lake Hogan Farms Phase 8, Glen Ridge Townhomes, dedicated to the Town of Carrboro for public use and recorded in the Orange County Register of Deeds, (DB 5510 Page 205; PB 93 Page 10).

Legal Descriptions:

Portion of Open Space from Legends at Lake Hogan Owners Association

Beginning at an existing iron pipe in the northeast corner of the property now or formally owned by Legends at Lake Hogan Owners Association (DB 5510 Page 505; PB 104 Page 853 in the Orange County Register of Deeds) and having NC State Plane coordinates (NAD83/2011) N 802,988.254 E 1,970,730.744; thence from said Point of Beginning and with the eastern property line S 02-12-28 W a distance of 61.17' to a point in the eastern property line; thence leaving the property line S 62-31-54 W a distance of 33.42' to a point in the eastern R/W of Lake Hogan Farm Road; thence with the eastern existing R/W of Lake Hogan Farm Road along a curve to the left having an arc distance of 78.86' and a radius of 430.00' (Chord bearing and distance of N 13-05-04 W, 78.75') to a point at the intersection of the eastern R/W of Lake Hogan Farm Road and the northern property line; thence along the northern property line S 89-48-46 E a distance of 49.84' to the place and Point of Beginning being an existing iron pipe and having an area of 2,703 Square Feet (0.062 Acres).

Portion of Open Space from Glen Ridge Townhome Association Inc.

Beginning at an existing iron pipe in the northeast corner of the property now or formally owned by Legends at Lake Hogan Owners Association (DB 5510 Page 505; PB 104 Page 853 in the Orange County Register of Deeds) and having NC State Plane coordinates (NAD83/2011) N 802,988.254 E 1,970,730.744; thence from said Point of Beginning and along the western property line of Glen Ridge Townhome Association Inc. (DB 4122 Page 205; PB 93 Page 10 in the Orange County Register of Deeds) N 02-12-28 E a distance of 203.98' to a point; thence leaving the western property line S 41-20-25 E a distance of 145.15' to a point; thence S 02-12-28 W a distance of 102.96' to a point; thence S 62-31-54 W a distance of 115.10' to a point in the western property line of Glen Ridge Townhome Association, Inc.; thence with the western property line N 02-12-28 E a distance of 61.17' to the place and Point of Beginning being an existing iron pipe and having an area of 18,406 Square Feet (0.423 Acres).

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider recommended funding for three nonprofit affordable housing applications for FY18-19 and one application for FY19-20 which was historically funded through the Human Services Commission.

A motion was made by Alderman Foushee, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT FUNDING FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen on, June 27, 2007, by the adoption of resolution no. 244/2006-07 created the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the fund is another way in which the Board can advance its goal of increasing and maintaining the stock of affordable housing within the Town and its planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (AHAC) reviewed funding applications for the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund on April 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the HAC determined that the requests met the criteria set forth in the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund; and

WHEREAS, the AHAC made the following funding recommendations:

FY2018-2019	
Habitat for Humanity	\$7,626
EmPOWERment	\$35,000
<u>Community Home Trust</u>	<u>\$6,392</u>
Total	\$49,018

FY2019-2020	
<u>EmPOWERment</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>

Total **\$16,000**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO THAT THE BOARD:

Section 1. Approves the recommended grant funding activities from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund in FY18-19 and FY19-20.

Section 2. Authorizes the Town Manager to develop and execute an agreement as necessary to carry out the Board's action.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2019 AND APRIL 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2019 AND TO CONTINUE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 16, 2019 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE PARTICIPANT LIST

The purpose of this item was to allow the Board of Aldermen the opportunity to review and endorse the Orange County Climate Change Committee Participant List.

A motion was made by Alderman Foushee, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ORANGE COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE PARTICIPANT LIST

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen endorses the following list:

Organization	Representatives	#
Orange County BOCC	Sustainability Director, Commissioner	2
Hillsborough	Designated staff, Commissioner	2
Carrboro	Sustainability Director, Alderperson	2
Chapel Hill	Sustainability Director, Council person	2
CHCCS	Sustainability Director, Board member, student	3
OCS	Designated staff, Board member, student	3
UNC	Sustainability Director, Student	2
OWASA	Sustainability Director, Board member	2
CH-Carrboro NAACP	Representative, youth	2
Northern Orange NAACP	Representative, youth	2
Orange/Chatham Sierra Club	Representative	1
NC Cooperative Extension	Representative	1
Durham Tech	Representative, student	2

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

REQUEST-TO-SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF EUBANKS/OLD NC 86 PROPERTIES

The Town received a petition to voluntarily annex approximately 27.5 acres known as the Parker Louis, LLC/Eubanks and Old NC 86 property. The Board must receive public comment before considering this petition. A resolution was provided to schedule the public hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Foushee, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, a the Board of Aldermen has received a petition for annexation from Parker Louis, LLC dated March 14, 2019 for the voluntary annexation of six properties located at the northeastern corner of the intersection of Old NC 86 and Eubanks Road and further described

and illustrated therein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro sets a public hearing for consideration of the voluntary annexation of these properties for May 28, 2019.

