

**TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**April 17, 2017
6:30 p.m. – Huntersville Town Hall**

PRE-MEETING

The Huntersville Board of Commissioners held a pre-meeting at the Huntersville Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2017.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Aneralla; Commissioners Melinda Bales, Dan Boone, Charles Guignard, Rob Kidwell and Danny Phillips. Commissioner Gibbons was not present.

Budget Work Session – Capital. Jackie Huffman, Finance Director, presented update on authorized bonds. *PowerPoint attached hereto as Exhibit No. 1.*

Gerry Vincent, Interim Town Manager, briefly reviewed the budget for major capital projects. *Refer to Exhibit No. 2.*

Commissioner Kidwell requested staff to find out if the bonus allocation money for the Hambright direct connection with I-77 could be reallocated to the Gilead Road West project.

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

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Regular Meeting of the Huntersville Board of Commissioners was held at the Huntersville Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on April 17, 2017.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Aneralla; Commissioners Melinda Bales, Dan Boone, Mark Gibbons, Charles Guignard, Rob Kidwell and Danny Phillips.

Mayor Aneralla called the meeting to order.

Mayor Aneralla called for a moment of silence.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 97 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS/STAFF QUESTIONS

Mayor Aneralla

- The next meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Commission is April 26.
- Commerce Station Management Team and North Meck Alliance have not met.

Commissioner Bales

- Huntersville currently has 19 active economic development projects. Three of those are in first contact, five are follow-up, six are scheduling visits and we are a finalist for five.
- The North Learning Community Partnership Summit is on April 25.

Commissioner Boone

- Attended the I-77 Safety Summit meeting in Cornelius last week.
- Huntersville Fire Department has been busy the past two weeks with two residential fires and one commercial fire.

Commissioner Gibbons – No Report.

Commissioner Guignard

- Attended the I-77 Safety Summit meeting in Cornelius last week.
- Expressed appreciation to Max Buchanan, Town Engineer/Public Works Director, for getting NCDOT to change timing of traffic signal at Gilead Road/NC 115.

Commissioner Kidwell

- The next meeting of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Organization is Wednesday.
- Due to recent incident in Mooresville, encouraged everyone to be aware of their surroundings.
- Expressed appreciation to Carolyn Whitted for her 20 years of service to the Town.

Commissioner Phillips – No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

Christina Schildgen, Assistant to the Manager, recognized the 2017 Huntersville 101 Class.

Dr. Mike Brennan, Burlington, NC, addressed the Board in support of the proposals for investigative work/testing related to the uveal ocular melanoma cancer cluster. The money from the \$100,000 grant the Town received needs to be allocated by June 7.

Sue Colbert, Wynfield, addressed the Board in support of the proposals for investigative work/testing related to the uveal ocular melanoma cancer cluster. Expressed appreciate to the Mayor, Board, Gerry Vincent, Lee Sullivan, Senator Jeff Tarte and Dr. Mike Brennan for their efforts in finding a cause as to why there are so many cases of this rare cancer in the community.

Todd Steiss, 8932 Deerland Court, Huntersville's Representative for the Citizens Transit Advisory Group, updated the Board on a change in bus routing that will take effect sometime this summer.

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Guignard made a motion to adopt the agenda.

Commissioner Phillips seconded motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Uveal Melanoma Cancer Cluster Investigative Work/Testing. Commissioner Kidwell made a motion to approve proposals for investigative work/testing related to the uveal melanoma cancer cluster.

Commissioner Phillips seconded motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals attached hereto as Exhibit No. 3.

Carolina Rapids Agreement. The First Amendment to the Carolina Rapids Agreement for Barry Park will extend the original 10 year agreement for an additional 10 years that would end on August 3, 2028. The Carolina Rapids will be required to pay a minimum of \$535,000 over this 10 year agreement. The Rapids will pay \$310,000 for field usage at Barry Park over the 10 years. If the Town's field usage rates change during the term of this First Amendment and the new rate times the field usage is more than \$31,000, the Rapids shall pay the higher amount to the Town. Additionally, the Rapids shall pay the Town a total of \$225,000 as a Capital Reserve Fee for Barry Park. This fee will be paid in the amount of \$20,000 annually for years 1 through 5 and then \$25,000 annually for years 6 through 10. Payments shall be made on September 1 of each and every year beginning September 1, 2018 and the last payment shall be made on September 1, 2027. The Capital Reserve Fee will go into a new Capital Reserve Fund for Barry Park. The Parks & Recreation Commission approved this recommendation at its June 15, 2016 meeting.

Some members of the Board expressed concern about why they are being asked to consider a new contract when current contract does not expire for 16 months and the length of the new contract. Questions were also raised as to whether other soccer organizations would be interested in bidding and the number of Huntersville kids on the Carolina Rapids.

Thomas Finlay, Carolina Rapids, reviewed the history of the relationship between the Town and the Carolina Rapids and pointed out the benefits that the Carolina Rapids bring to the partnership.

Commissioner Boone made a motion to defer decision on the First Amendment to the Carolina Rapids Agreement for Barry Park for three months to get answers to some of the questions.

Commissioner Phillips seconded motion.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Phillips made a substitute motion to put this out for RFP.

The substitute motion died due to the lack of a second.

Commissioner Kidwell made a substitute motion to defer decision on the First Amendment to the Carolina Rapids Agreement for Barry Park to May 1, 2017.

Commissioner Bales seconded motion.

Mayor Aneralla called for the vote on the substitute motion to defer decision to May 1, 2017.

Motion carried 4 to 2, with Commissioners Boone and Phillips opposed. Commissioner Guignard abstained which was recorded as a vote in favor.

Greenway, Trail and Bikeway Commission Appointment. The Greenway, Trail and Bikeway Commission has one opening. Jeff Fissel has moved out of the Town Limits of Huntersville and must resign from the commission. The open term will expire December 2017.

Commissioner Boone nominated Jason Pauling.

Commissioner Phillips nominated Geoff Steel.

Vote for Jason Pauling: Commissioners Boone, Kidwell and Gibbons in favor.

Vote for Geoff Steele: Commissioners Guignard, Bales and Phillips in favor.

Mayor Aneralla voted for Jason Pauling.

CONSENT AGENDA

Budget Amendment. Commissioner Guignard made a motion to approve budget amendment appropriating funds received in the amount of \$30,830.12 from Lake Norman Charter School (per agreement for security services) for the months of August 2016 to January 2017 to the Police Department's budget for overtime, benefits and vehicle costs.

Commissioner Kidwell seconded motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Commissioner Guignard explained that he abstained on the vote deferring decision on the Carolina Rapids agreement because he felt three months was too long, but two weeks was not enough time.

Mayor Aneralla announced that the Mayor's Luncheon is tomorrow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the ____ day of _____, 2017.