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Town Hall  
Carrboro, NC 27510

## **Town of Carrboro**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Town Council**

**September 8, 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; Chris Milner, Deputy Town Clerk; Kevin Hornik, Town Attorney

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#### **POETRY READING**

Fred Joiner, the Town's Poet Laureate, read a poem titled "Jasper Texas 1998" by Lucille Clifton.

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#### **REQUESTS FROM VISITORS AND SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Shelly Welch, founder of the Wildflower School, spoke about ongoing issues between her organization and the neighboring Merritt Gravel Pit.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> AND AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

Mayor Lavelle requested that approval of the July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes be delayed until the next meeting.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GIST, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, THAT THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2020 BE APPROVED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.**

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**BUDGET AMENDMENT – CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The purpose of this item was to recognize and appropriate a \$3,000 contribution made to the Fire Department as a result of their involvement in a research project with RTI International and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

**A motion was made by Council Member Gist, seconded by Council Member Slade, that the following ordinance be approved:**

AMENDMENT TO FY 2020-21 ADOPTED BUDGET  
Town of Carrboro, North Carolina  
Ordinance No. 4/2020-21

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Carrboro adopted Annual Budget Ordinance No. 21/2019-20 for FY 2020-21 on June 23, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2020, the Town Council approved Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 1/2020-21 and 2/2020-21; and,

WHEREAS, RTI International has contributed \$3,000 to the Town of Carrboro and has requested that the funds be designated for the use of the Fire Department to purchase equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council is grateful for the generosity of RTI International; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to amend the FY2020-21 General Fund budget to incorporate this restricted donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that in accordance with authority contained in G.S.159-15:

**Section 1.** The Town thanks RTI International for the contribution of \$3,000 to support the Town’s Fire Department operations.

**Section 2.** The following revenue and expense accounts are amended as shown and that the total amount for the funds are herewith appropriated for the purposes shown:

| Account Code |        |         | Fund                | Account Name          | Current Budget | Change   | Revised Budget |
|--------------|--------|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Org          | Object | Project | Department          |                       |                |          |                |
|              |        |         | <b>General Fund</b> |                       |                |          |                |
| 6602         | 436201 |         | Fire Suppression    | Donations             | \$ -           | \$       | \$             |
| 531          | 503300 |         | Fire Suppression    | Departmental Supplies | 40,000.00      | 3,000.00 | 43,000.00      |
|              |        |         |                     |                       |                |          |                |

REASON: To appropriate \$3,000.00 of donated monies to the General Fund Fire Department operating budget for the purpose of fire equipment.

**Section 3.** The contribution identified in Section 1 shall be used solely for the purpose stated by the donor.

**Section 4.** This budget ordinance amendment shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and a copy of this amendment shall be forwarded to the Town's Finance Officer within five (5) days.

This, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**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.

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### **THE FUTURE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CARRBORO**

The purpose of this item was to have a discussion on what the future and vision for economic development looks like for Carrboro in 10-20 years

Jon Hartman-Brown, Economic Development Director for the Town of Carrboro, introduced this item and initiated the discussion.

The Council discussed a variety of priorities, plans and visions related to economic development in Carrboro.

Staff was asked to:

- Reference the economic development plan that was approved by the Council at the end of 2017.
- Consider ways to make the best use of Town property located on Old Highway 86.
- Provide updates when businesses in the Town close.

Jon Hartman-Brown asked if there is anything that the Council does not want to see in the Town's economy in 10-20 years.

The Council noted the following:

- Consideration of an economy that does not depend on fossil fuels.
- Concern about the current trend of demolishing small affordable homes to build larger homes and the impact that will have on the demographics of the Town.

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## **CLIMATE IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE**

The purpose of this item was to update the Council on progress toward developing a chart for a climate advisory board.

Trish McGuire, Carrboro's Planning Director, and Laura Janway, Environmental Planner, provided the staff reports on this item.

The Council discussed the relative merits of the proposed plan, the importance of community engagement, diversity in membership of the proposed board, personnel issues related to the plan, and the suggested timeline for implementation of the plan.

**Motion was made by Council Member Foushee, seconded by Council Member Slade, to approve the following resolution.**

### A RESOLUTION RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the Town Council directed staff to develop a charge for a standalone climate advisory board; and

WHEREAS, staff have developed a charge and yearly meeting schedule for an action-oriented Climate Action Commission (CAC); and

WHEREAS, staff have worked with the Environmental Advisory Board to develop a work plan for the CAC; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has requested a written progress update; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council receives this update on the climate advisory board.

This, the 8th day of September in 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.

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## **FISCAL YEAR 19-20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

The purpose of this item was for the Town Council to receive a report on the Town's Affordable Housing and Community Services Activities in FY19-20.

Rebecca Buzzard, Carrboro's Housing and Community Services Director presented the staff

report on this item with the assistance of Anne-Marie Vanaman, Management Assistant to Housing and Community Services. They responded to questions and comments from the Council about the report and the topics that were presented.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, TO RECEIVE THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.**

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**BIAS FREE POLICING REPORT**

The purpose of this item was to provide an update on the Carrboro Police Department's efforts toward Bias-free policing.

Carrboro Police Chief Walter Horton provided the report on this agenda item.

Staff was asked to:

- Upload the report to the Town's website.
- Include future reports in agenda packets.
- Include demographic information on the overall stop rate.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, TO RECEIVE THIS REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.**

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**UPDATE FROM CHIEF SCHMIDT ON COVID-19**

Carrboro Fire Chief Dave Schmidt provided an update on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the town and the region.

Staff was asked to add flu shot information to the Town's website.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

**Town Clerk**

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**Mayor**