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Town Hall
Carrboro, NC 27510

Town of Carrboro

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

7:00 PM

Remote Meeting

This meeting was held via Zoom teleconference and broadcasted live on cable television and the internet.

Present: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed May 30, 2020 as "Heatstroke Awareness Day" in Carrboro.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany Palmer-Lytle spoke to the Town Council on the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the black and brown communities. She stated that the community should put their heads together in regards to what is happening in regards to the virus. She suggested a community newsletter, free community testing, and requested additional handwashing stations. She asked that the Town Council promote absentee ballots in the November election and asked that they work closely with the public school system in regards to a safe reopening.

There was discussion regarding the scheduling an agenda item to discuss the disproportionate

impacts of COVID-19 on blacks, Latinos, and other underserved and marginalized communities. It was decided that the Town Manager will schedule this for the following meeting.

REQUEST-TO-SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Town Council to consider setting a public hearing on text amendments to the Land Use Ordinance that would establish a new Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability Commission as an update to the existing Environmental Advisory Board.

Tim Turner, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Board, stated that the recommendation from the EAB was to keep the EAB with its current charge, and to create a new separate Climate Action Board responsible for implementing the climate action plan.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE TO KEEP STAFF'S PROPOSAL FOR TWO STAFF LIAISONS, BUT THAT THEY BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH SERVE TWO SEPARATE ADVISORY BOARDS: THE EAB AND THE CLIMATE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE. THERE WAS NO SECOND TO THE MOTION.

A motion was made by Council Member Gist, seconded by Council Member Seils, to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council seeks to provide ample opportunities for the public to comment on proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council sets a public hearing on June 16, 2020, to consider adopting "An Ordinance Amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance to Establish a Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability Commission."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft ordinance is referred to Orange County and the Town of Carrboro Planning Board for consideration and recommendation prior to the specified public hearing date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft ordinance is also referred to the Appearance Commission and the Environmental Advisory Board.

This the 26th day of May, 2020

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils

Noes: Council Member Sammy Slade

PRESENTATION OF TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

The purpose of this agenda item was to receive the Town Manager's recommended budget for FY 2020-21 and set the time for the public hearing.

David Andrews, the Town Manager, provided the recommended budget. He was asked to look into providing funds for a community outreach position, and the Court Debt Forgiveness program (like Chapel Hill's), and to provide carbon reduction amounts in future budget presentations as they relate to the Environmental Sustainability Officer's work plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Foushee seconded by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell, to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2020-21

WHEREAS, the Town Manager presented the Recommended Budget for FY 2020-21 to the Town Council on May 26, 2020; 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 TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT,

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via remote teleconference to receive comments from citizens on the Town Manager's Recommended Budget for 2020-21. The entire budget document may be viewed on the Town website at <https://www.townofcarrboro.org/2397/Recommended-Annual-Operating-Budget-2020-2021> Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments. Comments may be emailed to cdorando@townofcarrboro.org or presented at the public hearing on June 2, 2020. If you would like to attend the virtual meeting and make comments, please contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting at cdorando@townofcarrboro.org for access.

This the 26th day of May, 2020

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

UPDATE FROM CHIEF SCHMIDT ON COVID-19

The purpose of this item was to provide an update to the Town Council on the status on of the emergency and the recovery planning process.

Fire Chief Schmidt provided an update on the status of the COVID-19 emergency and Orange County associated data. He was asked to look into what information is available to residents of congregate living facilities if someone in that facility contracts COVID-19.

CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) TO TOWN CITIZENS

The purpose of this agenda item was to discuss the Town's capacity to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to citizens.

Police Chief Walter Horton provided information on the project and was asked to work with community partners to distribute masks to those on the front lines and those that are members of the most vulnerable communities and disproportionately impacted communities.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE MONITORING PRIORITIES FOR THE 2020 SHORT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Town Council to discuss the legislative priorities for the 2020 Short Session of the General Assembly.

Cathy Dorando, the Town Clerk and Legislative Liaison, was asked to include information to the Council regarding HB1200, regarding mortgage, rental, and utility assistance and to include the information from the World Health Organization (WHO) for the legislative delegation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Town Clerk

Mayor