

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD WEDDINGTON, NC 28104**

AGENDA

*AMENDED AT MEETING

1. Open the Meeting
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Determination of Quorum
4. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda
5. Conflict of Interest Statement: *In accordance with the state government ethics act, it is the duty of every Council member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Council member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters on the agenda? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the matter involved.*
- * ~~6. Mayor/Councilmember Reports~~
6. Public Comments
7. Public Safety Report
8. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of August 14, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of release of Tuscan Ridge Bond
 - c. Authorize Staff to Approve Renewal of Contract with LaBella Engineering Services
 - d. Authorize Staff to approve proposal from DeHaan Painting for painting and repair of exterior of Town Hall
9. Old Business
- * 10. Mayor/Councilmember Reports
11. New Business
 - a. Approval of Proclamation 2023-02 for Constitution Week and Presentation to the Halifax Convention Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
12. Updates from Town Planner and Town Administrator
13. Code Enforcement Report
14. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector
15. Transportation Report
16. Council Comments
17. Enter into Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney on matters protected by the attorney-client privilege relating to Providence Volunteer Fire Department versus Town of Weddington.
18. Adjournment

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1. Open the Meeting

Mayor Horn called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Council led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined with Mayor Craig Horn, Mayor Pro Tem Janice Propst, Councilmembers Anne Pruitt and Jeff Perryman present.

Councilmember Howie arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Staff Present: Town Administrator/Clerk Karen Dewey, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Admin Assistant/Deputy Clerk Debbie Coram, Town Attorney Karen Wolter
Town Planner Robert Tefft via telephone

Visitors: Brian Kay, Walt Hogan, Elizabeth Callis, Harry Chilcot, Catherine Bracey, Samantha Donn, Jack Plyler, Kristin Nicholson, Marcus Nicholson, Christopher Neve, Rusty Setzer Tracy Stone, Liz Holtey, Bill Deter, Tom Smith, Kim Topalian, Jim Bell, Darcey Ladner

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

Councilmember Perryman requested to move item number 6. Mayor/Councilmember Reports to item 11. before New Business. Council agreed.

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

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Ms. Dewey read the Conflict of Interest Statement. No Councilmembers had a conflict of interest.

~~6. Mayor/Councilmember Reports~~

6. Public Comments

No one signed up for public comment.

7. Public Safety Report

Deputy Wrenn gave the Public Safety Report. Dep Wrenn thanked the public for keeping good lines of communication with the UCSO. He reviewed the monthly incident report and explained that there were a lot of traffic stops as the UCSO conducted speed prevention operations on Providence Road. Deputy Wrenn introduced Deputy Taylor Gordon as the new Weddington Contract Deputy. Deputy Gordon has worked 5 years with the UCSO in the jail, courthouse and Lake Park as a Contract Deputy. She is a Weddington High School Graduate and lives in Waxhaw.

8. Consent Agenda

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Motion: Councilmember Pruitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

9. Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

10. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Councilmember Perryman gave an update from the August WUMA meeting. There has been no change in county funding model for sewer and water. The current county budget does not address items in the capital plan, it is prioritizing money on repair and maintenance. WUMA also discussed how General Assembly is making moves to preempt local zoning laws through legislation. HB488 SB 378 address building code changes. The next WUMA meeting is Thursday, Sept 28 at Weddington Town Hall at 4:00.

Mayor Pro Tem Propst reported that the Town free shred event will be October 7th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Tree Lighting and Holiday celebration will be Friday, November 17th from 5:30 to 8:30. Please contact Town Staff to volunteer.

Mayor Horn stated that we are in election season and congratulated all the candidates who stepped up to run. He stated that political signs that are in the right of way before October 19th will be picked up and kept at Town Hall.

11. New Business

A. Approval of Proclamation 2023-02 for Constitution Week and Presentation to the Halifax Convention Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Mayor Horn read the proclamation for Constitution Week and presented it to the Daughters of the American Revolution - Halifax Convention Chapter.

Catherine Bracey and representatives for the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the National Distinguished Citizens Award to Mayor Horn. This award is presented to a distinguished citizen who fulfills the qualities of honor, courage, leadership, and patriotism and has contributed to the defense and the security, and thereby the freedom of the community, state, or nation in an exceptional matter.

12. Updates from Town Planner and Town Administrator

Mr. Tefft gave the planning updates:

▪ Liberty Classical Academy

CZ for Private School

Planning Board Continued on 7/24

Traffic PIM held 8/22

Planning Board on 9/25-asked to be postponed

▪ Ennis Road Subdivision

Conventional subdivision of 12 lots

Public Information Meeting 8/21

Planning Board TBD

▪ John Walker Matthews Property

Event venue

PIM held 9/11

Planning Board 9/25

▪ LDS Temple

345 Providence Road

No application submitted

▪ Luna Subdivision

Conventional subdivision of 18 lots

Public Information Meeting held 8/15

Planning Board 9/25

Ms. Dewey gave the Administrator update:

- Town has received funds for the State Capital Infrastructure Fund Grant. We will be creating a special fund for this money and submitting a project budget ordinance.
- Consultants have submitted a draft of the Comprehensive Plan, staff is reviewing.
- Staff received the invoice request for right of way acquisition for the Forest Lawn and Potter Road Roundabout. The project is on track to start right of way acquisition in December. The County will be contributing \$75,000 to this part of the project

13. Code Enforcement Report

In packets, no discussion

14. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector

Ms. Gaylord gave the update. Town received the disbursement from the State Capital Infrastructure Fund Grant and received training in quarterly reporting. Those funds will be in a separate fund and will not show up in the general fund accounts. The monthly financial and tax reports are in the packet. Tax bills should be mailed within the next two weeks.

15. Transportation Report

Mayor Horn gave the transportation update. CRTPO meets next week. The Waxhaw Bypass and I77 widening from South Carolina border to uptown are topics of discussion. The mayor also reviewed the new tax structure for road funding.

16. Council Comments

Councilmember Howie apologized for arriving late to the meeting. She thanked the Rotary Club for putting up the flags in honor of September 11th and she congratulated Mayor Horn for the well-deserved award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Propst congratulated Mayor Horn and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She thanked everybody for coming out and announced that if anybody is interested in volunteering with the Holiday Lighting event or the shredding event, to contact Town Staff. She also thanked the volunteers that helped at movie night.

Councilmember Pruitt thanked the people who donated to the school supply drive for Walter Bickett Elementary. She thanked all those in attendance this evening and gave congratulations to Mayor Horn.

Councilmember Perryman thanked everybody for coming out and stated that it's good to see a crowd in the room. He congratulated Mayor Horn and finished his comments by reflecting on the anniversary of September 11th.

Mayor Horn stated that it's interesting to celebrate the US Constitution on a day that we mourn the loss of thousands of Americans due to the actions of people that don't understand us. He encouraged everybody to reflect on the constitution. The Mayor thanked the residents for attending the meeting and encouraged all to talk to the Councilmembers.

17. Enter into Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney on matters protected by the attorney-client privilege relating to Providence Volunteer Fire Department versus Town of Weddington.

Motion: Councilmember Perryman made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:51 p.m.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

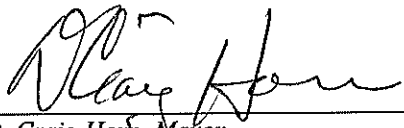
Mayor Horn called the meeting back to order at 8:06 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Motion Councilmember Perryman made a motion to adjourn the September 11, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approved: October 9, 2023



D. Craig Horn, Mayor



Karen Dewey, Town Administrator/Clerk



**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROCLAMATION
P-2023-03**

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and


WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort; and

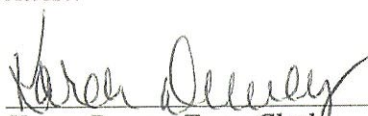
WHEREAS, there are over 1.4 million Rotary members in 36,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad;

Therefore, I, Craig Horn, Mayor of the **Town of Weddington** of the State of NC, do hereby proclaim 24 October World Polio Day and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town to be affixed, this the 9th day of October, 2023.


D. Craig Horn, Mayor

Attest:


Karen Dewey, Town Clerk





**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROCLAMATION
P-2023-04**

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects all Union County residents, and far too many people suffer abuse at the hands of a spouse, partner, parent, child, or sibling; these victims can be of any age, race, religion, or economic status and the resulting damage is inflicted not only on the victims, but their children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes not only physical but also mental abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, and isolation; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread, including one in four families is impacted by domestic violence with an annual cost to Union County of \$11,688,756; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, there have been 1,421 women, men, and children murdered as a result of domestic violence since January 1, 2002 in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Council for Women, domestic violence programs across the state responded to over 48,310 crisis calls and provided services to over 34,245 victims last year; and

WHEREAS, the key to prevention is education, community awareness, having zero tolerance for domestic violence, and requiring accountability by the abuser; and

WHEREAS, Union County recognizes the importance of having collaborations by multiple partners to promote social norms, policies and laws that support gender equity and foster intimate partnerships based on mutual respect, equality, and trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Craig Horn, Mayor of the Town of Weddington, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Union County and urge all citizens to support this observance. I further urge our citizens to increase their awareness and education of this destructive force which deeply affects a large number of families in our State each year and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Weddington to be affixed this the 9th day of October 2023.

Attest:

Karen Dewey, Town Administrator/Clerk

D. Craig Horn, Mayor