

**DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF A CLOSED SESSION  
OF THE CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015, 10:15 P.M.  
TOWN HALL, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

Council Members Present: Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt; Council Members Donna Bell, George Cianciolo, Ed Harrison, Maria Palmer, Lee Storrow, and Jim Ward.

Others Present: Town Manager Roger Stancil, Deputy Town Manager Florentine Miller, Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos, and Economic Development Officer Dwight Bassett, and Acting Town Clerk Christina Strauch.

In open session, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jim Ward to enter into closed session to discuss the terms for the possible acquisition of a parcel of property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Kleinschmidt opened the closed session at 10:15 p.m.

Mr. Stancil explained that on September 30, 2015, he had received a letter regarding the potential sale of the American Legion Post Property. This is the property for which the owners, in 2005, pledged to provide the Town the right of first refusal. The letter offered the Town the opportunity to exercise that right to purchase.

Mr. Stancil said the Town did not have \$10 million to buy the property and it could make better use of its property located next to the school and the connection to development on Ephesus Road. He said the Town could sell it to the school system. He added that the Town had offered to involve the school system in designing the road.

Mr. Bassett showed the Council a map created to show where public amenities would be located (walking/biking trails, recreation/park areas) as outlined in a draft Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Stancil noted that any development proposed on the property by the ultimate buyer will go through the Towns review process and the Council will make final decisions about that development.

Following a brief discussion, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Ward to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement to forego exercise of right of first refusal to purchase the property in exchange for commitments regarding certain public amenities. The vote was unanimous.

Council members briefly discussed the petition presented earlier in the meeting regarding the Greene Tract. Mr. Karpinos said there were legal issues regarding fence height and a Stop Work Order had been issued.

The closed session was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.