



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

**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council**

May 4, 2021

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; Nick Herman, Town Attorney; Cathy Dorando, Town Clerk; Mary Bryant, Deputy Town Clerk

POETRY READING

Fred Joiner, the Town's Poet Laureate, read a poem by MOSAB ABU TOHA called, "My Grandfather."

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed the week of May 2-8 as "Municipal Clerks Week" in the Town of Carrboro.

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed the month of May as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in the Town of Carrboro. Karen Kincaid Dunn, Director of Club Nova, made comments after the proclamation was read.

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed the month of May as "Bike Month," May 5th as "Bike to School Day," May 17th through 23rd as "Bike to Work Week," and May 18th as "Bike to Work Day"

in the Town of Carrboro.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – ADDING CLOSED SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY ADDING A CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments provided by the public.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 6 AND APRIL 20, 2021. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PROJECT ORDINANCE

The purpose of this agenda item was to recognize and appropriate funding made available to the Town by the American Rescue Plan Act.

A motion was made by Council Member Romaine, seconded by Council Member Foushee, to approve the following resolution:

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT FUNDING PROJECT ORDINANCE
Ordinance No. 18/2020-21**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Cooper, by Executive Order 116, declared a state of emergency to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Executive Order 121 imposed a statewide Stay at Home Order,

directing people to stay at home except to visit essential businesses, exercise outdoors or help family members; banned gatherings of more than 10 people; and directed everyone to physically stay at least 6 feet apart from others; and,

WHEREAS, the pandemic has dramatically impacted the local economy, including local government revenues; and,

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed into law on March 11, 2021, provides funding to state and local governments to assist with pandemic rescue and recovery efforts; and,

WHEREAS, ARPA funds may be used for 1) revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent the reduction in revenue is due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; 2) premium pay to essential employees; 3) assistance to small businesses, nonprofits, households and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery; and 4) investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is estimated to receive an estimated \$6.2 million of ARPA funding; and,

WHEREAS, all funding must be spent by the end of calendar year 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is a “non-entitlement unit of local government” and US Treasury will allocate and pay funds to state governments and then the state will distribute funds to non-entitlement units of local government; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it to be in the best interest of the Town and the additional revenue from the ARPA will significantly aid in the Town’s pandemic rescue and recovery efforts.

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

1. The Town accepts funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$6.2 million or any other dollar amount as may be granted to the Town under the ARPA.

2. ARPA funds are to be used for the following activities:

a. revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent the reduction in revenue is due to the COVID-19 public health emergency;

b. premium pay to essential employees;

- c. assistance to small businesses, households and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery; and
 - d. investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.
3. The Town Council shall review and approve specific programs and/or activities developed to carry out the activities identified in Section 2 above.
 4. ARPA funds will be used in compliance with provisions of the ARPA and other directives issued by the US Treasury Department or other federal agencies.
 5. The Town Manager is authorized to enter into any grant agreement or other agreement, certifications, and conditions necessary to secure ARPA funds.
 6. A Special Revenue Fund entitled “American Rescue Plan Act” is to be established for the purpose of accounting for these funds.
 7. Current fiscal year 2020-21 Special Revenue Fund budget shall be amended to include ARPA revenues in the amount of \$6.2 million and appropriated for the activities in Section 2 above.
 8. Within five (5) days after adoption of this ordinance, the Town Clerk shall file a copy of this grant funding project ordinance with the Finance Director.
 9. This Ordinance is effective upon adoption by the Carrboro Town Council.

This is the 4th day of May 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM ANNUAL PLAN

The purpose of this item was for the Town Council to consider approving the HOME Investment Partnerships Program’s Annual Plan activities for FY 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Council Member Romaine, seconded by Council Member Foushee, to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2021-2022 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAM ANNUAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is a member of the Orange County Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative (the Collaborative); and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative reviewed applications for HOME funding on March 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative agreed by consensus on the following final funding recommendations:

Habitat for Humanity – Homebuyer Assistance	\$434,393
Pee Wee Homes – Rental Construction	\$100,000
EmPOWERment – Rental Acquisition	\$105,000
Administration (10% of HOME Funds, per statute)	\$ 37,874
Total	\$677,267

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. Approves the recommended plan for FY 2021-2022 Orange County HOME Program funds.

Section 2. Authorizes this plan to be incorporated into the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan for Orange County for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 4th day of May 2021

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR LAVELLE TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN REGARDS TO OPPOSITION FOR THE TITLE V PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE UNC CHAPEL HILL COAL PLANT

The purpose of this agenda item was to review and authorize Mayor Lavelle to submit a letter to

the NC Department of Environmental Quality in opposition of the Title V Permit Renewal Application for the UNC Chapel Hill Coal Plant.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR LAVELLE TO SEND THE LETTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ORANGE COUNTY RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN UPDATE

The purpose of this item was to discuss and provide feedback on the Orange County Recovery and Transformation Plan.

Rebecca Buzzard provided the staff report.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

DISCUSSION OF MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES IN CARRBORO

The purpose of this item was for the Town Council to discuss manufactured home communities in Carrboro and consider the possibility of creating a regionally unified manufactured home strategy.

Rebecca Buzzard provided the staff report.

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

FACILITIES REHABILITATION - TOWN HALL & CENTURY CENTER CONCEPT PLANS

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Public Works Department and consulting architect, Jim Spencer Architects (JSA), to present concept plans for Town Hall and Century Center and receive feedback from the Council.

Ben Schmadeke, Jim Spencer and Heather Ferrell presented the concept plans for Town Hall and Century Center.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN O'DONNELL, TO ACCEPT THE UPDATE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

OPEN SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ADJOURNMENT

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

Town Clerk

Mayor

