

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY JUNE 2022 MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL**

1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054

THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2022 7:00 PM,

RECONVENED THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2022 7:00 PM,

RECONVENED THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2022 6:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Mayor Black called the meeting to order and recessed the regular monthly June meeting to June 23rd at 7:00pm.

II. Reconvene and Roll Call

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell reconvened the meeting on June 23rd at 7:00pm and Town Clerk Sarah Rowan conducted the roll call. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell, Commissioner Hay, Commissioner Fowler, Commissioner Morton, and Commissioner Moore were in attendance. Mayor Black was not present.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Cordell suggested amending the agenda to move Proclamations to item number five.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

IV. Comments from Attendees

The Town Manager reported that there were no comments from attendees wishing to address the Board.

V. Approval of the Board of Commissioners' Monthly April 14th Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hay motioned to approve the Board of Commissioners' Monthly April 14th meeting minutes. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

VI. Proclamations

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt a proclamation recognizing Juneteenth. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Fowler addressed the Board and the community with a statement:

“Being the first openly member of the LGBTQIA community represented on this board, I would be remiss if I didn’t vocalize my support of this proclamation. Pride started as a response to the hate and unfair targeting of people for just being themselves. A statement that said we are here and are not going anywhere. A wish that we all live in harmony in America. Pride is not time set aside for the LGBTQ+ community to show off their sexual identity. It is not a time to annoy those who are not like-minded. It is a time for members of the LGBTQ+ community to be proud of themselves. Proud of who they are when it feels as though the majority of the world is against them. Proud to be amongst people who see them for who they are without judgment. I want all the citizens of Ranlo to feel they belong here. So as a Commissioner of this board I want to say if you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community or an ally, ‘I see you and am glad you’re here. We as a community are better when we all are welcome at the table.’ I want to thank the Board for considering this and the Juneteenth proclamations and hope for a 5 to 0 vote.”

Commissioner Hay motioned to adopt a proclamation recognizing June as Pride Month. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Morton opposed.

VII. Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Commissioner Moore motioned to open the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

There was no public comment for the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to close the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

VIII. Consideration of Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023

Commissioner Moore motioned to adopt the budget as written. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 3-2 with Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Morton opposed.

Commissioner Hay recommended making compensation equal by increasing salary for the governing body and having members buy into health insurance.

Commissioner Fowler noted that a benefit offered by the Town is not compensation but agrees that Commissioners should be compensated equally.

Commissioner Hay proposed that salary be increased to \$300 a month and to rid of health insurance.

The Town Manager clarified with Commissioner Hay that the salaries would be increased to \$300 a month and the governing body could buy in at cost to their insurance. The Town Manager proposed the idea for the governing body to have a choice between receiving pay and receiving insurance to ease accounting logistics.

Commissioner Morton noted that he does not accept a proposed raise in the salaries of the governing body.

The Town Manager informed the Board of a broken valve on Highway 7 that the Town cannot replace in-house. He presented the Board with an addition to capital projects and a quote from Kemp Construction totaling \$26,876.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell requested a \$5,000 increase in the recreation budget for the July 9th hotdog giveaway and a veteran's wall.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the budget including all three amendments of increasing governing body salaries to \$300 per month, capital project additions, and a \$5,000 increase to recreation. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Morton opposed.

The Town Manager requested individual motions and consensus for each amendment.

The Board reached consensus to include capital project additions for the valve on Highway 7.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the \$5,000 increase to recreation. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Morton opposed.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the budget as amended. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Morton opposed.

IX. Consideration of Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023

Commissioner Fowler motioned to remove tax-exempt entities from the Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 3-2 with Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Morton opposed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023 as amended. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 3-2 with Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Morton opposed.

X. End-of-Fiscal Year Budget Amendments

The Town Manager presented the Board with end-of-fiscal year budget amendments in order to close out deficits for the fiscal year.

Commissioner Moore motioned to approve the end-of-fiscal year budget amendments. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

XI. Recreation Discussion

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to show support for the Ranlo Young Bulls and ratify support to advertise on utility bills. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

The Board reached a consensus to table the conversation of rental of the concession stand to Brafford Party Rentals until June 30th.

The Town Manager announced that Milltown Nights will be held on Saturday, June 25th, from 5-9pm. He informed the Board that a license to play Sing 2 on the ballfield was secured for \$565 and the invoice from the band was \$650. The Town Manager added that the brewery has the necessary permits to sell beer at Milltown Nights.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to ratify the proposals as submitted with the stipulation that the brewery has its own roped off area. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Morton opposed.

XII. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager shared that there will be Milltown Nights on Saturday, June 25th from 5 to 9pm and fireworks on July 9th.

The Town Manager informed the Board that the State Treasurer's office has discussed downgrading the town from the Unit Assistance List to a distressed community. The Town Manager explained that the discussion is based on the Fiscal Year 2021 audit, and issues were addressed in Fiscal Year 2022.

XIII. Comments from the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Fowler thanked the Town for issuing proclamations. He noted that as a member of the LGBTQ community that it means a lot to him.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell noted her time in Raleigh at the Town and State Dinner. She mentioned talking to representatives Torbett and Loftis to allocate more funds towards Capital Improvement Projects.

XIV. Closed Session Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3)(6)

Commissioner Hay motioned to go into closed session. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

XV. Return to Open Session and Consideration of Closed Session Action

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to return to open session. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve payouts for accrued compensation time. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

XVI. Motion to Recess to 6:00 pm on June 30th, 2022

Commissioner Moore motioned to recess the regular June meeting to 6:00 pm on June 30th, 2022. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

XVII. Reconvene and Roll Call

Mayor Black reconvened the meeting on June 30th at 6:00pm. Town Clerk Sarah Rowan conducted roll call. Mayor Black, Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell, Commissioner Hay, and

Commissioner Morton were in attendance. Commissioner Fowler and Commissioner Moore were not present.

XVIII. Adoption of Agenda

The Town Manager recommended removing closed session from the agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

XIX. Comments from Attendees

The Town Manager reported that there were no comments from attendees.

XX. Approval of the May 12th Board of Commissioners' Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Morton motioned to approve the May 12th Board of Commissioners' Monthly Meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

XXI. Public Hearing for the New Town of Ranlo Development Ordinance and Official Zoning Map

Commissioner Hay motioned to open the Public Hearing for the New Town of Ranlo Development Ordinance and Official Zoning Map. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

Mr. Rick Flowe of N-Focus gave the Board an overview of the Development Ordinance and Official Zoning Map.

The Town Manager reported a written comment to have Warehouse Storage Solutions located at 1627 Spencer Mountain Road to remain industrial and alter the map to reflect industrial zoning.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the "Ranlo Development Ordinance" consisting of the Articles 1-23 including the Official Zoning Map, and Technical Standards and Specifications Manual to make up the RDO reflecting the continuation of industrial zoning of Warehouse Storage Solutions. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

Commissioner Hay motioned to adopt the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

XXII. Consideration of an Event Space Waiver and Release of Liability

Commissioner Hay motioned to approve the Event Space Waiver and Release of Liability for Brafford Party Rental's use of the concession stand. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

XXIII. Resolution Ratifying the Updated Charter of Centralina Regional Council

Commissioner Hay motioned to adopt the resolution ratifying the updated charter of Centralina Regional Council. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

XXIV. Adjournment

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell noted the success of Milltown Nights and thanked Kara Hay for her hard work. The Board discussed planning the next milltown night for the third Saturday in August.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adjourn the regular June meeting. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Monthly June 2022 Meeting