

**HUNTERSVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PRE-MEETING MINUTES**

**August 17, 2015
5:45 p.m. – Town Hall**

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jill Swain; Commissioners Melinda Bales, Ron Julian, Rob Kidwell, Sarah McAulay, Jeff Neely and Danny Phillips.

Mayor Swain pointed out that this discussion is on the heels of the fact that Mecklenburg County decided to close the Waymer Center, which generated conversation about what's going on in that area.

Greg Ferguson, Town Manager, presented Board with information relating to the Torrence Lytle School and reviewed the plans for the school outlined by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission. *Information attached hereto as Attachment No. 1.*

Commissioner McAulay suggested the Town move ahead with encouraging the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission rather than to stabilize the wings to go ahead and use those funds to take out the hazardous material and go ahead and tear it down and then concentrate on refurbishing the original school and the Town Board enter into a first refusal partnership to purchase restored building. That gives us an opportunity to have an auditorium in the Town limits for the performance/art functions/theater presentations and also provides some classroom space.

Mr. Ferguson explained that the HLC has proposed five annual payments of almost \$500,000. Staff could ask the HLC if they would be willing to entertain a seven or ten year payment schedule.

Following discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to authorize the Town Manager to work with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission and bring an agreement back to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Ferguson pointed out that the Waymer gym is not included in this project. The Waymer Gym is owned by Mecklenburg County. The Town no longer has a lease on that property. The County indicated they did not want to extend the lease due to the poor condition of the building. The County's current plan is to demolish the building in the fall and then seek input from the neighborhood and the Town on what they would like to see in the future.

There being no further business, the pre-meeting was adjourned.