

**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 23, 2017, 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 Regis Griffin; Council Members Rocky Crenshaw, Deborah Romanow, David Scholl, and Shawna Steele.

Those absent were: Council Member Kathy Heyse.

Staff present were: Interim Town Manager Erinn Nichols; Deputy Town Clerk/Communications Specialist, Emily Hughes; Town Planner Lynne Hair; Planning Technician Max Hsiang; Town Engineer Chris Easterly; Associate Engineer Kevin Parker; and Parks and Recreation Director Ashley Platts and Town Attorney Melanie Cox.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

Mayor Wyatt Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in local government. Council Member Crenshaw then delivered the invocation. Mayor Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

Holly Dill, 215 Forest Park Road, discussed the tall grass on SR 16, one of the new roads due to the Expressway construction. She also mentioned that SR16 did not have the last layer of pavement on that road and it has been over a year since the construction of that road. Ms. Dill then mentioned the issue with larger trucks cutting through their neighborhood specifically as it pertained to the safety of the children riding their bikes in that neighborhood. She stated the Police Department was giving too many warnings instead of tickets.

1. Agenda Approval

Mayor Dunn requested adding Agenda Item 6.A., *Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)*, and Agenda Item 6.B., *Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)*. Council Member Griffin made the motion to approve the Agenda with the amendments stated above. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Romanow.

## 2. Forest Park/Union West Business Park Long Term Traffic Solutions

Town Engineer Chris Easterly presented the potential traffic calming options in Forest Park to Council. Mr. Easterly had a radar and speed boxes placed within the neighborhood to record speed data. According to the data recorded, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was between 23-29 m.p.h. To meet the Traffic Calming Policy, the speed in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile needed to be at least 31 m.p.h. or greater to implement additional traffic calming devices. After further consultation with traffic engineer and review of the US Department of Transportation Manual on traffic control devices, Mr. Easterly suggested implementing stop signs first, then implementing speed humps or traffic barriers if the stop signs did not result in the desired result by Council.

Council discussed the viable options and what would be the best fit for Forest Park and Union West Business Park. Council Member Steele made the motion to take the Town Engineer's suggested option of implementing speed humps in Forest Park with installing an additional one on Forest Park Drive at the end of the road to prevent racing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Romanow which passed unanimously by Council.

Interim Town Manager Erinn Nichols reported that the water barriers which had been placed on Cupped Oak per Council direction had been drained and moved by an unknown party. The SD card and batteries were also stolen from the cameras which had been placed in the area to monitor the water barriers. Prior to the last incident, staff repositioned the barriers daily which had to be refilled by the Fire Department each time they were drained. Council held consensus to not put the water barriers back on Cupped Oak.

## 3. Stormwater Projects

### A. 808 Quince Drive

Associate Engineer Kevin Parker presented the stormwater issues regarding the property at 808 Quince Drive. The background information is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council held consensus to do the following improvements at 808 Quince Drive:

- Riprap in front of side yard storm drain
- Add a lip at the front edge of the driveway
- Use fill dirt to improve the dip where the original trench was dug for the first remedy

### B. Fairfield Plantation HOA Common Area

Mr. Parker presented the issues regarding the Fairfield Plantation Park entrance and the possible

solutions. The background information as well as the solutions are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein. The Council member Scholl made the motion to implement a speed hump at the entrance of Fairfield Plantation Park not to exceed \$11,000 and obtain a Hold Harmless Agreement from the community. The motion was seconded by Council Member Romanow which passed unanimously by Council.

#### 4. Comprehensive Land Use Plan/Small Area Plans

Town Planner Lynne Hair reminded the Council that for over a year and a half, staff, a steering committee and the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) had been developing the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Planning Board needed to approve the plan prior to Council adoption. The plan would be on the next Planning Board agenda for approval. Town Planner Hair offered to meet with the Council at any time for questions or concerns about the plan.

Council then gave the consensus to allow a public comment from a citizen who arrived late and missed the public comment period.

Andrew Whitman, Vickery Neighborhood, stated he was a large proponent of the small area plans. He was very encouraged by the plans and thought they did a great job of planning for the residents. Mr. Whitman also stated that he was interested in a YMCA in the school node and would bring positive programming to the area. He offered his assistance in efforts for a YMCA.

#### 5. Policies, Volume 3 – Police Policies

Council Member Griffin presented Volume 3, Police Policies, to the Council and asked for adoption stating it was comprehensive and complete policy. Council Member Griffin made the motion to adopt Volume 3, Police Policies. The motion was seconded by Council Member Romanow which passed unanimously by Council.

#### 6. Town Manager Search Committee Update

The Town Manager Search Committee received a total of 26 resumes and narrowed the search to nine candidates. Those candidates were contacted for interest given the current salary range. Through that process, four candidates were identified for first round interviews. The Committee requested the Council make one of the following suggestions:

- To stop the search process and re-advertise the Town Manager position.

- To continue with the existing four candidates knowing they may bring only two candidates before the Council for final interviews.
- Bring all four candidates to the Council for final interviews.
- Expand the salary range to bring more candidates into the Town Manager search.

6.A. and B. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6), and Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)

Council Member Griffin made the motion to go into Closed Session Pursuant 143-318.11(a)(6) and 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion was seconded by Council Member Romanow which passed unanimously by Council.

*Council went into closed session at approximately 8:31 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 9:23 p.m.*

Council Member Griffin made the motion to authorize the Town Attorney and Stallings Police Department to file a complaint for a nuisance abatement under Chapter 19 of the North Carolina General Statute for the property at 3900 Privette Road. The motion was seconded by Council Member Romanow which passed unanimously by Council.

It was also noted that the Council had directed the Town Manager Search Committee to proceed with interviews with the four (4) remaining candidates.

7. 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 9:26 p.m.

Approved on December 11, 2017.

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