

# TOWN OF WEDDINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA 2019 RETREAT

Rolling Hills Country Club 2722 West Roosevelt Blvd Monroe, NC 28110

Friday, February 7, 2020 -9:00 a.m.

## Welcome and Agenda Review

Adoption of the agenda

#### 1. Introductions

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- a. ETJ and Donut Holes
- b. Unified Development Ordinance
- c. Stormwater/Tree Ordinance
- d. Possible Text Amendments
- e. Rules of Procedure/PB Terms

## 3. Downtown Overlay

- a. Sewer to the Downtown
- b. Park Options
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## 4. Transportation

- a. Transportation Planning Funds
- b. Forest Lawn/Potter

## 5. Public Safety

- a. Deputy Contract
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## 6. Administrative Items

- a. Events
- b. Communication
- c. Policies

## 7. Branding

- a. Signage
- b. Brand Book and Logo

## 8. Finance

- a. FY 2020-2021 Prelim Budget Discussion
- 9. Review Key Objectives and Assignments

## 10. Adjournment

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## Welcome and Agenda Review

Mayor Callis called the meeting to order 10:06 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Propst made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote

Quorum was determined with Mayor Callis, Mayor Pro Tem Propst, Councilmember Perryman and Councilmember Pruitt all present. Councilmember Smith was absent.

Planning Board present: Jim Vivian, Ed Goscicki, Walt Hogan, Jen Conway

Staff present: Town Planner/Administrator Lisa Thompson, Town Clerk Karen Dewey, Finance

Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Attorney Karen Wolter

#### 1. Introductions

## 2. Planning

## a. ETJ and Donut Holes

The Council discussed ideas of protecting the areas adjacent to town limits. The Council agreed to connect with neighboring municipalities to present a united front to the county and to work on an ETJ plan to present as the county is ready to consider a zone of influence. Ms. Wolter stated that the County would only accept ETJ if the Town Land Use Plan has a plan outside of the towns borders. Another option discussed was to send letters to property owners abutting town boundaries and those in the donut holes regarding voluntary annexation.

#### b. Unified Development Ordinance

The Council discussed creating a Unified Development Ordinance to combine traditional zoning and subdivision regulations with design guidelines, sign regulations, lighting ordinance, floodplain and stormwater management and erosion control in one document with the necessary NCGS 160D changes. Staff will work on a timeline and cost estimate with the Town Attorney.

## c. Stormwater/Tree Ordinance

The Council discussed a possible tree save ordinance to contribute to better stormwater system. Staff will research reducing the stormwater retention ponds down to a 25-year storm level in exchange for increased tree save areas and look in to grants for tree planting.

## d. Possible Text Amendments

Ms. Thompson gave an overview of the NCGS 160D changes that are needed and that are required to be completed by the end of the year.

The Council discussed possible text amendments for mobile homes, RV storage, burn ban..

- Mobile homes- the town allows mobile homes in R-40 residential. Ms. Thompson
  asked if they Council would like to further restrict their placement. There are fair
  housing issues that will limit towns from prohibiting them. Council agreed not to further
  regulate mobile home placement.
- Allowing RVs to be parked or stored in residential districts. The Council discussed
  different prohibitions on RV storage including whether the vehicle must be on a
  surfaced driveway and if stored in the front yard, possibly adding a setback for the
  storage of larger vehicles. Staff is directed to draft language and parameters and present
  back to Council.
- Burning of yard waste-currently the State does not allow open burning of yard waste
  within 100 feet of any structure. Since the Town does not provide for yard waste
  disposal, they cannot prohibit burning of yard waste. The Council asked staff to notify
  the residents of the States burning laws.

# e. Rules of Procedure/Planning Board Terms

The Council discussed amending the Planning Board Rules of Procedure to extend term expiration dates to March following the current December expiration. Council discussed Planning Board attendance requirements. Council discussed amending the code of ethics to clearly state that members will not use the position on the planning board to support any candidates running for office.

## 3. Downtown Overlay

## a. Sewer to the Downtown

The County has a policy that if a municipality presents an adopted master plan for a downtown area, the county will provide sewer to the area to assure capacity to support the downtown. Staff will work on a downtown plan, including defining a downtown overlay radius.

## b. Park Options

The Council discussed making the town owned property at 6924 Weddington Matthews Rd usable. Priority is removing the asbestos from the structure and then removing the structure. Staff has discussed with Chief McClendon about burning. Council agreed to get structure removed and add the maintenance (mowing/bushhogging) of the property to the budget.

