

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

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for a special meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Stallings Government Center, 321 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Council Members Steven Ayers, Graham Hall, Brad Richardson; and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Those absent were: Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl; Council Members Taylor-Rae Drake.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Police Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Nick Coffey, Parks and Recreation Senior Maintenance Technician; Kevin Parker, Engineering Director; Jessie Williams, Finance Officer; Mary McCall, Finance Technician; and Karen Reid, Human Resources Director.

1. Call the meeting to order

Mayor Wyatt Dunn called the meeting to order.

2. Welcome and Recap of Budget Discussions

Town Manager Sewell welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly recapped where the Town was in its budget process. He also reminded the Council of the main reasons for the increase in expenditures (COVID inflation, additional Town services and increased labor costs notably police).

Council Member Hall arrived at 5:08 p.m.

3. Updated Budget Calendar

Town Manager Sewell reviewed updated schedule with the Council. Council held no concern with the budget calendar – held consensus to approve.

4. Budget Scenarios

Town Manager Sewell and Finance Officer Jessie Williams reviewed the three budget scenarios and the corresponding five-year forecasts with the Council. These budget scenarios are attached to

these minutes and therefore incorporated herein. It was clarified that one cent of tax was equivalent to \$367,000.

5. Council Discussion and Draft Budget Decision

Council discussed the budget options.

Council Member Hall left at 6:19 p.m.

Council held consensus to prepare a budget with a \$0.196 tax rate. It also held consensus to explore a motor vehicle tax for the next fiscal year budget.

6. Adjournment

Council Member Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved on May 12, 2025.

s/Wyatt Dunn

Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

s/Erinn Nichols

Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC

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