

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:57 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray, Commissioners Jessie Bellflowers, Pat Edwards, Jerry Legge and Bryan Marley.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Deputy Public Works Director Bruce Clark, and Deputy Stormwater Director Tyler Riddle. Also present, was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Deacon Pat Snyder, Good Shepherd Catholic, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of Public Hearings item a. Case No. 21-042 Consideration Of the Transformative Rei, LLC Property; Subdivision Review; Request for a Waiver from the requirement for Street Frontage on a private or public street for Subdivision; Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance, Section 86a-403.C, Street Frontage; Zoned: R10; Total Acreage: 5.00+/-; Located West of Cherry Street and North of Spreading Branch Road; Submitted by Paola Blackburn on Behalf of Transformative Rei, LLC.

2. PRESENTATIONS.

- a. Public Safety Building Project Update Presented by Scott Garner, Architect.

Scott Garner of Garner Brown Architects provided an update on the Public Safety Building. Mr. Garner commented the project is on schedule and the next big item is bringing in the steel framing. The sewer line options will need to be evaluated and the options will be presented to the Board.

Commissioner Legge inquired if there is an issue with the elevations of the sewer lines. Mr. Garner commented they do not have an issue but the sewage line from the library is.

- b. Deloma Graham, Interim Executive Director, Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) will present updates to the MOU for the Board of Commissioners approval.

Interim Executive Director for FAMPO Deloma Graham requested our Board members approval of the FAMPO Memorandum of Understanding to include Fort Bragg as a voting member of the Transportation Policy Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to update our MOU to include Fort Bragg as a voting member of the Transportation Policy Board.

- c. Recognition of Hope Mills members of 40 under 40.

Mayor Warner and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray recognized Casey Ferris, Jerel McGeachy, Nathan Warfel and Monika Cotter for being named to Fayetteville Observer's 40 Under 40.

- d. Appearance Committee presents the Yard of the Month to Karina Tavarez & Priamo Liriano at 5733 Trevino Street Hope Mills NC.

Appearance Committee Chair Tina Yossett recognized 5733 Trevino Street as Yard of the Month.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- a. Removed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Ms. Joanne Scarola, 5429 Archer Road, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Scarola expressed her concern that the veterans suicide awareness event scheduled for August 7th has not been advertised enough by the Town.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the June 7, 2021, Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- b. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the May 17, 2021, Budget Workshop Meeting.
- c. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the June 7, 2021, Budget Workshop Meeting.

- d. Moved to New Business.
- e. Consideration to Adopt Resolution R2021-12 related to Cumberland-Hoke Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- f. Consideration to Adopt Resolution R2021-13 Adjusting Election Filing Fees. Previously discussed at the June 7, 2021 meeting.
- g. Acceptance of the May 2021 financial report.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as read with the removal of item d, moved to New Business.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Budget Amendment to allocate funds from Powell Bill Revenues for the Johnson Street Sidewalk Project.

Commissioner Bellflowers inquired if the \$48,225 is the Town’s 20% portion of the 80/20 split. Public Works Director Don Sisko confirmed that it is.

Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers, seconded by Commissioner Marley, and carried unanimously, to approve the Budget Amendment to allocate funds from Powell Bill Revenues for the Johnson Street Sidewalk Project.

7. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. Manager’s Report.

Town Manager Meszaros remarked the request from the June 7th meeting to research language changes for the Boards Policy when adding items to the agenda is still ongoing and he would like more direction from the Board.

Town Attorney Hartzog commented the current Rules of Procedure allow Board members to request items be added to the agenda for discussion purposes only. No action or vote may be taken until the following meeting. Mayor Warner responded if an item requires research, it could be added to the next meeting’s agenda.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to amend the Rules of Procedure to change the order of the agenda and move Official Comments to item 2.

Commissioner Bellflowers requested the Board consider allowing the Town Manager to research replacing the current log boom. Town Manager Meszaros responded he consulted with the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief, and they recommended 3 vertical pillars to replace the current infrastructure.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Board was to direct the Town Manager Meszaros to research and present the Board with options to correct the log boom.

b. Reminders.

- Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM - Appearance Commission meeting in the Parks and Recreation Building.
- Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Tier 1 Hope Mills meeting in the Luther Board Room.
- Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM – Parks and Recreation Committee in the Parks and Recreation Building.
- Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Prime Movers in the Luther Board Room.
- Monday, July 5, 2021 Independence Day Holiday Observed – Town Offices Closed.
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Historic Preservation Committee meeting in the Parks and Recreation Building.
- Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM – Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting in the Luther Board Room.

c. Department Monthly Reports

- Fire Department, May, 2021
- Police Department, May, 2021
- Permitting, May, 2021
- Code Enforcement, May, 2021
- Parks and Recreation, May, 2021
- Stormwater Department, May, 2021
- Public Works Department, May, 2021
 - (1) Sanitation
 - (2) Service Garage
 - (3) Buildings & Grounds
 - (4) Street

8. STAFF COMMENTS.

9. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Legge recognized Lamarco Morrison, Maxey Dove and Stephen Kessinger and all the Parks & Recreation staff for the work put into the current softball tournament and recommended they be presented with a certificate.

Commissioner Marley commented PetFest was a huge success as well as the Library Park unveiling. Commissioner Marley requested the following items be added to the July 19 agenda for action or discussion: the Board using Roberts Rules of Order, discussion of the roles of committee liaisons, and Board members Code of Conduct for engaging with committee members. Town Attorney Hartzog commented the current adopted Rules of Procedure address these items. Commissioner Bellflowers responded the Code of Conduct also pertains to committee members.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented all the events that took place in Municipal Park were well attended and enjoyable for everyone.

Commissioner Edwards commented our seniors request more transparency as most do not have internet access to watch the meetings and express concerns about the upcoming elections.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray commented the Observer will likely cover the Town's November election and suggested forums for community outreach. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray remarked the Juneteenth Celebration was a success and well attended; and reminded of the trade skills survey circulating on social media and the Town website.

Mayor Warner remarked the Trade Street Hope Theater mural received media coverage over the weekend and thanked the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council for the grant proceeds that funded the mural and sculpture that was unveiled at the Friends of the Hope Mills Library Park. Mayor Warner thanked Sally Bailey for her involvement with the Appearance Commission being instrumental with the use of funds, for the beautification of the lakefront park, that the Town received in the past from First Citizens Bank.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge to adjourn the meeting,

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk