

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.  
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL  
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD WEDDINGTON, NC 28104**

**AGENDA**

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Prayer: Reverend Fillmore Strunk, All Saints Anglican Church

**1. Open the Meeting**

Mayor Callis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum was determined by roll call: Mayor Elizabeth Callis, Mayor Pro Tem Propst, Councilmembers Anne Pruitt and Jeff Perryman were all present. Councilmember Mike Smith was absent.

Staff present: Town Administrator/Planner Lisa Thompson, Town Clerk Karen Dewey, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Attorney Kevin Bringewatt

Visitors: Reverend Fillmore Strunk and Walt Hogan

**4. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda**

No changes to the agenda.

**Motion:** Councilmember Pruitt made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

**Vote:** The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

**5. Mayor/Councilmember Reports**

Mayor Callis reported on the litter sweep held the last weekend in February. It was a great success with many volunteers from high school groups and Girl Scout troops. It was done a little differently to comply with COVID restrictions. Mayor Callis thanked all the volunteers for the wonderful success.

Mayor Pro Tem Propst agreed that the turn-out of volunteers was great. She thanked everybody who participated and stated appreciation for all the help in keeping our town clean

Councilmember Pruitt thanked the community and stated the clean-up made a big difference.

Councilmember Perryman reported on WUMA: The February meeting was held at Wesley Chapel. The next meeting will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Weddington Town Hall. At the last County Board of Commissioners meeting, they voted 5-0 against the high-density rezoning of the donut hole in Wesley Chapel. Also, the county Planning Board voted 5-0 against the Avention re-zoning at the intersection of New Town and Providence Roads.

## 6. Public Comments

No Public Comments.

## 7. Public Safety Report

Deputy Kropp gave the Public Safety Report: During the month of February, Weddington saw an increase in residential homes being broken into. Both cases involved homes that were unoccupied at the time the crime occurred and, in both cases, residential alarm systems were in use, causing the offenders to leave the area. The Deputies are urging residents to utilize alarm systems, exterior lighting, and cameras. Also, if planning on traveling out of town, the deputies are encouraging residents to please place their homes on a residential security check. The residential security check form is on the Town of Weddington website. Deputies are also urging residents to report suspicious vehicles or activities to the Union County Sheriff's Office by calling 911.

For any Homeowner's Associations that are interested in installing cameras in their neighborhoods, several subdivisions in the Town of Weddington are using Flock Safety Cameras that have License Plate Reader Technology that allow Detectives with the Union County Sheriff's Office to access vehicles of interest and have alerts sent to the Union County Sheriff's Office in real time to assist with investigations where certain vehicles are involved. If you are interested in more information you can contact the Town of Weddington and or myself by email through the Town of Weddington Website.

We are still seeing problems with vehicles crossing the double yellow line when traffic from Weddington Elementary School backs up onto Twelve Mile Creek. Deputies are monitoring the situation and working with the School Resource Officers and the school to develop a better solution.

## 8. Consent Agenda

### A. Approve Proclamation 2021-01 Public Health Week April 5-11

*Motion:* Mayor Pro Tem Propst made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

*Vote:* The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

## 9. Approval of Minutes

### A. February 8, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

Ms. Gaylord corrected the expiration year of Walt Hogan's term to 2023.

- Motion:** Councilmember Perryman made a motion to approve the February 8, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes as amended.
- Vote:** The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

## 10. Old Business

### A. Discussion of Request for Proposals for Solid Waste and Recycling Services

Ms. Thompson presented the staff report: The Town discussed the draft RFP for solid waste services at the annual retreat. The town attorneys began reviewing the RFP and contract. Both municipality staff and attorneys are seeking more time to review the scope of services and contract. The new timeline includes the municipalities sending the RFP out April 1, 2021, opening bids May 7, 2021 and a decision on whether to move forward with contracted services by June 14, 2021. At the retreat the Council decided to include the town administrator, Councilmember Pruitt, and the Union County solid waste director in attendance to open bids. In addition to the new timeline, the town attorney believes the town should enter into an interlocal agreement to cover 1) the bid bond; 2) the bid review process; and 3) in the event of an issue with a bidder, agreement to pay our own legal, etc. The attorney will have the interlocal agreement ready to review at the meeting.

The following is the base bid description and 12 options to be priced separately for each municipality to choose from:

The **base bid** includes household garbage (with backdoor service) collected on a once weekly basis from curbside, except for disruptions caused by inclement weather, legal holidays, or unavoidable circumstances. Backdoor service is where the elderly and disabled persons will be required to place on file with the contractor, a medical certification that they are unable to move the garbage cart to the curb and these locations will require backdoor service. Contractor shall provide backdoor service for qualified residents up to 10% of the residential units served at no additional cost.

**Option - Recycling Collection and Disposal (weekly, bi-weekly)**-This includes curbside recycling service using single stream 95-gallon recycling.

**Option - Bulk Collection and Disposal (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly)**-Large bulky boxes, items of furniture, chairs, tables, couches, mattresses, cabinets, dressers etc. will be picked up at curbside. The proposer reserves the right to charge the customer directly for bulk pickups that are scheduled outside of the collection day upon request by the customer.

**Option - Yard Waste Collection and Disposal (weekly)**-Plant material (leaves, grass clippings, tree branches and brush, flowers and shrubbery trimmings) debris commonly thrown away in the course of maintaining yards and gardens. At no time shall the Contractor incorporate yard waste into garbage collection. Bagged leaves and loose brush where brush cannot exceed 6 feet long by 3 inches in diameter)

**Option - Hazardous Household Waste (seasonal)**-Waste which is defined, characterized, or designated as hazardous by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or Appropriate State agency but shall only include residential or domestic waste such as paint, motor oil, gasoline, etc.

**Option - Christmas Tree Collection (seasonal)**-Christmas trees must have all decoration removed. The cost of all disposal fees shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

**Option - Electronic Waste Collection and Disposal (seasonal)**-Contractor shall host an annual electronic recycling event each fall for all residents to dispose of electronics such as computers, televisions, and printing devices. The Municipality shall provide a location acceptable to the contractor to conduct the annual e-cycling event. The contractor shall accept and dispose of all e-waste that has been collected by the Municipality during the year. The cost of all e-waste disposal fees shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

**Option - White Goods Waste Collection and Disposal (seasonal)**-Contractor will collect residential white goods, including, but not limited to, appliances, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, and window unit air conditioners. Contractor is responsible for collection and disposal of all residential white goods placed at the curb during the event. The resident may also arrange pick-up at other times for additional charges from Contractor.

**Option - Municipal specific logos on trucks**

**Option - Municipal specific logos on Trash and recycling carts**

Staff is looking to add one more option-pick up garbage bags after litter sweep events. Council had no questions. Staff will check Council availability for a Special Meeting before April for approval of the RFP.

## **B. Discussion and Review of Unified Development Ordinance.**

Mr. Bringewatt presented the draft UDO. He suggested a special meeting with the Council to review the document thoroughly. The Town will advertise for a public hearing in April with the vote to approve if possible. Staff will check Council availability for a Special Meeting before the April Regular Meeting.

## **11. New Business**

### **A. Discussion of Deal Road and Highway 84 Intersection Improvements**

Ms. Thompson presented two bids for a potential intersection improvement traffic analysis at Deal Road and Highway 84. The bid will include a signal warrant study and preferred improved alternatives. The scope includes the contractors design and cost estimate. If needed the town can use this information to apply for CRTPO funds in the fall. Ms. Thompson will review one more time with NCDOT.

Mayor Callis asked how this project will work with the budget.

Ms. Gaylord responded that the Town has infrastructure money that is unlikely to be spent before the end of the fiscal year.

Councilmember Perryman asked what the cap amount to be spent should be. Ms. Gaylord responded if the project costs more to meet NCDOT approval, the "not to exceed amount" of \$15,000 will give about a 10-20 % buffer.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Propst made a motion to authorize staff to enter into contract with Kimley Horn for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 and with confirmation from NCDOT that it covers the scope of work to be eligible for funding.

**Vote:** The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

## **B. Discussion of Preliminary FY 2021-2022 Budget and Creating a Capital Improvement Plan**

Ms. Gaylord gave a brief overview of the FY 2021-2022 budget. She stated the amount for the fire service contract has changed from the amount presented at the retreat. The Town is waiting for the final tax revaluation numbers from the county and estimated operating revenues and proposed additional expenses are still being reviewed.

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) lists future potential costs. It includes additional road projects, park construction costs, and additional things for the next 5 years.

The big expenditures are fire service, possible solid waste contract, and roads.

Ms. Thompson stated that this is a start of the CIP. The goal is to adopt something that lays out projects and costs by the end of the Fiscal Year with a policy of how to amend it. It requires the Council to think ahead about capital projects and how they will be funded.

Every project will be required to have a worksheet justifying the project and prioritized. If the CIP needs to be changed it will require a Council vote.

