

**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 October 10, 2022, 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, Taylor-Rae Drake, Heather Grooms, and Graham Hall.

Those absent were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn and Council Member Brad Richardson.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Brian Price, Public Works Director; Eunice McSwain, Parks and Recreation Director; and Melanie Cox, Town Attorney.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

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

Public Comments

Terri Williams, 5034 Loma Linda Lane, Charlotte, emailed Council earlier in the day regarding the NCDOT – Idlewild Road Project (U-4913). He was concerned that the current traffic data NCDOT was using did not reflect the traffic restrictions on the corridor and there might not be as much traffic as inspected. There were text amendments that made changes to the density of townhomes that would reduce trip generation. There was no sewer capacity in the basin and Union County would not be granting capacity to the Mecklenburg County portion along that corridor. The Stinson Farm development was required to four-lane Idlewild Road to Stevens Mill. Mr. Williams proposed leaving money for the interchange and that public/private could come together on the issue.

Presentations

A. Eagle Scout Project - Jacob Mitchell

Parks and Recreation Director Eunice McSwain introduced the Eagle Scout Jacob Mitchell, a CATA High School student, who was present to inform the Council of his proposed Eagle Scout Project in Blair Mill Park.

Mr. Mitchell explained that he would like to build and install three benches in Blair Mill Park: one by the playground, one by the disk golf course, and one at a location chosen by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The proposal had been submitted to the Boy Scout Council and was awaiting approval. The

benches would be made from pressure treated wood and should take approximately three working days to complete. Mr. Mitchell hoped to begin the project the weekend of October 29.

B. Union County Board of Education Presentation

Union County Board of Education Board Members Gary Sides and Matt Helms presented the Council with the information for the 2022 Education Bond. The bond would include a new Forest Hills High School and upfitting the old high school for East Union Middle School as well as new portions for East Elementary School. The entire bond would be approximately \$134 million.

The Union County Board of Education 2022 Bond Presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Amended Budget Ordinance 6 – Kimley Horn
- B. Annexation 55 – Lawyers/Epcon3
  - (1) Certificate of Sufficiency
  - (2) Resolution Fixing the Public Hearing Date

Council Member Ayers made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms which passed unanimously by Council. Amended Budget Ordinance 6 – Kimley Horn (including the use of Kimley-Horn as an engineering consultant), Annexation 55 – Lawyers/Epcon3 Certificate of Sufficiency, and Annexation 55 – Lawyers/Epcon3 Resolution Fixing the Public Hearing Date are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

2. Reports

A. Report from the Mayor

The Mayor was not present to give a report.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl stated that he and the Town Manager had met with Google Fiber earlier in the week. Google Fiber would like to come to Stallings.

Council Member Ayers thanked the staff for facilitating the sidewalk being fixed on Old Monroe Road.

Council Member Grooms thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the work in Blair Mill Park.

Council Members Drake and Hall had no reports.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell stated that the Parks and Recreation Department had been working hard on Stallings Fest and hoped the Council would come out for the Festival on Saturday, October 22.

3. Agenda Approval

Council Member Ayers requested adding Columbus Day as Agenda Item 3.B. Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented with the requested addition above. The motion was passed unanimously after a second from Council Member Grooms.

3.B. Columbus Day (Ayers)

Council Member Ayers would like to add Columbus Day to the Town Holiday Schedule. Council Member Ayers directed staff this topic back to Council for approval during the Holiday Schedule annual approval at the December Organization Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms and passed unanimously by Council.

4. NCDOT – Idlewild Road Project (U-4913)

*Continued discussion from 09-26-2022*

NCDOT Division 10 Director Brett Canipe provided the Council with an updated presentation on NCDOT – Idlewild Road Project (U-4913) which highlighted the options with the project's funds. The Council was given the option of the NCDOT – Idlewild Road Project (U-4913) as planned or swapping out the funds for the widening of Lawyers Road from I-495 to Stevens Mill Road (U-6170). The swap of project funds would require approval from the Stallings Town Council, the Matthews Town Council, and the CRTPO Board, TAC. Town Manager Sewell's memo explaining NCDOT's updated information on this project is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the swap for NCDOT – Idlewild Road Project (U-4913) for Lawyers Road from I-495 to Stevens Mill Road (U-6170), Independence Blvd. in Matthews, and Stallings Road Segment with the roundabout. The motion as seconded by Council Member Grooms. The motion passed by a 4 to 1 vote with Council Member Ayers opposing.

5. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)

Council Member Hall made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) inviting Planning Director Max Hsiang and Code Enforcement Officer Ruben Ortiz which was seconded by Council Member Grooms. The motion was passed unanimously by Council.

*Council went into closed session at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:55 p.m.*

6. Adjournment

Council Member Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers , and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved on November 14, 2022.

*s/Wyatt Dunn*  
Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

*s/Erinn Nichols*  
Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

*s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC*  
Cox Law Firm, PLLC