# 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 April 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stallings Town Hall, 315 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

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

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Deputy Town Manager; Captain Tim Harrington; Lynne Hair, Town Planner; Brian Price, Public Works Director; Chris Easterly, Town Engineer; and Marsha Gross, Finance Officer.

# Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

Mayor Wyatt Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting and Council Member Heyse delivered the invocation. Mayor Dunn then led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

### **Public Comments**

There was no one present to give public comment.

Mayor Dunn visited the White House through Robert Pittenger's office and recommended everyone visit through Congressman Pittenger's Office.

# 1. Agenda Approval

Council Member Steele recommended to delete Agenda Item 5, Resolution in Support of School Mental Health (Steele). Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the Agenda with the deletion above. Council Member Steele seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Town Manager Sewell requested the Council speak into their microphones as we are testing audio options.

### 2. New Town Hall Update

Rick Brown, Boomerang, updated the Town Council on the information the Town Hall Ad Hoc Committee had been working on regarding the new Town Hall Building: AV items in the new facility and finishes for the building. Mr. Brown's presentation on these updates is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

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# 3. Resolution Requesting the NC General Assembly to Authorize the Town of Stallings to Levy a Room Occupancy

Mayor Dunn read the Resolution Requesting the NC General Assembly to Authorize the Town of Stallings to Levy a Room Occupancy in to the record. Council Member Paxton made the motion to adopt the Resolution Requesting the NC General Assembly to Authorize the Town of Stallings to Levy a Room Occupancy. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Romanow.

The Resolution Requesting the NC General Assembly to Authorize the Town of Stallings to Levy a Room Occupancy is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

# 4. Chestnut Roundabout (Romanow)

Council Member Romanow stated that she understood that NCDOT had pushed construction for this project until the Summer of 2021. Ms. Romanow did not feel that a single lane roundabout would solve the situation at the Chestnut area and was not pleased that the construction had been delayed. Mayor Dunn stated he would contact Bob Cook and discover the details for the delay and construction of this project bringing the results back to Council. Mayor Dunn stated he would also be in contact with the Mayor of Matthews on this situation.

5. <u>Resolution in Support of School Mental Health (Steele)</u>
This item was deleted from the Agenda during Agenda Approval.

# 6. Resolution for NCDOT U-4913 (Idlewild Road) Design Standards

Town Manager Sewell explained the resolution had been amended to include information on pedestrian facilities along the corridor. Council Member Romanow read the Resolution for NCDOT U-4913 (Idlewild Road) Design Standards into the record.

A motion was made by Council Member Steele to adopt the Resolution for NCDOT U-4913 (Idlewild Road) Design Standards which was seconded by Council Member Romanow. Council supported the motion unanimously. The Resolution for NCDOT U-4913 (Idlewild Road) Design Standards is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

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# 7. Council Member Participation in Staff Meetings (Heyse)

Council Member Heyse explained that she did not feel that Council Members should be involved in staff meetings as it would be unbalanced. Council discussed allowing/disallowing Council Members to attend staff meetings.

## 8. 2018-2019 Budget Discussion

Finance Officer Gross introduced the budget overview for the evening. The following departments then reviewed their proposed budget with the Council:

- <u>Transportation</u> Chris Easterly, Town Engineer
   This department's proposed budget projected a 12.5% decrease from the previous fiscal year due to the Powell Bill Funds being used for sidewalks and road repairs. Based on the Stallings Road Repair Methodology, 1.059 miles of roadway would be repaired in 2019.
- Stormwater Chris Easterly, Town Engineer
   As an enterprise fund, this department was slated to receive more revenue due to
   increased home developments. Therefore, this department's budget was projected to
   have a 4.3% increase in spending from the current fiscal year as more money was being
   received to do additional projects as new neighborhoods came online. Also, in the
   stormwater fund balance, additional projects, to include stormwater detention for the
   new Town Hall, could be completed. Spending the stormwater fund balance would be
   depleted below \$1M to save for any unexpected major repairs.
- Public Works Brian Price, Town Engineer
   Due to expenses, mainly personnel, being moved into this department which had historically been in other departments, this department's budget was projected to have a 70% increase from the current fiscal year. This department also would absorb the cost of replacing the HVAC systems in the existing Town Hall.

The slides for each of these presentations is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

#### 9. Adjournment

Council Member Steele moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Romanow, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Approved on May 14, 2018.

<u>s/Wyatt Dunn</u> Wyatt Dunn, Mayor <u>s/Erinn Nichols</u> Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC

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