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

PUBLIC HEARING FOR JONES CREEK GREENWAY (C-5181) 30% DESIGN

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide an update on the status of the Jones Creek Greenway at 30% design and to receive comments from the Board and members of the public.

The Board received the presentation from Wetherill Engineering. In response to a question from Alderman Haven-O'Donnell regarding possible clearing, the consultant stated that negotiations have been started to discuss a shared easement with OWASA and MI Homes so that the trail can possibly be maintained on the current design. Mayor Lavelle strongly suggested that those negotiations continue in hopes that clearing will be mitigated.

Mayor Lavelle opened the Public Hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Lavelle closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Seils, seconded by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE JONES CREEK GREENWAY AT 30% DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has made it a policy to hold public hearings on Town projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has received a presentation on the 30% design for the Jones Creek Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the Board has held a public hearing to receive citizen comment on the Jones Creek

Greenway at this milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board makes the following comments:

Work with OWASA and MI Homes to try to establish a shared easement so the trail can stay on the same path as much as possible and result in less clearing.

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

PRESENTATION OF TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

The purpose of this agenda item was to receive the Town Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2019-20 and set the time for a public hearing and budget work sessions. The Board scheduled the work session for May 14th.

David Andrews, the Town Manager, presented the proposed budget to the Board.

Alderman Foushee stated that it is an important time to discuss staff capacity and town needs and that she looks forward to the work session. She asked if the Stormwater Utility Fund could absorb any additional staffing costs and David Andrews responded that there are currently not enough funds to support additional personnel costs.

Alderman Slade stated that our climate change action plans need to be ready with a plan of implementation by 2020 in time for the New Green Deal implementation. He proposed that by next budget cycle we develop a budget that is linked to our climate action plans and if need be have two budgets presented, one that is 'business as usual' and another that is a climate-emergency-existential-threat budget. He stated that we are in an unprecedented time in history that requires our matching local action to the task at hand. He stated that we owe it to people now living and to future generations, that they be able to look back and say "yes, my parents and the grown ups of my time were taking action to the scale called for at the time". He pointed out that it is the youth who are stepping up and saying "what are you all doing" - we are not doing enough, people are describing 'business as usual' is a death sentence. He stated that there is a real need to reprioritize and look at things differently, he stated that this is not as a judgment on staff but rather a means to deal with systemic change on a radical scale. Alderman Slade also requested that when the facilities assessment happen that it be commissioned to include assessing

regular upkeep of town facilities and in parallel an alternative option showing what it would take to achieve, net zero or net positive for town facilities and also generate enough surplus to power our vehicle fleet for when it is fully electrified. He also pointed out in regards to staffing and climate change, how currently there does not seem to be enough capacity, -as measured by the work that the EAB has been able to take on-, mainly only development review, not enough capacity to address the implementation and updating of the climate action plans. He requested that this staffing concern be factored in also alongside comprehensive plan staffing, storm water, bike and pedestrian improvement, capital projects. He requested that there be a staff person whose sole job is climate change implementation. He also pointed out the need to have the conversation on a downtown-parking district for funding downtown access needs. He also highlighted that capital expenditure in this budget is currently not being reflected and it is a major factor as we reassess our priorities. He asked when the conversation on how to pay for 203 project will happen. David Andrews said it will be addressed after parking question is answered.

Alderman Gist stated that she would like information regarding the Orange County tax rate during the Board's work session discussion because the tax bills have a combined impact on homeowners.

Alderman Seils stated that it is important to have the staff capacity discussion. He requested that a grant be pursued for the purchase of a garbage truck. He also stated that he encouraged the every other week garbage pickup trial and looks forward to seeing that implemented.

Alderman Chaney stated that she hears that it is time to have a conversation regarding long-term financial sustainability and that it is time to start having the difficult conversations around increasing the tax rates to support various ongoing costs and priorities.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked that Mayor Lavelle continue to have statewide conversations regarding rising health insurance costs. She stated that she would like to have a work session to discuss financial sustainability. She stated that she would also like to examine what it means to be a destination downtown in regards to the sales tax revenues.

A motion was made by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that the following resolution be approved:

**A RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MANAGER'S
RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2019-20**

WHEREAS, the Town Manager presented the Recommended Budget for FY 2019-20 to the Board of Alderman on May 7, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is required by North Carolina General Statute 159-12(b) to hold a public hearing before adopting the budget ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT,

The Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00 p. m. in the Town Hall Board Room to receive comments from citizens on the Town Manager's Recommended Budget for 2019-20. Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments at the public hearing or submit comments by email to cdorando@townofcarrboro.org, Town Clerk. The entire budget document may be viewed at Town Hall in the Clerk's Office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays or on the Town website at www.townofcarrboro.org .

