



Minutes

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

7 p.m. Feb. 13, 2023

Board Meeting Room, Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.

Present: Mayor Jenn Weaver and commissioners Mark Bell, Robb English, Kathleen Ferguson, Matt Hughes, and Evelyn Lloyd

Staff: Assistant Town Manager and Community Services Director Matt Efird, Assistant Town Manager and Community Services Director Margaret Hauth, Town Attorney Bob Hornik, Town Clerk and Human Resources Technician Sarah Kimrey, Finance Director Dave McCole, Town Manager Eric Peterson, Senior Communications Specialist Cheryl Sadgrove, Utilities Director Marie Strandwitz and Police Major Jason Winn

Opening of the meeting

Mayor Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. Public charge

Weaver did not read the public charge.

2. Audience comments not related to the printed agenda

There was none.

3. Agenda changes and approval

Motion: Commissioner Kathleen Ferguson moved to remove items 6D and 6E from the consent agenda for discussion. Commissioner Mark Bell seconded.

Vote: 4-0. Absent: Commissioner Evelyn Lloyd.

4. Presentations

A. Orange County Schools' 2021-2026 Strategic Plan

Lloyd joined the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Orange County Schools Superintendent Dr. Monique Felder gave a presentation highlighting the strategic plan for Orange County Schools.

5. Appointments

A. Parks and Recreation – Appointment of Paul Weinberg for a term ending Feb. 28, 2026

B. Parks and Recreation – Appointment of David Weinberg for a term ending Feb. 28, 2026

Motion: Commissioner Robb English moved to approve both appointments. Ferguson seconded.

Vote: 5-0.

6. Items for decision – consent agenda

A. Minutes

– Regular meeting Jan. 9, 2023

– Regular meeting closed session Jan. 9, 2023,

- Work session Jan. 23, 2023
- Budget retreat Jan. 28, 2023
- B. Miscellaneous budget amendments and transfers
- C. Resolutions amending Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 HOME Annual plans
- ~~D. Interlocal agreement with Orange County to provide enforcement services under the town's non-discrimination ordinance~~
- ~~E. Ordinance amending town code to remove employment reference from the non-discrimination ordinance~~
- F. Resolution rescinding acceptance of Berry Brick House from 2019
- G. Resolution endorsing updates to the Street Standards document
- H. Professional Services Contract for RND Architects for Adron F. Thompson Facility Design
- I. Resolution appointing finance officer and deputy finance officers and designating bank depository signatories
- J. Ordinance amending town code Section 6A-12, speed limits
- K. Resolution supporting North Carolina Medicaid Expansion
- L. Resolution in support of the LGBTQ+ community

Motion: Ferguson moved to approve all items on the amended consent agenda. Commissioner Matt Hughes seconded.

Vote: 5-0. Nays: None.

7. Items for decision – regular agenda

A. Update on project close-out for Corbinton Commons

Town Attorney Bob Hornik and Assistant Town Manager and Community Services Director Margaret Hauth informed the board that the town is continuing to press the developer of the Corbinton Commons neighborhood to complete the final development requirements for the neighborhood. The last house was issued a certificate of occupancy in August 2020, and the developer needs to do many things to finish neighborhood construction by repairing streets, sidewalks and stormwater and utility infrastructure. The board expressed support for the town's intention to call the performance bonds associated with the project to complete the work. The developer's performance bonds total more than \$300,000.

Richard Carmody, president of the homeowners association, briefly addressed the board. He said the developer was leaving things undone and the few things that had been done were not done correctly.

B. Lawrence Road Project Proposal Update and Feedback

The board expressed concern about a project proposed near the intersection of U.S. 70-A and Lawrence Road. After approaching the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners and receiving negative feedback, the developer chose to pursue Orange County's rezoning process for the project. The board plans to prepare comments for the county's public hearing regarding the project. The public hearing date has not been set.

Consent agenda Item 6D.

Interlocal agreement with Orange County to provide enforcement services under the town's non-discrimination ordinance

Motion: Bell moved to approve interlocal agreement with Orange County to authorize the county to investigate and enforce provisions of the town non-discrimination ordinance related to places of public accommodation. Ferguson seconded.

Vote: 5-0.

Consent agenda Item 6E.