Ms. Gaylord stated that the most pressing decision is the enhanced fire service. It will go into effect in October 2021. The Council agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the budget\CIP and fire service.

## **12. Update from Town Planner**

Ms. Thompson thanked Mayor Callis and Mayor Pro Tem Propst for their help with the litter sweep. The event was appreciated throughout the community. She thanked Mayor Callis for picking up the additional bags after the event was over. March 27th is the Easter event with a rain date of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Staff started advertising and it is a ticketed event. Aventon, the proposed rezoning at New Town and Providences Roads, has withdrawn the zoning application from the county. Planning Board will be reviewing the Weddington Glen Preliminary Plat.

Today is International Women's Day. She wanted to recognize the elected officials; Mayor Callis, Councilwomen Propst and Pruitt, they are wonderful leaders she admires, and they do what it takes to make Weddington great; and the women on staff: Leslie, Karen, Janet, and Kim. She appreciates how hardworking they are. Happy International Women's Day.

## **13. Code Enforcement Report**

No discussion

## **14. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector**

Ms. Gaylord stated that the February statements are in the packet. The new financial software is in use as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, so next month's statements will be in a different format. The audit for FY19-20 has been approved by the Local Government Commission and the auditor will present to the Council next month. Ms. Gaylord will be presenting a Budget Amendment next month for the FY2020-2021 budget.

## **15. Transportation Report**

Mayor Callis stated that the pothole on Tilley-Morris Road was filled.

## 16. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Propst: Speaking of filling in potholes, I went to the NC DOT website and filled out the form to fix the rut in the major curve of the road in front of my house on 84. There is a link on the Town website to report issues and needed repairs. Thank you everybody in attendance tonight. Thank you all for coming out to the litter sweep. We appreciate all the help and the Town looks nice and hopefully next month we'll have a little more attendance and get even more cleaned up.

Councilmember Pruitt: Thank you everybody who tuned in tonight. Janice, I actually filled out the same NCDOT form for a whole section on Tilley Morris. (Mayor Callis stated that the section of Tilley Morris from Weddington city limit to Rose Hill area is scheduled for upcoming NCDOT maintenance). It's the only project for resurfacing in Weddington for the next year.

Councilmember Perryman: Congratulations again on a successful litter sweep. That is awesome. A heads up to the folks tuned in, the next WUMA meeting will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of March at Weddington Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. Just a note on the County meeting some of us will be attending on Thursday, one of the topics is the sewer issue and all towns will make a presentation.

Mayor Callis: Thank you to those who have tuned in tonight. Thank you to our wonderful staff for all your hard work and thank you, fellow officials, for your dedication to the Town.

## 17. Adjournment

**Motion:** Councilmember Perryman made a motion to adjourn the March 8, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**Vote:** The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approved: April 12, 2021

Karen Dewey  
Karen Dewey, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Callis  
Elizabeth Callis, Mayor





**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON  
PROCLAMATION  
P-2021-01**

**WHEREAS** the week of April 5-11, 2021, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Building Bridges to Better Health”; and

**WHEREAS** since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; and

**WHEREAS** U.S. life expectancy dropped from 2014 to 2017 in the longest sustained decline since the Great Recession and only in 2018 began to increase again; further, studies consistently show the United States has a lower life expectancy than comparable countries; and

**WHEREAS** there is a significant difference in health status, such as obesity, poor mental health and drug use, among people living in rural areas compared with people living in urban areas, and this variance increases because rural residents are often more likely to face social determinants that negatively impact health, such as poverty, transportation barriers, and lack of economic opportunity; and

**WHEREAS** public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as the COVID-19 pandemic, measles, natural disasters, and disasters caused by human activity; and

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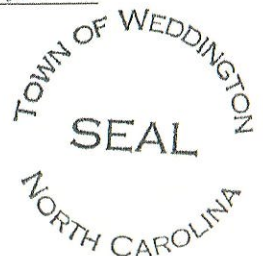
**National Public Health Week 2021**

and call upon the people of Weddington to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders to better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year’s theme, “**Building Bridges to Better Health.**”

In Witness whereof, I do hereby set my hand this 8th day of March 2021

  
Elizabeth Callis, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Karen Dewey, Town Clerk



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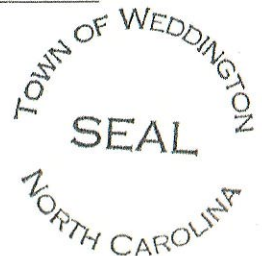
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