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

UPDATE TO PARKING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

The purpose of this item was to update the Board on the progress toward implementing the recommended strategies found in the Parking Plan.

Zach Hallock, the Town's Transportation Planner, and Annette Stone, the Community and Economic Development Director, provided the staff reports.

Alderman Foushee asked when the wayfinding project would be completed. Annette Stone stated that the project will cost around \$400,000 and that a detailed timeline will be available in June. She explained that the funds are not available in the general fund and are coming from the Tourism Development Authority. She stated the first priority in implementation will be parking lot identification.

Alderman Gist stated that she is confused about the timing. Annette Stone stated that they are awaiting final approval from NCDOT; and then once funds are available, the wayfinding signage will be installed. She stated that the parking plan is frustrating because it is private parking that is out of the Town's control. She stated that she wants to have parking figured out for downtown businesses before construction begins on the library project.

Alderman Chaney stated that the shared parking design would be more successful if the town had paid parking. She stated that the economics of parking are the problem and that incentivizing shared parking in a better way is a difficult question.

Alderman Seils stated that the issue is not just free parking, it is that the two hour minimum time is not enforced. He stated that if the Board is serious about freeing up public space then it is time to have the conversation about enforcement for employee parking.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that Alderman Slade suggested a work session on discussing the parking plan and that she agrees.

Alderman Slade stated that the Board has to take into account the opportunity costs, in other words after Annette finalizes her exploration of sharing parking in the downtown, then the alternative left will be structured parking, represented \$24,000 per parking space. Alderman Slade requested that we fully explore, exhaust and augment the work that Annette has done on exploring parking sharing opportunities by hiring a consultant, to explore private/public and private/private opportunities of collaboration of all stakeholders on parking, he made the point that this issue has been resolved already in many other communities and that there are people who know processes and models to resolve this issue. He also made the point that pursuing that work is not necessarily mutually exclusive of also building a parking deck if the need is found. He pointed out that a downtown parking deck generates less revenue than a commercial building. He asked what the advantage is for consolidating parking and freeing up land that is currently tied up with parking and linked this point to the managers point during the budget conversation of how to address land use to generate more commercial tax revenue. He pointed out that UNC is a model in our backyard where offsite parking is happening. He stated that models exist and that he recommends a consultant to help them work through implementing a comprehensive plan on public/private parking shares.

Alderman Gist stated that she does not want to bring in another consultant. She stated that her issue with paid parking is that businesses are going under on Franklin Street because of the paid parking. She asked Katie Loovis, representing the Chamber if businesses view paid parking as problematic.

Katie Loovis, with the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the business community is unanimous in supporting development of a comprehensive and long term parking strategy. In response to Alderman Gist question, she stated that while parking has represented a challenge in Chapel Hill, parking is a cost for doing business. She stated that local businesses are 'losing their shirts' on the cost to rent per square foot and a lack of foot traffic. She stated adding more residents in downtown Franklin Street would be helpful to the businesses. She stated that businesses are in support of pay to park and enforcement.

Alderman Gist asked if the Board could have a work session to hear from the businesses on parking.

Alderman Seils stated that he would like to keep the focus on implementation of the parking plan and that the plan is comprehensive. He stated that if the Board has a work session, he wants it to be focused on implementation of the existing plan but questioned the need to have a work session. Alderman Slade stated that he agrees with the scope of the work session being geared toward implementation.

Alderman Chaney stated that it is clear that this is a difficult problem to solve and that if we had pay to park requirements, it would be a lot simpler. She stated that it is important to note that "free parking" is paid for by taxes and really is not free. She expressed support in continuing this conversation as long as it is inclusive of having the discussion around adding pay for parking and

enforcement. She stated that those two questions need to be answered.

Alderman Foushee stated that it is important to understand what parking initiatives the Town has control over, and those are wayfinding plans, regulatory signage, and employee parking. She also asked for clarity from Alderman Haven-O'Donnell on what she is seeking in a work session. Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she would like to have the value discussion on pay to park after the Board has had a thorough conversation at a work session and examined the details of the plan.

Mayor Lavelle reminded all that the reason they are having this deep dive into this discussion right now is directly related to the library project. The project will displace 88 spaces and require additional parking in addition to those spaces. She explained that the library project is also the main reason that some of the discussion is around a parking deck, with enforcement, and that this is the time to have those discussions so that the project remains in the Orange County budget.

Staff was directed to poll the Board on creating an additional meeting to schedule a parking plan work session.

MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Set a date in June for Clerk/Manager evaluation.

Alderman Slade stated that the attorney clarified that the Community Gardeners are not required to have liability insurance.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (A) (3) - ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FOUSHEE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (A)(3) FOR ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Town Clerk

Mayor