Ordinance amending town code to remove employment reference from the non-discrimination ordinance

The board discussed alternatives to address complaints around employment and did not vote to remove the employment reference from the ordinance.

C. Hot topics for work session Feb. 27, 2023

At the work session on Feb. 27, the board may discuss a kayak rental pilot program and an allocation of \$43,300 identified in the FY23 budget for affordable housing.

8. Updates

A. Board members

Board members gave updates on the committees and boards on which they serve.

B. Town manager

There was no additional report.

C. Staff (written reports in agenda packet)

There were no additional reports.

Motion: Hughes moved to go into closed session at 9:23 p.m. Ferguson seconded.

Vote: 5-0.

9. Closed session

A. Closed session as authorized by North Carolina General Statute Section 143-318.11(a)(5) regarding property acquisition

Motion: Hughes moved to return to open session at 9:32 p.m. Ferguson seconded.

Vote: 5-0.

Motion: Ferguson moved to proceed with land acquisition as described and authorize costs of land surveying and associated legal fees. Hughes seconded.

Vote: 5-0.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Weaver adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Kimrey

Town Clerk

Staff support to the Board of Commissioners

FY 2022-2023

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH
BUDGET CHANGES REPORT
DATES: 02/13/2023 TO 02/13/2023

	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>CHANGE NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>USER</u>	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET CHANGE</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
GF -	10-00-3900-3900-000 FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION						
Fund Balance	To cover P3 Cost Analysis.	34184	02/13/2023	JFernandez	743,482.00	4,500.00	2,043,212.39
Financial	10-10-4400-5100-010 OVERTIME COMPENSATION						
Services	To cover yr-end overages	34191	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00
Financial	10-10-4400-5100-020 SALARIES						
Services	To integrate Personnel Exp funds	34193	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	338,398.00	123,801.00	387,199.00
Financial	10-10-4400-5100-021 PERSONNEL EXPANSION - SALARIES						
Services	To integrate Personnel Exp funds	34192	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	127,801.00	-127,801.00	0.00
Financial	10-10-4400-5300-110 TELEPHONE/INTERNET						
Services	To cover yr-end overage	34195	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	840.00	1,160.00	2,000.00
Financial	10-10-4400-5300-459 C.S./ACCOUNTING ASSISTANCE						
Services	To cover yr-end overage	34196	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	25,200.00	5,430.00	250,754.16
Financial	10-10-4400-5300-600 PERSONNEL EXPANSION - OP COSTS						
Services	To integrate Personnel Exp funds	34194	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	6,590.00	-6,590.00	0.00
Public	10-10-6300-5300-145 MAINTENANCE - BUILDINGS						
Space	To cover Maint-Ground expenses	34181	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	21,700.00	-5,000.00	16,700.00
Public	10-10-6300-5300-154 MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS						
Space	To cover Maint-Ground expenses	34182	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	239,356.00	5,000.00	244,356.00
Streets	10-30-5600-5300-080 TRAINING/CONF./CONV.						
	To cover training	27940	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	2,000.00	1,600.00	3,600.00
Streets	10-30-5600-5300-330 SUPPLIES - DEPARTMENTAL						
	To cover training	34198	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	29,500.00	-1,600.00	22,900.00
Special	10-60-6900-5300-475 C.S./UTILITY ANALYSIS						
Appropriations	To cover P3 Cost Analysis.	34183	02/13/2023	JFernandez	5,000.00	4,500.00	9,500.00
Admin.	30-80-7200-5300-560 SERVICE MILESTONE RECOGNITION						
of Enterprise	To cover Service Milestone Awards	34155	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	0.00	225.00	225.00
Admin.	30-80-7200-5300-570 MISCELLANEOUS						
of Enterprise	To cover Safety Awards	34159	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	167,002.00	-38.00	166,964.00
Admin.	30-80-7200-5300-571 SAFETY AWARDS PROGRAM						
of Enterprise	To cover Safety Awards	34157	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	0.00	463.00	4,114.21
Admin.	30-80-7200-5300-580 CUSTOMER SERVICE & INNOVATION AWARD						
