HUNTERSVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRE-MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 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.

Greg Ferguson, Town Manager, updated the Board on the Torrence Lytle School. We met with Dr. Dan Morrill of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission to discuss strategies for the town potentially acquiring the property over a 5 year period. The option for the HLC to finance the building and renovations is probably off the table because that takes up \$2.5 million of their \$3 million revolving fund. This project would not be eligible for GO bonds. Staff is reviewing other financing options, including traditional bank financing that would be probably along the terms of a 20 year loan and it would require LGC approval. Staff will also explore other methods of funding such as county CDBG grants and US Agriculture Economic Development Administration.

Staff will continue discussions with the HLC to determine best course of action to save and restore the building and bring a recommendation on how to proceed back to the Board.

Commissioner Bales made a motion to go into closed session for property acquisition. Commissioner Neely seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Following closed session, there being no further business, the pre-meeting was adjourned.