

**TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
TOWN BOARD MEETING (VIRTUAL)
MINUTES**

**April 6, 2020
6:00 p.m. – Huntersville Town Hall**

PRE-MEETING

None

**REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)
TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Regular Meeting of the Huntersville Board of Commissioners (Virtual) was hosted at the Huntersville Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on April 6, 2020.

Mayor Aneralla said welcome to the April 6, 2020 meeting of the Huntersville Town Board of Commissioners. In light of the Town's, County's and State's declarations of emergency due to COVID-19, the meeting tonight is being conducted remotely. For the record, this meeting is being streamed on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/HuntersvilleNCTownGovernment>.

Public comment is being received through RingCentral from members of the public who have previously signed up. As of right now, no one has signed up. They had until 2:00 p.m. today in order to sign up. In the future if you would like to speak at one of our virtual Town Hall meetings, e-mail townhall@huntersville.org by 2:00 p.m. Monday of the meeting.

We will first begin by identifying ourselves so that the record can reflect who is present and participating in the meeting. First of all, I'm John Aneralla, Mayor of Huntersville and next I will call on each of the members of the Board of Commissioners and ask them to introduce themselves.

The following commissioners replied they were present:

- Commissioner Melinda Bales
- Commissioner Dan Boone
- Commissioner Brian Hines
- Commissioner Lance Munger
- Commissioner Stacy Phillips
- Commissioner Nick Walsh

Mayor Aneralla said for the record, all commissioners have acknowledged their presence for the meeting. Therefore, we have a quorum. Also with me today is Town Attorney Angela Beeker, Town Manager Anthony Roberts, Assistant to the Town Manager Bobby Williams and the Assistant Town Manager Jackie Huffman and our technology guy, Larry.

Mayor Aneralla called for a moment of silence.

Mayor Aneralla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Aneralla said since we are conducting a remote meeting tonight, there are a few housekeeping rules that will have to govern our actions so that our Board minutes are accurate and without confusion.

If a Board member wishes to speak, please request the floor. I will recognize that Board member who can then make their comments. If a Board member is making a motion, please identify yourself first and then make your motion. If a Board member makes a second, please identify yourself and then make the second. I will restate the motion, the Commissioner who made the motion, and the Commissioner who made the second. For voting, each Commissioner must vote by voice individually so that there is no confusion as to how a Commissioner voted. I will call each by name and ask for your vote. This avoids people having walked away and not voting if they cannot be seen. If a matter is being debated, I will call on each Board member to see if they have comments they would like to make before proceeding to take a vote.

Generally, when requesting the floor to make a comment, I ask that each Board member wait to be recognized by me before speaking, and please refrain from speaking over another. I request that each speaker ends comments by saying "this concludes my comments" or "I have no comments" if they do not desire to speak. It must be orderly or it will be disorder.

If a commissioner needs to leave the meeting temporarily, please ask for the floor, state that you are leaving verbally so that we can capture those actions and attendance of each Board member in the minutes. It will be just as if you have temporarily left the Board Room in an in-person meeting and you will not be counted as present during your temporary absence.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS/STAFF QUESTIONS

Mayor Aneralla

- For information on the COVID-19 crisis, [CharMeckResponds.org](https://www.charmeckresponds.org) is an excellent resource.

Commissioner Bales

- Lake Norman Economic Development Corporation launched AscendLKN Phase 2 that will be focused on healthcare.
- Several emails have been received about deployment of wireless during the quarantine. The Town has not received any permit applications for several months for this per Town staff.

Commissioner Boone

- Announced upcoming Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce Virtual Events.
- Expressed appreciation to first responders for their efforts.

Commissioner Hines

- The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization met virtually in March. The April meeting has been canceled.

Commissioner Phillips

- Anyone who needs assistance can reach out to Ada Jenkins, Angels and Sparrows, or Caterpillar Ministries.
- People whose residence is a hotel are supposed to be treated as if you were being evicted from an apartment. Anyone in this situation can call 211.

Commissioner Munger

- Everyone is going to need a lot of patience and empathy to be able to get through this.

Commissioner Walsh

- All commission meetings that are part of the Parks & Recreation Department have been canceled until further notice.
- Provided update from the Huntersville Chamber of Commerce.
- Provided update from Visit Lake Norman.