of Enterprise	To cover Service Milestone Awards	34156	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	4,000.00	-225.00	3,775.00
	To cover Safety Awards	34158	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	4,000.00	-425.00	3,350.00
Utilities	30-80-7220-5100-020 SALARIES						
Admin.	To cover vehicle allotment	34161	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	333,476.00	-1,700.00	331,776.00
Utilities	30-80-7220-5300-140 TRAVEL/VEHICLE ALLOTMENT						
Admin.	To cover vehicle allotment	34160	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	3,900.00	1,700.00	5,600.00
Utilities	30-80-7220-5300-320 SUPPLIES - OFFICE						
Admin.	To cover metal detector for utilities inspec	34187	02/13/2023	JFernandez	750.00	-1,500.00	2,090.87
Utilities	30-80-7220-5300-330 SUPPLIES - DEPARTMENTAL						
Admin.	To cover workwear order.	34185	02/13/2023	JFernandez	500.00	-20.00	480.00
	To cover metal detector for utilities inspec	34188	02/13/2023	JFernandez	500.00	1,500.00	1,980.00
Utilities	30-80-7220-5300-350 UNIFORMS						
Admin.	JFernandez		02/06/2023	11:49:49AM			
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	To cover workwear order.	34186	02/13/2023	JFernandez	200.00	20.00	420.00
Billing & Collections	30-80-7240-5100-010 OVERTIME COMPENSATION						
	To cover overtime	34162	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Billing & Collections	30-80-7240-5300-334 DEPT SUPP-METER READING						
	To cover overtime	34163	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	125,000.00	-2,000.00	154,327.69
WFER	30-80-8130-5300-152 AQUATIC WEED CONTROL						
	To cover TAWMSP dues	34169	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	8,500.00	-500.00	16,376.55
	To cover dam inspection fees	34170	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	8,500.00	-3,000.00	13,376.55
WFER	30-80-8130-5300-153 DAM INSPECTION & EVALUATION						
	To cover dam inspection fees	34171	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	12,000.00	3,000.00	21,000.00
WFER	30-80-8130-5300-921 WATER QUALITY MONITORING						
	To cover TAWMSP dues	34168	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	24,000.00	500.00	24,500.00
WW Collection	30-80-8200-5300-310 GASOLINE						
	To cover off-road diesel used in equipment	34153	02/13/2023	JFernandez	20,535.00	3,150.00	23,685.00
WW Collection	30-80-8200-5300-330 SUPPLIES - DEPARTMENTAL						
	To cover off-road diesel used in equipment	34152	02/13/2023	JFernandez	60,000.00	-3,150.00	57,590.00
Storm-Water	35-30-5900-5300-140 TRAVEL/VEHICLE ALLOTMENT						
	To cover vehicle allotment	34164	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	14.00	275.00	289.00
Storm-Water	35-30-5900-5300-560 SERVICE MILESTONE RECOGNITION						
	To cover service milestone awards	34165	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	0.00	150.00	150.00
Storm-Water	35-30-5900-5300-570 MISCELLANEOUS						
	To cover milestone award & veh allotment	34166	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	24,874.00	-425.00	23,911.69
Valley Forge Rd	60-11-3870-3870-250 TRANSFER FROM POWBILL-VALLEY FORGE						
	To adj to actual	34174	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	325,737.00	-325,737.00	0.00
Valley Forge Rd	60-11-3870-3870-404 TRANSFER FROM GF-VALLEY FORGE						
	To adj to actual	34175	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	878,180.00	325,737.00	1,250,917.00
Valley Forge Rd	60-11-5600-5700-727 VALLEY FORGE RD - INFRASTRUCTURE						
	To cover overage	34173	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	1,128,817.00	-1,561.50	1,127,255.50
Valley Forge Rd	60-11-5600-5700-781 VALLEY FORGE RD - MISCELLANEOUS						
	To cover overage	34172	02/13/2023	EBRADFORI	13,100.00	1,561.50	14,661.50
						<u>9,000.00</u>	

APPROVED: 5/0

DATE: 2/13/23

VERIFIED: 



RESOLUTION

Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021 the Board of Commissioners approved the FY22 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan to be carried out by the members of the Orange County HOME Consortium; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the Consortium of an additional one-time award of HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funding in the amount of \$1,371,401 to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan be submitted for the funding as an amendment to the FY22 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan; and

WHEREAS, Orange County conducted extensive county-wide community engagement and needs analysis to identify priority uses for the funds;

