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Town Hall
Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council**

December 6, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

This meeting was 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 Danny Nowell, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Sammy Slade

Also Present: Richard White, Town Manager; Wesley Barker Town Clerk, Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING

Fred Joiner, the Town's Poet Laureate, read "For My People" by Margaret Walker and a self-authored poem, "My Builders."

PROCLAMATION HONORING POET LAUREATE FRED JOINER

Mayor Seils proclaimed December 6, 2022, to be "Fred Joiner Day" to honor Poet Laureate Fred Joiner on his outgoing tenure as the Town's Poet Laureate.

**INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS (ICAN)
RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Council Member Foushee, seconded by Council Member Posada that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE CITIES APPEAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN
TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS

WHEREAS, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a coalition of nongovernmental organizations in 100 countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

WHEREAS, ICAN was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize “for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons”; and

WHEREAS, ICAN launched its “Cities Appeal” to raise awareness in local communities and the media, recognizing that urban areas are the main targets of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Triangle branch of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has requested that the Town of Carrboro join the Cities Appeal; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the Town of Carrboro has been a member of Mayors for Peace, an international coalition of more than 8000 municipalities answering a call for cities “to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to work together to press for nuclear abolition”; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2014, the Town Council adopted a resolution supporting resolutions by the US Conference of Mayors calling on the US government to participate in good faith in international nuclear disarmament forums, to demonstrate a meaningful commitment to its disarmament obligations, and to reduce nuclear weapons spending and redirect those funds to support safe and resilient cities and meet urgent human needs—resolutions the US Conference of Mayors renewed most recently in June 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council that the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, does hereby join more than 500 cities around the world in adopting the Cities Appeal of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, which reads as follows:

“Our town is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching, and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.

Therefore, we support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and call on our governments to sign and ratify it.”

This the 6th day of December, 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lucy Lewis spoke on behalf of The Women's International League of Freedom thanking Council for the resolution to abolish nuclear weapons.

Maureen Berner spoke on behalf of the Community Worx Board in relation to the proposed office space lease with Carr Mill Mall.

Donald Hawkins II, Chair of Racial Equity Commission (REC), spoke about the Comprehensive Plan regarding affordable housing, Partnership to End Homelessness, IFC and using the racial equity lens on projects.

Sally Robertson spoke in support of moving forward with solar on Town buildings and applying for the Duke Energy rebate before it expires.

Rob Crook spoke on the solar program and bike path expansion/connectivity.

Council Member Slade asked the Town Manager to look into pursuing Duke Energy rebates for solar on top of the parking deck, Town Hall and the Century Center.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2023 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The purpose of this agenda item was for Town Council to approve the January 2023 Town Council meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Council Member Foushee, seconded by Council Member Romaine to adopt the 2023 meeting calendar as presented in the agenda packet.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NCDOT FOR THE HOMESTEAD ROAD-CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-USE PATH (U-4726DE)

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Town Council to consider authorizing the Town Manager to execute a supplemental agreement with NCDOT to extend project milestones.

Council Member Haven-O'Donnell requested the punch list be delineated and listed on the website with other projects.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN UPDATED
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NCDOT FOR THE HOMESTEAD ROAD-CHAPEL
HILL HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-USE PATH**

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council has adopted a Capital Improvement Project Ordinance for the construction of the Homestead Road-Chapel Hill High School Multi-Use Path (U-4726DE) and has appropriated \$1,437,390 for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has executed a municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the design and construction of the Homestead Road-CHHS Multi-Use Path; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been working with NCDOT to complete the remaining final punch list items prior to NCDOT acceptance of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute an updated Supplemental Agreement (SA#5) with NCDOT to reflect later milestones related to project completion.

This the 6th day of December in the year 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NCDOT FOR MORGAN CREEK
GREENWAY (EL-4828A)**

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to execute a supplemental agreement with NCDOT to extend the project milestones.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN UPDATED
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NCDOT FOR THE MORGAN CREEK
GREENWAY**

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council has adopted a Capital Improvement Project Ordinance for the construction of the Morgan Creek Greenway, Phase 1, (EL-4828A) and has appropriated \$1,567,500 for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has executed a municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the design and construction of the Morgan Creek Greenway, Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, design work is underway to prepare the project for bid; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute an updated Supplemental Agreement (SA#4) with NCDOT to reflect later milestones related to project completion.

This the 6th day of December in the year 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NCDOT TO EXTEND PROJECT MILESTONES FOR THE BIKE LOOP DETECTOR PROJECT (U-4726DF) AND TO ALLOCATE LOCAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO INCREASE THE PROJECT BUDGET

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to execute an updated supplemental agreement with NCDOT and to authorize staff to request transportation funds to cover additional estimated expenses to allow the project to move forward.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN UPDATED SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NCDOT FOR THE BIKE LOOP DETECTOR PROJECT (TIP# U-4726DF) AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A STIP AMENDMENT TO ADD FUNDS TO THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council has adopted a Capital Improvement Project Ordinance for the construction of the Bike Loop Detector Project, (U-4726DF) and has appropriated \$57,500 for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has executed a municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the design and construction of the Bike Loop Detector Project; and

WHEREAS, design work is underway to prepare the project for bid; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to complete the project; and **WHEREAS**, additional funds are needed to increase the project budget to match the current construction estimate; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute an updated Supplemental Agreement (SA#3) with NCDOT to reflect later milestones related to project completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Town Council authorizes staff to submit a request to the DCHC MPO for a NCDOT STIP amendment to increase its allocation of STBG-DA funds to the project to provide for additional funding up to \$120,000.

This the 6th day of December in the year 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN CARR MILL OFFICE SPACE LEASE

The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize the Town Manager to sign a three-year office lease agreement with Carr Mill Mall Limited Partnership.

Council members discussed concerns about equity, inclusion and being mindful of fiscal responsibilities. The Town Manager presented the cost comparison between Community Worx and Carr Mill Mall.

A motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member Posada to table the vote until the new year on the lease agreement with Carr Mill Mall as presented in the agenda packet.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Town Council with an update on the status of the recently adopted Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042.

Trish McGuire, Planning Director, gave a presentation on implementing and tracking the projects of the Comprehensive Plan. She explained that each implementation will incorporate racial equity assessments going forward.

Council Member Romaine asked staff to look at eliminating minimum parking requirements downtown.

Council Member Foushee asked the Town Manager for periodic updates on the race and equity work in each department.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Slade asked about the threshold for staff applying for grants and rebates without Council approval (i.e., Duke Energy rebates for solar panels on Town buildings are \$60,000).

Council Member Posada stated he would be bringing forward a resolution in the new year regarding solidarity with the LGBTQ Community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Nowell, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk

Mayor