



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

Town of Carrboro

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

October 19, 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: Richard White, Town Manager; Nick Herman, Town Attorney; Mary Bryant, Deputy Town Clerk

POETRY READING

Fred Joiner, the Town's Poet Laureate, read a poem called, "Between Us and the World" by Gerald Barrax.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, TO ADD A CLOSED SESSION TO THE END OF THE MEETING FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING A PERSONNEL MATTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Poimboeuf and Shelly Welch, founder of Wildflower School, located at 3100 Damascus Church Road, spoke to the Council about ongoing issues they have had with Merritt's Gravel Pit which borders the Wildflower School property.

Ian Richardson, the attorney representing Merritt's Gravel Pit, was present and responded to the comments.

Town Manager Richard White responded to say that he has a meeting planned later in the week to address the issue.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, AS AMENDED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

FY 2021-22 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET STATUS REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide a budget status report to Town Council for all funds.

Arche McAdoo, the Town's Finance Director, provided the staff report.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the Town Council a brief overview of the monthly calls for service.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

STORMWATER UTILITY MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the monthly update regarding Stormwater Utility projects and initiatives.

Staff was asked to report back on information about the use of funds for the purchase of 116 Carol Street.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of this item was to provide the Town Council a monthly overview of calls for service.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose for this agenda item was to provide a report on the regular monthly activities and status report to the Town Council.

Staff was asked to report back on how many Century Center employees park in the 203 Greensboro lot and include information in future reports. Staff will come up with a timeline and guidelines for employee parking. BIPOC businesses will continue to be highlighted throughout the year.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (SEILS)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

The purpose of this item was to make the final two appointments and select a Town Council liaison to the Climate Action Team.

The Town Council discussed the liaison seat but did not make an appointment. It was suggested that this item be discussed again during the organizational meeting of the Town Council on December 7, 2021 when other liaison seats are also filled.

A tally vote was conducted via email from each Council Member to the Town Clerk with no other Council Members copied. These were the results:

Heidi Paulsen – Mayor Lavelle, Council Member Haven-O’Donnell, Council Member Gist, Council Member Seils

Lauren Nyland – Council Member Slade, Council Member Romaine, Council Member Foushee, Council Member Seils

Sarah Zalasky –Council Member Slade, Council Member Gist

Fernanda Ortiz – Mayor Lavelle, Council Member Romaine

Diego Dorigo – Council Member Haven-O’Donnell

Juan Diaz Rhi – Council Member Foushee

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING THE FINAL TWO APPOINTMENTS TO THE CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

The following persons are hereby appointed to the Climate Action Team:

1. Heidi Paulsen for a term to expire 2/2024; and,
2. Lauren Nyland for a term to expire 2/2024.

This resolution is effective upon adoption.

This the 19th day of October 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

FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE USE AND SPENDING OF ARPA FUNDS

The purpose of this item was for staff to present a framework for developing a comprehensive approach for the use of ARPA funds that facilitates the long-term resiliency and capacity building as the town recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Richard White, the Town Manager, provided the staff report. While no formal vote was taken by the Town Council, the following points were made for the Town Manager to continue to address:

- How do we target the most marginalized in our community?

- Community survey – make sure you’re getting input from all voices?
- Carolina Spring – how can we help? Generators, flashlights?
- Behavioral, mental, and physical health must be prioritized.
- The aging demographic should be prioritized.
- Aging homes should be included.
- Exploring process to facilitate the allocation of funds
- Narrow or broad reach?
- Low Income

Staff was asked to send the PowerPoint presentation slides to the Town Council.

APPROVAL OF THE COVID-19 MITIGATION BUSINESS GRANT POLICY

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council approve the COVID-19 Mitigation Business Grant Policy that will guide the distribution of Town-received ARPA funds for small businesses to help mitigate the negative impacts from COVID-19.

Jon Hartman-Brown, the Town’s Economic Development Director, provided the staff report and answered questions from the Town Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GIST, TO APPROVE THE COVID-19 MITIGATION BUSINESS GRANT POLICY WITH THE FOLLOWING NOTES:

- **PRIORITIZATION #1, AS PRESENTED IN THE DRAFT, SHOULD BE REMOVED.**
- **THE SAME FUNDING COMMITTEE THAT PREVIOUSLY AWARDED COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS SHOULD BE USED.**
- **THE FINAL POINT SYSTEM SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE FUNDING COMMITTEE WITH POINTS GIVEN FOR LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES.**
- **BIPOC AND WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES SHOULD BE SEPARATED AND CREDIT GIVEN FOR BOTH.**
- **THE NC CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLIC DOCTRINE AND PURPOSE SHOULD BE USED AS GUIDANCE.**

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Town Clerk

Mayor

