

**Special Meeting
BANNER ELK TOWN COUNCIL
April 29th, 2010
MINUTES**

The Banner Elk Town Council met Thursday April 29th, 2010 at the Banner Elk Town Hall for a special meeting pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-71(b).

Council Members present: Mayor Tate, Ms. Draughon, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Hahn.

Staff present: Town Manager John Mejaski, Steve Smith.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Tate called the special meeting for April 29th, 2010 to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tate led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Mayor Tate opened with prayer.

Approve Stated Agenda

Mayor Tate asked Council for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hahn requested adding to the agenda the consideration of a resolution approving the concept of a culinary institute. Mayor Tate asked for a second. Mr. Phillips seconded the request made by Mr. Hahn. Mayor Tate called for discussion of the matter. Ms. Draughon stated that a resolution takes a majority of the entire Council and being that there are two Council members absent from the meeting a vote on the resolution can not take place. Mr. Hahn stated that he was requesting the addition to the agenda. Mayor Tate asked Council for a motion to clear the confusion of the request. Mr. Hahn motioned to add to the agenda discussing consideration of a resolution in support of the culinary and wine institute concept. Mr. Phillips seconded Mr. Hahn's motion. Mayor Tate asked if there was any further discussion, being none Mayor Tate called for a vote. Mr. Hahn and Mr. Phillips were in favor. Ms. Draughon opposed (2-1). Mayor Tate added to the agenda discussion of a resolution in support of the wine and culinary institute concept.

Discussion of a Resolution Supporting the Concept of a Wine and Culinary Institute

Mayor Tate opened the floor to Council on discussion of the proposed development. Mr. Phillips stated that we are not here to solve this all tonight. Mr. Phillips stated that he would like to see more on the proposal. Mayor Tate allowed comments from the audience, giving personal opinions and asking questions of concern and understanding. Ms. Draughon stressed that there are others that would like to see a community center and that we have a process by which this should follow. Ms. Draughon stated that the developers should go before the Planning Board and let the process work. Further discussion centered around the idea of supporting one idea over the other and if such was appropriate. In the end Council took no formal action.

Adjourn

Mayor Tate asked Council for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Draughon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. Ms. Draughon, Mr. Hahn and Mr. Phillips all agreed. The meeting adjourn at 7:37pm.

Mayor Deka Tate

Steven R. Smith Clerk/Finance Officer

May 8th, 2010
Approved