Mayor Aneralla noted there is a new piece of public art in the downtown. It is a bike rack that looks like the old water tower.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Aneralla said now moving into the informal public comments. A notice was sent out to the public to sign up so that they could be sent an invitation to participate in the meeting. All public microphones have been muted up to this point. I will recognize a member of the public, their microphone will be unmuted and they may address the Board. The Board will not be able to see the person speaking, but will be able to hear them. Before we begin recognizing anyone, actually nobody has signed up, we did receive an e-mail from BeeJay Caldwell so this is her e-mail (displayed on the screen) and it will be put in the record. *Written comments attached hereto as Exhibit No. 1.*

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Petition #R20-02. Commissioner Walsh made a motion to cancel public hearing on Petition #R20-02, a request by North Mecklenburg Rescue Foundation to generally rezone 0.3944 acres from Neighborhood Residential to Highway Commercial. The property is located at 15503 N OLD STATESVILLE RD HUNTERSVILLE NC 28078 (Parcel # 01733141).

Commissioner Boone seconded motion.

Mayor Aneralla called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Bales – Approve
Commissioner Boone – Approve
Commissioner Hines – Approve
Commissioner Munger – Approve

Commissioner Phillips – Approve
Commissioner Walsh – Approve

Motion to cancel public hearing on Petition #R20-02 carried unanimously.

Petition #R19-17. Commissioner Walsh made a motion to cancel public hearing on Petition #R19-17, a request by South Creek Construction to rezone 35.8 acres from Transitional Residential to Neighborhood Residential Conditional District for a 320 unit congregate housing development; Parcel 01123104.

Commissioner Boone seconded motion.

Mayor Aneralla called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Bales – Approve
Commissioner Boone – Approve
Commissioner Hines – Approve
Commissioner Munger – Approve
Commissioner Phillips – Approve
Commissioner Walsh – Approve

Motion to cancel public hearing on Petition #R19-17 carried unanimously.

Petition #TA20-01. Commissioner Walsh made a motion to cancel public hearing on Petition #TA20-01, a text amendment application requested by the Huntersville Planning Board to amend Articles 7.2, 7.4, and 12 of the Huntersville Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Hines seconded motion.

Mayor Aneralla called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Bales – Approve
Commissioner Boone – Approve
Commissioner Hines – Approve
Commissioner Munger – Approve
Commissioner Phillips – Approve
Commissioner Walsh – Approve

Motion to cancel public hearing on Petition #TA20-01 carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hines made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bales seconded motion.

Mayor Aneralla called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Bales – Approve

Commissioner Boone – Approve

Commissioner Hines – Approve

Commissioner Munger – Approve

Commissioner Phillips – Approve

Commissioner Walsh – Approve

The following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved.

1. Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting.
2. Minutes of the March 16, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting.
3. Authorization for staff to submit PARTF Grant for the Ranson/Rosedale Park. *Grant Application attached hereto as Exhibit No. 2.*
4. Resolution to Approve the Main Street Upgrades Project's Construction Engineering & Inspection Agreement. *Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit No. 3.*
5. Property Tax Refunds. *Property Tax Refund Report attached hereto as Exhibit No. 4.*

CLOSING COMMENTS

Commissioner Hines said I think since we canceled three public hearings, it may be good just to explain to the public why we took those actions tonight, if you could.

Mayor Aneralla said basically under North Carolina statute when we have a public hearing the public needs to be here and under the current circumstances when the Governor says we can't have more than 10 people attend our meetings, it would obviously be very difficult if more than 10 people wanted to be here, so we had talked to all the applicants and discussed this with them and they all were supportive of postponing or canceling their public hearings until a later date. We will try to keep business as best as we can moving forward, however this is unusual circumstances and it was just better to cancel those hearings.

To reiterate Commissioner Phillips' comments about the charities, just basically when you look at under normal circumstances how many people are in need of these particular charities you have to times that by probably about 10 right now. All of them are in need of supplies of food or certainly money. The other thing I'd like to kind of give a shout out to the restaurants in our community that are donating food to our first responders. At this time when they are hurting, these restaurants are down 50, 60, 70 percent in their sales and they are still out there supporting our first responders. It's a real testament to the type of people in the community that we have here so I just would like to give those a shout out and please if you can, do take out to try to keep our local restaurants going for as long as we can. Also, thank you to staff. It's been trying times for them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 20th day of April, 2020.