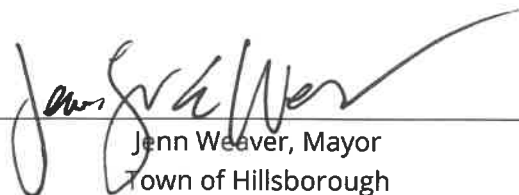
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners that the following HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is approved and submitted to HUD as an Amendment to the FY22 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan to be carried out by the members of the Orange County HOME Consortium:

Eligible Use	Amount
Affordable Housing Rental Development	\$1,165,691
Administration (15% of HOME-ARP, per statute)	\$ 205,710
Total HOME-ARP Funds	\$1,371,401

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes this amended plan to be incorporated into the Annual Update to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Approved this 13th day of February of the year 2023.




Jenn Weaver, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Board of Commissioners that this resolution is effective upon approval. Upon motion of Commissioner Kathleen Ferguson, seconded by Commissioner Matt Hughes, the foregoing resolution was adopted this the 13th day of February 2023.

I, Sarah E. Kimrey, Town Clerk for the Town of Hillsborough, North Carolina, DO THEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said board at a meeting held on Feb. 13, 2023.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said town, the 15th day of Feb., 2023.



Sarah E. Kimrey, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION

Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Program Annual Plan for Orange County, North Carolina

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners, as a member of the Orange County HOME Consortium, approved the FY23 Annual Action Plan on June 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, EmPOWERment, Inc. is no longer able to use the awarded funds for the original purpose from their application received and evaluated prior to plan approval; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County HOME Consortium members have identified an alternate HOME eligible CHDO project to recommend for funding, requiring an amendment to the FY23 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners the following Amended FY23 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan to be carried out by the members of the Orange County HOME Consortium:

Homebuyer Assistance

Funds will be allocated to Orange County Habitat for Humanity to provide down payment assistance.
Funded amount: \$167,241

Funds will be allocated to the Community Empowerment Fund for an IDA Program. Funded amount:
\$90,000

Housing Rehabilitation/Preservation

Funds will be allocated to Rebuilding Together of the Triangle to purchase replacement manufactured homes for (2) two Orange County property owners. Funded amount: \$150,000

Rental Acquisition

Funds will be allocated to EmPOWERment, Inc. to acquire affordable rental property. Funded amount:
\$150,000

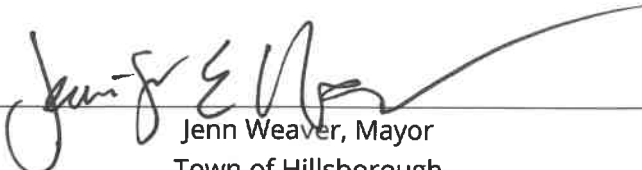
Program Administration

\$44,350

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town manager is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the town to act in connection with the submission of these plans, to act in connection with the HOME Program, and to provide such additional information as may be required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Approved this 13th day of February of the year 2023.





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Sarah E. Kimrey, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION

Rescinding Acceptance of the Berry Brick House

WHEREAS, the Berry Brick House on West Queen Street is an architecturally historic property, owned and occupied by Ken and Linda Ostrand; and

WHEREAS, the Ostrands offered to donate the Berry Brick House to the Town of Hillsborough at whatever time in the future they are no longer able to live there, to ensure the preservation of this historic site and for the community to use the house as an artist-in-residence program; and

WHEREAS, the town board conditionally accepted this offer on Nov. 12, 2019, as documented in a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Ostrands subsequently entered a preservation agreement with the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina regarding the Berry Brick House and its surroundings; and

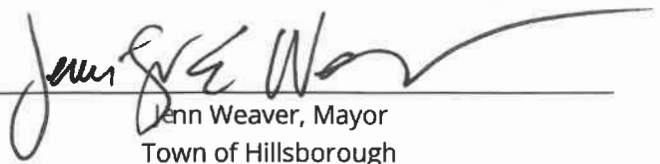
WHEREAS, the preservation agreement places significant restrictions and protections on this architecturally historic property consistent with the Ostrands' goals while also allowing their intention for community use of the house for an artist-in-residence program; and

WHEREAS, ownership of historically significant properties and making them available for public use is not a central function or responsibility for the Town of Hillsborough and the preservation easement addresses the town's interests in the long-term preservation of the structure as a resource in its locally designated historic district;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners, the previous conditional acceptance of the generous gift by the Ostrands is respectfully rescinded. The Board of Commissioners expresses its deep appreciation for the faith and trust the Ostrands exhibited in the town's ability to carry out their wishes for the property. The Board of Commissioners also stands ready to cooperate with the current and any future owner of the property to implement the goals of community access to this resource in a manner consistent with the town's responsibilities.

