

**DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
OF THE CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016, AT 7:00 PM**

Council Members Present: Mayor Pam Hemminger, Mayor pro tem Donna Bell, Council Member Jessica Anderson, Council Member George Cianciolo, Council Member Sally Greene, Council Member Ed Harrison, Council Member Nancy Oates, Council Member Maria Palmer, and Council Member Michael Parker.

Staff members present: Town Manager Roger L. Stancil, Deputy Town Manager Florentine Miller, Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos, Business Management Director Kenneth Pennoyer, Budget Analyst David Finley, Budget Manager Matthew Brinkley, and Communications and Public Affairs Director and Town Clerk Sabrina Oliver.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Development of Council Goals.

Town Manager Roger Stancil opened the session with a review of the goal setting process and the draft 2016–18 Council Goals. Mr. Stancil explained that the draft had been shaped by discussion from the Council retreat and by updates made to the previously adopted 2014–16 goals. Mr. Stancil emphasized that the work session was intended as an opportunity for Council to provide direction that would guide development of departmental initiatives and upcoming budget recommendations.

Council began by discussing the category “Nurture Our Community”, focusing on opportunities to improve civic engagement and public understanding of Town operations. Council members reviewed the concept of a Residents’ Academy and considered how the initiative might support broader participation, especially if designed to reach residents outside Town Hall and to encourage interest in boards and commissions. Council members discussed aligning engagement programs with community needs, exploring ways to broaden access to information, and building on successful models such as the Police Department’s academy. Council also discussed how such efforts could support diversity and foster deeper involvement in long-term Town initiatives.

Council then reviewed approaches to streamlining the development review process, emphasizing the need for performance measures, clear expectations, and consistent procedures across permitting, inspections, planning, and stormwater functions. Council members acknowledged the workload challenges involved and affirmed that efficiency improvements must be paired with maintaining high-quality standards, and continued attention to workload and efficiency. Council noted the importance of consistent processes while maintaining quality standards.

Council also discussed land use planning strategies, observing an opportunity to support diverse development forms and long-term sustainability. Members revisited the Solid Waste Transfer Facility topic, acknowledging ongoing work with county partners. Council additionally addressed stormwater management and severe weather preparation were also reviewed, with consideration given to goal categorization.

Council then discussed “Facilitate Getting Around”, and addressed multimodal transportation,

congestion concerns, and the need for a unified mobility framework. Council supported conducting a multimodal traffic analysis to help guide mobility improvements that integrate bicycle planning, roadway improvements, and transit considerations. They emphasized the need for prioritization and realism in funding decisions, as well as clearer communication with the public about ongoing efforts.

Council then discussed goals related to “Develop Good Places and New Spaces”, and reviewed planning for public safety and recreation facilities, ongoing work related to the Greene Tract, and initiatives in the Northside neighborhood. Council reinforced the need for transparent capital planning and continued commitment to community first approaches.

Council considered strategies for supporting small businesses, expanding incubator and co working spaces, refining economic development incentives, and aligning job creation goals with available resources when discussing “Community Prosperity and Engagement”. Members highlighted the importance of realistic timelines and strong partnerships, including communication with local financial institutions. They also addressed concerns about employment practices and the need to ensure that jobs supported by Town initiatives provide appropriate benefits.

Council discussed goals related to “Create a Place for Everyone”, focusing on establishing affordable housing benchmarks, compiling existing housing efforts into a consolidated metrics based framework, and strengthening code enforcement predictability. Members also addressed expanding youth programming partnerships and cultural arts partnerships, collaborating with schools and community organizations, and exploring opportunities for after-school and career development initiatives.

Council reviewed “Grow Town and Gown Collaboration” and discussed opportunities for increased coordination with UNC and UNC Health Care. Council highlighted shared interests on student housing, staff and workforce housing, potential for shared facilities, and long range planning. Members expressed interest in strengthening communication channels and aligning University plans with Town goals. Council also expressed interest in ensuring that the University’s ongoing master planning process is aligned with Town priorities and that communication channels remain open and structured.

Mr. Stancil concluded by noting that staff would revise the draft goals based on the discussion and return with recommended priorities and timelines. Council members acknowledged that prioritization was important considering resource constraints.

COUNCIL MEMBER GEORGE CIANCIOLO MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JESSICA ANDERSON, TO ENTERS INTO CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 143-318.11 (A)(6). THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0).

The Council recessed into Closed Session at 8:37 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.