#### c. Uses

The Council discuss possibly allowing age-restricted housing in locations near the downtown overlay district. They directed staff to draw an area around the core that it may be acceptable for future discussions.

## d. Medians/Other Improvements

No discussion

## **LUNCH BREAK**

## 4. Transportation

## a. Transportation Planning Funds

Ms. Thompson explained that there are transportation planning grants through the CRTPO that the town is eligible to apply for every year. Council discussed working with Waxhaw, Marvin, and the county to partner in a corridor study of Newtown Road.

Council discussed an Economic Impact Study of an access road. (what is this)
Staff will get an update for funding of the traffic light at Antioch Church Road and Forest Lawn and contributions from Indian Trail.

#### b. Forest Lawn/Potter

Council discussed applying for the next round of DA funds through the CRTPO in August and considering partnering with the county for a roundabout or signal at this location.

## 5. Public Safety

## a. Deputy Contract

Council discussed getting a more flexible schedule for full coverage of deputies. Council also considered paying for more off-duty patrols. Council directed staff to get incident numbers to schedule coverage during higher volume of incidents.

## b. Fire Agreement

The Council discussed the current fire service agreement and the costs to the Town. Council directed Ms. Wolter to open a dialog with the county attorney regarding returning fire service to the county. Staff will work on a resolution for March Council meeting.

## 6. Administrative Items

## a. Events

Council discussed possible future events. Weddington night at the Hornets will be put off for another time. Litter sweep is 4/25/20. Truliant is sponsoring the shredding event and Scott Clark Toyota will donate use of a van to shuttle volunteers. Staff directed to check vendor policies of other towns-specifically Davidson's Town Vendors Priority Policy. Councilmember Pruitt discussed adding a 5k walk/run on Thanksgiving. The council supported the list of the years events and will budget them accordingly per town policy.

#### b. Communication

Council discussed different means of getting news out to residents. Staff will look into adding a community calendar, research policies of links to town websites, adding school links to the website, and adding video content to social media.

## c. Policies

## 7. Branding

## a. Signage

Council discussed adding Weddington High School state championship signs to town limit signs at the WCWAA on Highway 84 and on Providence Road. Council agreed to continue discussion with school officials about design and placement and meet with Ms. Thompson to work out who to make and install the signs.

Council also discussed additional town limits signs at Beulah Church near Cobble Creek; Antioch Church Rd near the Highview Subdivision.

# b. Brand Book and Logo

Council discussed the new Weddington logo and brand book. Council agreed to add NC or North Carolina to the logo.

## 8. Finance

# a. FY 2020-2021 Prelim Budget Discussion

Council discussed preliminary budget items.

- Additional chairs for events
- Signs for school championship and town limits

## 9. Review Key Objectives and Assignments

## 10. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Propst made a motion to adjourn at 4:04 p.m. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approved: March 9, 2020

Elizabeth/Callis, Mayor

Karen Dewey, Town Clerk

#### Action items:

- Put together plan for County for ETJ
- Work with KW re: UDO timeline, cost, plan
- 160D text amendments
- RV storage-work on language
- Burn-get word out that TOW doesn't ban
- PB Rules of Procedure-extend seat terms to March/Code of Ethics/ROP on website
- Downtown Overlay-start defining overlay radius
- Park burn house-remove asbestos-get space usable-mowing into budget
- Corridor Study Newtown road? Work with wxw, marvin, & county
- Economic impact studies access road.
- Update on Antioch light-w/ Indian Trail
- Forest Lawn/Potter on wish list apply for next round in August. Partner w/ county
- Deputy scheduling- more flexible schedule for full coverage-\$ for more off duty patrols. Get incident numbers for coverage during higher volume
- Fire Agreement direct attorney to open dialog w/ county to return fire service to county-adopt official resolution in March
- Events turkey trot-AP will get plan together. Hornets-another time. Agreement w/ Truliant for Shredding event. Check Davidson's Town Vendor Priority Policy
- Events- balloon guy/inflatables
- Thank Scott Clark Toyota/Truliant Credit Union
- Branding/signage: Potter Rd. WCWAA, Providence (for WHS sign)-workout with the school. Meet with Ms. Thompson to figure out who to make & install sign
- City limit sign @ Beulah Church/Cobble Creek; Antioch church; Wayne Griffin @ Highview
- Branding-add to 2/10 agenda-add NC to it (talk to haven creative)
- More video content to social media.
- Policy for links to website
- Community calendar look into
- Links to schools