Approved this 13th day of February in the year 2023.




Jenn Weaver, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough



RESOLUTION

Endorsing Updates to Street Standards Document

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners endorsed the Street Standards document on July 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the document has been updated to align with changes to traffic impact study requirements related to development review processes; and

WHEREAS, the document has been undated to clarify that utility staff be included in final public works inspection to in the acceptance checklist; and

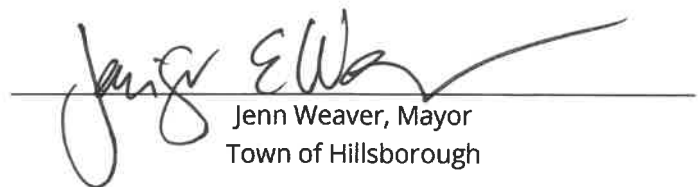
WHEREAS, the document has been updated to add a requirement for camera/video inspection of stormwater infrastructure in the public right of way to the acceptance checklist and inspection requirements as appendix D; and

WHEREAS, the document has been updated to clarify requirements for street lights and street light acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the updated Street Standards document as a current reflection of requirements, standards, and processes related to improvements in public rights of way and for the traveling public. The changed pages are attached to this resolution.

Approved this 13th day of February 2023.




Jenn Weaver, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough



RESOLUTION

Appointing Finance Officer and Deputy Finance Officers and Designating Bank Depository Signatories

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 159-24 states each local government and public authority shall appoint a finance officer; and

WHEREAS, the finance officer is responsible for providing financial safeguards and ensuring that all duties of the finance office are adequately and efficiently covered; and

WHEREAS, Finance Director David McCole is qualified to serve in the position of finance officer pursuant to G.S. 159-24 to carry out the duties described in G.S. 159-25; and

WHEREAS, internal controls are an integral part of the organization and this appointment will improve the segregation of duties; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 159-25(b) states all checks or drafts on an official depository shall be signed by the finance officer and countersigned by another official of the local government or public authority; and

WHEREAS, Town Manager Eric Peterson and Assistant Town Manager Matt Efird shall serve as deputy finance officers to carry out the pre-audit responsibilities described in:

- G.S. 159-25(b); checks and drafts,
- G.S. 159-28(a1); purchase orders and contracts,
- G.S. 159-28(d1); checks and drafts,
- G.S. 159-28(d2); electronic payments; and

WHEREAS, the mayor, town manager or assistant town manager are designated as bank depository signatories on all checks and drafts of the town; and

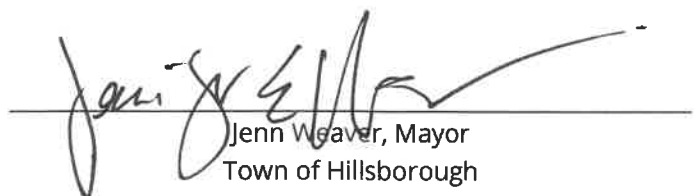
WHEREAS, Accounts Payable Technician Debra Strutz shall serve as deputy finance officer to carry out the duties described in G.S. 159-28(a1); purchase orders and contracts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners hereby appoints David McCole as finance officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Eric Peterson, Matt Efird, and Debra Strutz as deputy finance officers.

Approved this 13th day of February in the year 2023.




Jenn Weaver, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough

ORDINANCE #20230213-6.J



ORDINANCE

Amending Town Code Section 6A Regarding Speed Limits

The Hillsborough Board of Commissioners ordains:

Section 1. Section 6A-12, Speed Limits, is amended as follows:

Speed Limit (MPH)	On Street	From	To
25	Cardinal Dr.	S. Churton St.	end
25	Cates Ct.	Murdock Rd.	end
25	College Park Rd.	Cates Creek Parkway	Waterstone Dr.
25	Daye St.	Faucette Mill Rd.	end
25	Murdock Rd.	Cardinal Dr.	Cheshire Dr.
25	Orange Grove St.	South Churton St.	552 feet east to Gold Hill Way
25	Torain St.	Lawndale Ave.	Faucette Mill Rd.

