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Carrboro, NC 27510

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**Town of Carrboro**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Town Council**

**February 8, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Remote Meeting**

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

**Present:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Sammy Slade, and Council Member Danny Nowell

**Also Present:** Richard White, Town Manager; Mary Bryant, Deputy Town Clerk; Brady Herman, Town Attorney

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**POETRY READING**

Fred Joiner, the Town's Poet Laureate, read a poem by Ed Roberson, called "The Empty of the Bottlenecks".

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Poimboeuf spoke to the Council about a settlement agreement that the Town entered into with Merritt's Gravel Pit, his concerns about the agreement and how it has been handled since.

Shelly Welch, founder of Wildflower School, located at 3100 Damascus Church Road, spoke to the Council about her issue with Town Council closed session meeting minutes from March 16, 2021, not being available to the public.

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**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021.  
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

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**DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF A STRATEGY TO USE TOWN-OWNED LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The purpose of this item was for the Town Council to discuss and consider adopting a strategy to use Town-owned land to create affordable housing.

Anne-Marie Vanaman, Management Specialist with the Housing and Community Services Department gave a presentation.

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

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A PROCESS FOR THE USE OF TOWN-OWNED LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council on June 17, 2014, approved the Affordable Housing Goals and Strategies, and approved updates to the document on March 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Goals 1.1 and 2.1 of the Town's Affordable Housing Goals and Strategies are to increase the number of permanently affordable homeownership and rental units respectively;

WHEREAS, the Town Council, on February 15, 2018, received a memo from the Town Attorneys, that affirmed the Town's authority to provide affordable housing within the community, and may do so utilizing Town-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the use of Town-owned land is another way in which the Town Council can advance its goal of increasing the stock of affordable housing within the Town and its planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission supported the use of Town-owned land to create affordable housing and the draft strategy detailing the process for using Town-owned land for this purpose;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, staff will document what is learned from the evaluation and assessment of the Town of Carrboro's Crest and Hill Streets and Pathway Drive

82 affordable housing projects, Town of Chapel Hill's pilot expedited review process, and best  
83 practices as determined by a review of national and regional strategies for using public land to  
84 create affordable housing; and apply some of those lessons to other residential and commercial  
85 development projects (especially as they relate to an expedited review process) as a way of  
86 growing and diversifying the Town's housing stock and its property tax base and thereby  
87 providing relief to community members who are housing cost-burdened;

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89 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Carrboro Town Council approves the  
90 Town-and owned Land Use Strategy and its process to create affordable housing  
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92 **This the 8th day of February, 2022.**

93 **The motion carried by the following vote:**

94 **Ayes: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee**  
95 **Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Danny Nowell,**  
96 **Council Member Sammy Slade**

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99 **ENERGY AND CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN AND COMMUNITY CLIMATE**  
100 **ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

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102 The purpose of this item was to update the Council on Energy and Climate Protection Plan and  
103 Community Climate Action Plan Implementation Efforts.

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105 Laura Janway, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, gave a presentation.  
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107 **A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Foushee, to**  
108 **approve the following resolution:**

109 A RESOLUTION CREATING A PROCESS FOR THE USE OF TOWN-OWNED LAND  
110 FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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117 increase the number of permanently affordable homeownership and rental units respectively;  
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124 advance its goal of increasing the stock of affordable housing within the Town and its  
125 planning jurisdiction; and

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127 WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission supported the use of Town-  
128 owned land to create affordable housing and the draft strategy detailing the process for using  
129 Town- owned land for this purpose;

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131 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Carrboro Town Council approves the  
132 Town- owned Land Use Strategy and its process to create affordable housing

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134 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Carrboro Town Council provides  
135 the following comments and staff direction:

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137 Include in the facility capacity analysis what the potential is for generating the necessary solar  
138 electricity to power the Town’s vehicle fleet.

139 Create a projected greenhouse gases scenarios where all town vehicles are powered by town  
140 generated solar electricity.

141 Explore the possibility of offering electric bicycles to Carrboro staff for use in the Town.

142 Explore opportunities to purchase in bulk with local, county, state, and federal agencies.

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144 **This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in 2022.**

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146 **The motion carried by the following vote:**

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148 **Aye: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara**  
149 **Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O’Donnell, Council Member Sammy Slade,**  
150 **Council Member Danny Nowell**

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153 **MATTERS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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155 There were no matters by Council members.

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159 **CLOSED SESSION**

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161 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O’DONNELL, SECONDED**  
162 **BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**  
163 **PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(5). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

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167 **OPEN SESSION**

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169 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL**  
170 **MEMBER ROMAINE, TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE**  
171 **ALL**

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174 **APPOINTMENT OF NEW TOWN CLERK**

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176 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER NOWELL, SECONDED BY**  
177 **COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**  
178 **OF WESLEY BARKER AS TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF CARRBORO,**  
179 **EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2022.**

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181 **This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in 2022.**

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183 **The motion carried by the following vote:**

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185 **Aye: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara**  
186 **Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Sammy Slade,**  
187 **Council Member Danny Nowell**

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190 **ADJOURNMENT**

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192 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED**  
193 **BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE:**  
194 **AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

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