

**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 January 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stallings Government Center, 321 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl; Council Members Steven Ayers, Brad Richardson and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Those absent were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Council Members Taylor-Rae Drake and Graham Hall.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Kevin Parker, Town Engineer; and Eunice McSwain, Parks and Recreation Director.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

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

Public Comments

Linda Robinson, Poplin Road, Monroe, was running for the Union County School Board at large. She was a retired teacher of 33 years, last teaching at Porter Ridge High School, with a master's in education. She was running to be the voice of students, parents, and teachers, and envision unified people.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Salary range adjustment for Finance Officer position
- B. Amended Budget Ordinance 13 – Finance Officer position and transition costs
- C. Code of Ordinance Clerical Change to Penalties
- D. N-Focus Contract Extension - Code Enforcement Transition Costs

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers which passed unanimously by Council. The Amended Budget Ordinance 13 and the Code of Ordinance Clerical Change to Penalties are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

2. Agenda Approval

Mayor Pro Temp Scholl requested adding Agenda Item 2.A. as *Budget Meeting Schedule*.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the Agenda with the above requested addition. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Ayers.

2.A. Budget Meeting Schedule

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl requested changing the second Special Budget Retreat for January 29, 2024, to Monday, February 5, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Council Member Ayers made the motion to change the second Special Budget Retreat to Monday, February 5, 2024, at 5 p.m. Council passed the motion unanimously after a second from Council Member Wojtowicz.

4. Bolton and Menk – TOD Overlay Consultant

Planning Director Hsiang reminded the Council that it has hired Bolton and Menk to redo the TOD Overlay and update the small area plan around the anticipated Silver Line. That evening was the kickoff meeting with a presentation from the consultant.

Dylan McKnight explained his team was requested to:

- Integrate future LYNX Silver Line into Stallings Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Reimagine Monroe Expressway Small Area Plan; include LYNX Silver Line and Atrium Hospital
- Draft a Transit Oriented Overlay Ordinance for this station area to be incorporated into Stallings Development Ordinance

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

5. Police Department Staffing Analysis

Chief Franks presented the Council with the findings from the Police Department Staffing Analysis. The presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

The next steps for the analysis were for Council to consider ways to add six police officers over the next few years during budget discussions.

6. Adjournment

Council Member Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Wojtowicz, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved on February 12, 2024.

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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