Section 2. All provisions of any town ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 13th day of February in 2023.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent or excused: 0



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sarah E. Kimrey".

Sarah E. Kimrey, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION

In Support of Closing North Carolina's Health Insurance Coverage Gap Through Medicaid Expansion

WHEREAS, people in the health insurance "coverage gap" earn too much income to qualify for Medicaid but do not earn enough to qualify for a subsidy in the private marketplace; and

WHEREAS, 8.9% of workers in Orange County are uninsured, according to an analysis from the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute; and

WHEREAS, closing the health insurance coverage gap through expansion of Medicaid would extend affordable health insurance coverage to 7,254 people in Orange County and more than 600,000 people across the state who cannot access the health care they need; and

WHEREAS, federal funding from taxes that North Carolinians have already paid will cover 90% of costs for states closing the health insurance coverage gap to residents who need access to affordable health insurance; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Orange County had 13 deaths and 47 emergency department visits related to opioid overdose in 2019, and closing the health insurance coverage gap would provide access to behavioral health care to address the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, healthy people and access to affordable health care are key to the Orange County and Hillsborough economy; and

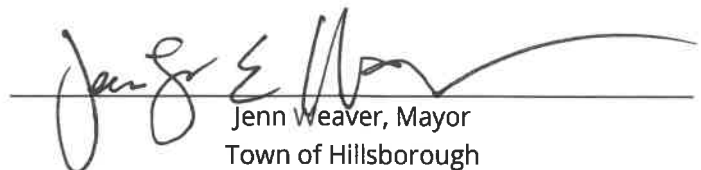
WHEREAS, closing the health insurance coverage gap would create 629 new jobs in Orange County, drive \$141,300,000 in new business activity, and generate \$3,724,200 in new county revenue, according to an analysis by the Cone Health Foundation, the Milken Institute School of Public Health, and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to close the health insurance coverage gap in North Carolina by passing Medicaid expansion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners asks the town clerk to share this resolution with Representative Allen Buansi, Representative Renée Price, Senator Graig Meyer, and all leaders of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Approved this 13th day of February of the year 2023.




Jenn Weaver, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough



RESOLUTION

In Solidarity with Hillsborough's LGBTQ+ Community

WHEREAS, hate crimes targeting LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, & queer) people have increased every year for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ+ community currently experience the highest rate of hate-motivated violence among all marginalized communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, mass shootings by domestic terrorists at LGBTQ+ gathering spaces such as Club Q and Pulse have created fear and trauma in LGBTQ+ communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, protests and demonstrations targeting drag shows and drag performers have increased dramatically over the last several years, with such protests being held in several locations in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, there has been a sharp increase in anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in the U.S., with 233 anti-LGBTQ+ bills filed in state legislatures across the country in January 2023 alone; and

WHEREAS, a version of Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill has been filed in the N.C. Senate this session (SB49) which would prohibit discussion of LGBTQ+ identity in most elementary school classrooms and forcibly out LGBTQ+ students to their parents; and

WHEREAS, a bill has been filed in the N.C. House this session (HB43) that would prohibit gender-affirming healthcare; and

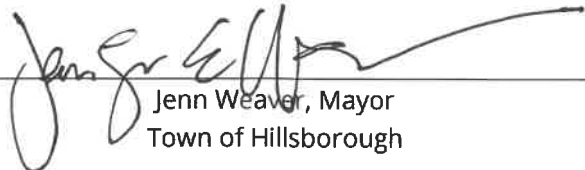
WHEREAS, access to safe, affirming spaces and gender-affirming healthcare is critical for the mental and physical health of LGBTQ+ people and teens in particular, who are four times more likely to consider suicide than their cisgender and heterosexual peers;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners affirms the full civil and human rights of our LGBTQ+ community members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners condemn all violence, hatred, and discrimination against LGBTQ+ people, including by our state's leaders and stands in opposition to HB43, SB49, and all legislation that erodes the safety, health, civil rights, and/or bodily autonomy of LGBTQ+ people, including minors.

Approved this 13th day of February in the year 2023.




Jenn Weaver, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough