MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE
TOWN OF STALLINGS, NORTH CAROLINA

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for its regular meeting on June 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stallings Town Hall, 315 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl; Council Members Kathy Heyse, John Martin, Lynda Paxton, Deborah Romanow, and Shawna Steele.

Those absent were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Deputy Town Manager; Emily Hughes, Deputy Town Clerk/Communications Specialist; Chief Minor Plyler; and Marsha Gross, Finance Officer.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl welcomed everyone to the meeting and Council Member Heyse delivered the invocation. Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl then led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

No one was present from public comment.

1. Agenda Approval

Council Member Romanow requested adding Agenda Item 6.A. as *Public Safety Committee Update*. Town Manager Sewell requested adding Agenda Item 2.A. as *NCDOT Meeting Regarding Old Monroe Road*.

Council Member Romanow made the motion to approve the Agenda with the additions listed above. The motion was approved unanimously after a second from Council Member Steele.

2. I-485 Express Lane Presentation

Warren Cooksey, North Carolina Turnpike Authority, presented the Council with information on I-485 Express Lanes. Mr. Cooksey first explained toll/express lanes and their operational model. He then provided updates on the following projects and their timelines:

- I-485 Express Lanes
  - John Street Intersection
  - New Interchange at Weddington Road
  - Widening of Ballantyne Commons Parkway Bridge
- U.S. 74 Express Lanes Phase I

- U.S. 74 Express Lanes Phase II

The presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

2.A. <u>NCDOT Meeting Regarding Old Monroe Road</u>

Town Manager Sewell informed the Council that staff and a few elected officials had a meeting earlier in the day NCDOT on the Old Monroe Road project reminding the Council that it had taken a public stance in opposition of the superstreet concept. The planners presented an alternate design to NCDOT who took time to reevaluate their numbers. NCDOT meet with Town staff today to discuss their findings.

NCDOT was willing to compromise and asked the Town to develop a priority list of intersections for NCDOT's consideration. Staff and the planning consultants would bring that to Council for its consideration.

Council held a consensus to have joint meeting on July 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. with the Transportation Advisory Committee to jointly discuss the streetscape and transportation plans.

Council also held consensus to set-up a meeting tentatively on July 23, 2018 at 6 p.m. with the state elected officials to inform and explain the Town's small area plans especially regarding transportation and long-term planning.

3. <u>Streetscape Presentation</u>

Eric Woolridge, Destination by Design, was present to discuss the streetscape plans with the Council. Mr. Woolridge's presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

4. <u>New Town Hall Update</u>

Town Manager Sewell reviewed the New Town Hall project highlighting that in conjunction with this project, a Parks and Recreation Master Plan was being conducted to ensure there was a facility to accommodate Parks and Recreation future needs. It was noted that in the transition period, some spaces may have to be used for unconventional purposes.

5. <u>Traffic Impact Analysis Update</u>

Town Manager Sewell recommended using Kimley Horne to conduct a Traffic Impact Analysis as the proposal was under $50,000.

Council Member Romanow made the motion to approve the Resolution to Be Exempted from the Mini Brooks Act in order to contract with Kimley Horn for the Traffic Impact Analysis. The motion passed unanimously after a second from Council Member Paxton. The Resolution to Be Exempted from the Mini Brooks Act is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

6. Newsletter Draft
Town Manager Sewell explained that staff had provided the Council with a rough layout of the new Town Newsletter. Council held consensus for the newsletter to be more content heavy and focus on the Council's actions.

6.A. Public Safety Committee Update
Council Member Romanow reported that Public Safety Committee Member Scott Dover encouraged the Town to help support and encourage the residents for emergency preparedness. He would get pamphlets from FEMA to distribute to residents at Stallings Fest outlining items which should be included in an emergency kit. It was also noted that emergency kits could be raffled off at Stallings Fest.

Council Member Martin alerted the Council that it needed to be prepared to discuss fie services and funding for fire services as there would be conversations in the near future regarding county wide fire services and its needs.

Council also held consensus to direct staff to complete the requirements necessary for the land received in Spring Hill.

7. Chestnut Roundabout Cost Clarification
Town Manager Sewell explained that NCDOT was requesting the Town supply $50,000 for the right-of-way acquisition for the Chestnut Roundabout.
Council held consensus to use Fund Balance to fund that expenditure if it became due during the current fiscal year.

8. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143.318-11(a)(4) and (5)
Council Member Romanow made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318-11(a)(4) and (5). The motion was seconded by Council Member Steele and passed unanimously.

Council went into closed session at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 10:07 p.m.

Council Member Paxton made a motion to go back into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318-11(a)(4) and (5) to discuss parcels 07126010 and 07126011 to which Council Member Martin seconded. The motion received Council's unanimous support.

Council went into closed session 10:08 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 10:14 p.m.

Council Member Martin made the motion to add the development of downtown Stallings as a priority for the Town Manager. The motion received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council member Romanow.

9. Adjournment
Council Member Paxton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Steele, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Approved on August 13, 2018.

 s/Wyatt Dunn   *s/Erinn Nichols*
Wyatt Dunn, Mayor   Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:
s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC
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