

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
TOWN OF STALLINGS, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for a special meeting on May 11, 2020, at 5:00 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/91155561494?pwd=dFl2amFCU2U0Mk9lTTkyQTl5VndiUT09>), or the Zoom app (Meeting ID: 911 5556 1494; Password: 023993).

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; Chief Dennis Franks; Marsha Gross, Finance Officer; Lynne Hair, Town Planner; Ashley Platts, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Price, Director of Public Works; Karen Williams, Human Resources Director; and Chris Easterly, Town Engineer.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order.

2. Budget Discussions for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Council discussed the outstanding items for the 2020-2021 proposed budget.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the COLA of 2.3% for staff effective July 1, 2020; 2% step pay increase to be effective January 1, 2021; and defer the 1% performance bonus to be decided by Council at the second meeting in November 2020. Council Member Ayers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4 to 2 vote with Council Member Paxton and Scholl opposing.

Council had no comments or changes to the General Government Budget.

The motion was made by Council Member Paxton to approve the Public Safety Budget as presented with removing the ICMA workload study (\$38,000). Council Member Martin seconded the motion which was passed unanimously by the Council.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to include the Transportation Budget in the Manager's Recommended Budget and have the Transportation Budget be reflective of the earlier

decision to delay the pay step. Council Member Scholl seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

The motion was made by Council Member Scholl to add \$50,000 in the Transportation Budget for monumental signage. Council Member Paxton seconded the motion and the Council supported the motion unanimously.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to include the Environmental Services Budget in the Manager's Recommended Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martin and passed unanimously.

Council held consensus to not change the Economic and Physical Development Budget and leave as presented.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson to include Debt Service Manager's Recommended Budget. The motion passed unanimously after a second by Council Member Scholl.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to include the Public Works Budget in the Manager's Recommended Budget as presented and have the Public Works Budget be reflective of the earlier decision to delay the pay step. Council Member Grooms seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Council Member Paxton made the motion to remove \$57,000 from the Parks and Recreation Budget, placing in the FY21-22 budget, reducing that figure to \$20,000 to repair and enhance Blair Mill Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scholl and passed unanimously.

The motion was made by Council Member Paxton to approve the transitioning of the Parks and Recreation part-time position to a full-time position. Council Member Richardson seconded the motion which was supported unanimously by Council.

It was noted that the budget public hearing had been advertised and would be held on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Scholl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Richardson, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved on July 13, 2020.

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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