



**MINUTES**  
**HILLSBOROUGH TOWN BOARD**  
**April 23, 2007**  
7:30 PM, Town Barn

Present: Mayor Tom Stevens, Commissioners Evelyn Lloyd, Frances Dancy, L. Eric Hallman.

Absent: Brian Lowen, Mike Gering, absence excused.

Staff Present: Town Manager Eric Peterson, Town Clerk/Personnel Officer Donna Armbrister, Finance Director Greg Siler, Planning Director Margaret Hauth, and Town Attorney Bob Hornik.

7:34:18 PM Mayor Tom Stevens called the meeting to order.

**1. PUBLIC CHARGE**

7:34:23 PM Mayor Stevens did not read the Public Charge, but indicated it would be followed.

**2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON THE PRINTED AGENDA**

7:34:30 PM No audience comments.

**3. AGENDA CHANGES & AGENDA APPROVAL**

7:34:45 PM Mayor Stevens added an item for announcements.

7:35:00 PM Commissioner Hallman added an item to request an agenda item be added to the May Agenda. He said it would allow staff time to prepare needed information regarding a proposed moratorium on annexations. Mayor Stevens suggested that it be added to the end of the agenda. Commissioner Hallman agreed.

7:35:50 PM Upon a motion by Commissioner Dancy, seconded by Commissioner Hallman, the Board moved to adopt the agenda as amended by a vote of 3-0. The motion was declared passed.

**Added Item Announcements: Mayor Stevens**

7:36:02 PM Mayor Stevens said he had spoken to Representative Faison earlier today, and wanted to alert the Board of the possibility that they would have favorable news regarding the additional sidewalk funds for the Nash Street project. One other announcement, he said, was that the Chamber and others in Hillsborough would likely be recognized in a resolution to be read at the State Legislature next Monday night at 7 p.m., and he planned to attend.

7:37:25 PM Commissioner Hallman said tomorrow at the Board of County Commissioners meeting there would be an item on the agenda to look at reprogramming money that had been committed to the soccer complex. He said Carrboro had asked that those funds be reprogrammed for soccer fields in the southern tip of the County. Commissioner Hallman encouraged everyone to contact the Commissioners to ask that the money not be reprogrammed in that manner, but that it be more evenly distributed.

#### **4. TOWN BOARD TO REVIEW REQUESTS FROM NON-PROFIT AGENCIES FOR FUNDING DURING FY-08**

7:38:56 PM Finance Director Greg Siler provided a brief introduction, noting the process that had been followed up to this point. He stated that the total being requested by all agencies amounted to \$62,250, more than twice what was budgeted during the current year.

7:41:06 PM Mayor Stevens commented that the Board very much appreciated all the hard work that went into the non-profits and their willingness to come before the Board. He said the reality was that the budget was tight and the three-year projections were even tighter, adding that the Board would not be able to grant each request based on the funding available. He asked each agency to limit their comments to five minutes or less.

7:42:30 PM Commissioner Hallman asked that each agency as they came forward address what percentage of their funding would go towards actual services. He said if too much was going towards overhead, then the Town had to consider that while remaining good stewards of the Town's money.

7:43:26 PM The Dispute Settlement Center requested \$2,500 for FY 07-08.

7:46:41 PM The Communities in Schools of Orange County and Orange County Middle School After School requested a combined total of \$1,750 for FY 07-08.

7:50:21 PM The Family Violence Prevention Center requested \$2,000 for FY 07-08.

7:53:45 PM The Orange Congregations in Mission (OCIM) requested \$6,000 for FY 07-08. The OCIM also requested an additional \$5,000 in FY 07-08 for Rental Assistance for Displaced Daniel Boone Residents.

7:58:21 PM The Women's Center requested \$5,000 for FY 07-08.

8:05:16 PM The Rape Crisis Center requested \$5,000 for FY 07-08.

8:09:43 PM Hillsborough Exchange Club Park and the Hillsborough Exchange Club/Prevention/Child Abuse requested a combined total of \$1,500 for FY 07-08.

8:13:19 PM The Orange County Literacy Council requested \$3,000 for FY 07-08.

8:16:23 PM The Neighbor House Hillsborough, Inc. requested \$13,500 for FY 07-08.

8:20:02 PM The American Red Cross requested \$1,000 for FY 07-08.

8:24:35 PM Commissioner Lloyd said she had witnessed a fire several years ago, and had talked with Red Cross volunteers who were present to discover where a donation could be sent. She said the volunteers were not sure, and she had found it difficult to find an address in order to send a donation. Commissioner Lloyd asked if it was possible for the Red Cross to be included on the list with the County so that their phone number could be shared. The Red Cross representative said she would follow up on that.

8:28:03 PM The Orange Community Housing Corporation requested \$2,500 for FY 07-08.

### **Added Item Regarding Moratorium on Annexations**

8:32:52 PM Commissioner Hallman suggested that this Board approve directions to staff that they add to the next meeting's agenda an item where the Board could discuss different levels of slowing down the number of applications, whether it be for a full-scale moratorium or refusing annexation requests. The Board agreed by consensus.

8:33:53 PM Planning Director Margaret Hauth said staff would generate a list of projects that had vested rights and would be allowed to continue even if a full-scale moratorium was put into effect. She said that would give the Board some idea of its options.

8:34:03 PM Commissioner Hallman said that would be helpful, noting he wanted to see what it would mean if the Board said no to an annexation request, and what were the things that needed to be considered.

8:34:25 PM Town Attorney Bob Hornik commented that Carrboro had adopted a moratorium in its northern study area, and Chapel Hill was talking about adopting a moratorium in the neighboring portion of Chapel Hill to the Carrboro area. He said a moratorium did not have to be the entire Town, so one of the things to consider was perhaps limiting it to a certain area, a certain type of development, or a certain zoning district. Mr. Hornik said there was much that could be done between those ranges of possibilities and different ways to address them.

8:36:08 PM Town Manager Eric Peterson said he had received a call from an attorney who was representing the landowner of the property formerly known as The Preserve. He said the attorney wanted to meet with him and Ms. Hauth to make sure he understood what the Town wanted. Mr. Peterson said he had told the attorney that he believed it would be a waste of everyone's time, but he was willing to meet with him if he insisted. He said he had relayed to the attorney that with the property being outside the Town's strategic planning area and with our limited water and sewer capacity, that it would not be financial feasible for them. Mr. Peterson said he had not yet heard back from the attorney.

8:37:46 PM Upon a motion by Commissioner Dancy, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd, the Board moved to enter into a Closed Session by a vote of 3-0. The motion was declared passed.

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session as authorized by North Carolina General Statute Section 143-318.11 (5) to meet with Town Attorney to discuss Authorization for Riverwalk Acquisition.

Upon returning to Open Session, and upon a motion by Commissioner Dancy, seconded by Commissioner Hallman, the Board moved to proceed with the land acquisition for the Riverwalk Project as discussed in Closed Session by a vote of 3-0. The motion was declared passed.

**6. ADJOURN**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dancy, seconded by Commissioner Hallman, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting by a vote of 3-0. The motion was declared passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna F. Armbrister, MMC  
Town Clerk