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

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for its Annual Retreat on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Stallings Government Center, 321 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor David Scholl; Mayor Pro Tempore Brad Richardson; Council Members Steven Ayers, Mike Couzens, Graham Hall, Jon Van de Riet, and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; and Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk.

1. <u>Call the meeting to order</u>

Mayor Scholl called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their time on Saturday morning. Town Manager Alex Sewell also welcomed everyone and thanked Council for their time.

2. <u>2026 Annual Planning Conference</u>

Curt Walton, *Walton and Hall*, was present to facilitate the annual planning retreat. Mr. Walton thanked each Council Member for their prior phone conversations to prepare for the meeting. He reviewed a summary of each of those conversations. The suggested Strategic Priorities for 2026 from Council Members were reviewed in order of popularity as listed below. The complete detailed list is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

- Stallings Culture
- Financial Plan
- Maximizing Assets
- Create an Identity
- Sewer

Council took a brief recess at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 11:27 p.m.

Council discussed these items and the action steps that would need to accompany the proposed 2026 Strategic Priorities. The finalized list of the F2026-2027 Strategic Priorities and Action Steps are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

3. <u>Adjournment</u>

Council Member Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Approved on March 9, 2026.

s/David Scholl
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David Scholl, Mayor

s/Erinn Nichols
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Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC
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