

**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 budget meeting on June 8, 2021 at 8:15 p.m. via Zoom, a virtual electronic platform, due to the North Carolina declared state of emergency because of COVID-19. Public could access the meeting via phone (1-646-558-8656), web link (<https://zoom.us/j/96092713990?pwd=ZUwxMUZSQkRhWUpWYWxRRXJ4RkhsZz09>) or the Zoom app (Meeting ID: 960 9271 3990; Password: 819843).

Those present and visible on camera were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Mayor Pro Tempore Lynda Paxton; Council Members Steven Ayers, Heather Grooms, John Martin, Brad Richardson, and David Scholl.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Lynne Hair, Town Planner; Marsha Gross, Finance Officer; Ashley Platts, Parks and Recreation Director; Brian Price, Public Works Director; Bo Conerly, Interim Engineer; Karen Williams, Human Resources Director; and Dennis Franks, Police Chief.

1. Call the meeting to order

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order.

2. Budget Discussions for the FY2021-2022

Mayor Dunn led the Council through the list of Notable Item line-by-line in order to hold consensus specifically for including or not including an item in the budget. The complete Notable Items listed showing the Council's consensus is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council held unanimous consensus to hold 20% in fund balance reserves versus the previous Council direction of 30%. Council also held consensus to set the tax rate at \$0.186 (Council Members Scholl and Martin opposing) with Council Member Richardson proposing that rate. With the items Council agreed to have on the Notable Items List, approximately \$428,000 would be pulled out of Fund Balance to fund those items.

Council held consensus not to enforce an employee pay freeze for the upcoming fiscal year as proposed by Council Member Paxton.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Scholl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:23 p.m.

Approved on August 9, 2021.

s/Wyatt Dunn

Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC

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s/Erinn Nichols

Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk