

**TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**January 21, 2025
6:00 p.m. – Huntersville Town Hall
101 Huntersville-Concord Road**

PRE-MEETING

The Huntersville Board of Commissioners held a Pre-meeting at Huntersville Town Hall, 101 Huntersville-Concord Road, at 5:15 p.m. on January 21, 2025.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Christy Clark; Commissioners Alisia Bergsman, Amanda Dumas, Edwin Quarles, LaToya Rivers and Nick Walsh. Commissioner Jennifer Hunt was not present.

Ian Redman and Gemma Pisano presented presentation on proposed branding for the Town of Huntersville. *Refer to PowerPoint attached hereto as Exhibit No. 1.*

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, 101 Huntersville-Concord Road, at 6:00 p.m. on January 21, 2025.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Christy Clark; Commissioners Alisia Bergsman, Amanda Dumas, Edwin Quarles, LaToya Rivers and Nick Walsh. Commissioner Jennifer Hunt was not present.

Mayor Clark called for a moment of silence.

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pottstown Preservation Plan Kick-off Meeting is Wednesday January 22.
- North Meck Priorities Meeting hosted by Mecklenburg County Commissioner Elain Powell is Thursday, January 23.
- Huntersville Police Department will participate in Polar Plunge to raise money for the Special Olympics of North Carolina on Sunday, January 26.

Ways to connect with us – website, social media pages, Town of Huntersville app and newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Quarles made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Bergsman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Rivers made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting. Commissioner Dumas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution – North Meck Park Greenway Project. The North Mecklenburg Park Greenway is a 1-mile greenway that will connect the Hamptons neighborhood, Harvest Pointe neighborhood and other neighborhoods along Highway 73 to North Mecklenburg Park. The Town received five bids for this project. Eagle Wood, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder. Eagle Wood, Inc. has completed numerous greenway projects in our area. This project did come in higher than the engineer's estimate. Some of the factors that might have contributed to that are there are a lot of active greenway projects in our area that are keeping the few contractors who do this type of work busy and it took almost 3 years to acquire the land and easements from the surrounding neighbors to get this project to bid. The engineer's estimate was much lower for the grading than what was submitted for bidding. The benefit of using the existing haul road that was created from the stream restoration project was not as beneficial as expected from a grading standpoint.

Commissioner Bergsman made a motion to adopt Resolution to award the bid for the North Mecklenburg Park Greenway Project and approve the construction contract with Eagle Wood, Inc.

Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit No. 2.

Budget Amendment – North Meck Park Greenway. Commissioner Dumas made a motion to approve budget amendment to appropriate \$1.2 million from Fund Balance to North Mecklenburg Park Greenway Construction.

Commissioner Quarles seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Non-profit Funding Agreement. Emily Sloop, Town Attorney, said you have for consideration a non-profit funding agreement with Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region, Inc. If approved, this funding agreement would provide funds to Habitat specifically for the use of acquiring land to develop affordable housing and this affordable housing would be for persons of low to moderate income, meaning that they are no more than 80 percent AMI for this region.

Commissioner Walsh made a motion to approve a non-profit funding agreement to appropriate \$160,000 to Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region, Inc. to use to purchase land to be developed for the sale or lease of affordable housing to persons of low to moderate income.

Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Amendment – Habitat for Humanity. Commissioner Rivers made a motion to approve budget amendment appropriating Land Revenue and Expense for \$160,000 for the Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region, Inc. funding agreement.

Commissioner Bergsman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment and Public Hearing Policy Amendment. The main changes to the Public Comment and Public Hearing Policy include:

- The Town recognizes the importance of receiving comments from the Public related to matters of Town business within its jurisdiction.
- Speakers should not expect Board members to comment on or respond to their comments directly.
- Speakers under the age of 18 are not required to list their addresses on the speaker sign-up sheets.
- Speaker sign-up sheets will be accepted until five (5) minutes prior to the designated meeting start time.

Commissioner Quarles made a motion to approve amendments to the Public Comment and Public Hearing Policy.

Commissioner Dumas seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Amended Public Comment and Public Hearing Policy attached hereto as Exhibit No. 3.

Filing Fees – 2025 Election. Commissioner Bergsman made a motion to approve filing fees in the amounts of \$50 for Mayor and \$25 for Board of Commissioners for the 2025 election.

Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Town Branding. Commissioner Dumas made a motion to adopt the new Town branding.

Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Commissioner Bergsman announced the Queen's Feast Restaurant Week continues through January 26. Quoted black poet Toi Derricotte who said "Joy is an act of resistance."

Commissioner Quarles commended Parks and Recreation staff for successful Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration event.

Commissioner Dumas expressed appreciation to Commissioner Quarles and Commissioner Rivers for leading the charge on bringing Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration to Huntersville.

Commissioner Walsh commended Parks and Recreation staff for successful Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration event.

Commissioner Rivers expressed appreciation to everyone involved in making the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration event happen.

Mayor Clark expressed appreciation to everyone involved in bringing the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration event to fruition.

There being no further business, Commissioner Walsh made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Quarles seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this the 4th day of February 2025.