

Special Meeting Minutes of the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners Meeting of June 10, 2022, at the Highlands Community Building, 71 Poplar Street, Highlands, North Carolina

Town Board Present: Commissioner Amy Patterson, Commissioner Eric Pierson, Commissioner Brian Stiehler, Commissioner Marc Hehn and Mayor Pat Taylor

Town Board Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore John Dotson

Also Present: Town Manager Josh Ward, Planning & Development Director Assistant Michael Mathis and Town Clerk Gibby Shaheen

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. Set Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Adoption

Town Manager Josh Ward stated we have been working on the Community Plan and with the short term rental issues it has been delayed. Ward continued the state requires the Comprehensive Plan to be adopted by July 1st and revisions can be made after the short term rental issues are resolved. Planning Board met on Tuesday and approved the plan made a recommendation to the Board for approval. Ward added that Stewart would be presenting an overview of the plan at the regular scheduled Board meeting next week.

COMMISSIONER PATTERSON MADE A MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR JUNE 30, 2022, AT 6:00PM, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STIEHLER, AND THE VOTE WAS 3 TO 1 WITH COMMISSIONER HEHN OPPOSING.

3. Closed Session: Pursuant to NCGS §318.11(a)(3) Attorney Client Privilege: Allen, Stahl & Kilbourne Letter regarding UDO Amendments for Short Term Rentals

COMMISSIONER PATTERSON MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS §318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AT 3:10PM, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PIERSON AND THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

ONCE DISCUSSION WAS HELD, COMMISSIONER PATTERSON MADE A MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 3:39PM, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STIEHLER AND THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

4. Adjournment

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COMMISSIONER PATTERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PIERSON AND UPON A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE TOWN BOARD ADJOURNED AT 3:39PM.

Patrick Taylor
Mayor

Gilberta B. Shaheen
Town Clerk