

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 29, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD WEDDINGTON, NC 28104
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Discussion and Possible Consideration of Resolution R-2024-03 A Resolution in Opposition to HB5 To Remove Certain Described Property from the Corporate Limits of The Town of Summerfield
5. Discussion of Park Amenities
6. Adjournment



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1. Call to Order

Mayor Jim Bell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined with all Councilmembers present: Mayor Jim Bell, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Smith, Councilmembers Jeff Perryman, Brannon Howie, and Darcey Ladner.

Staff Present: Town Administrator/Clerk Karen Dewey, Town Planner Greg Gordos

Visitors: Tracy Stone, Mark Stevens, Kelly Stevens, Christopher Neve, Kim Topalian, Curtis McDonald, Tamara McDonald, Gayle Butler, Harry Chilcot, Melissa Emerine, Chad Emerine

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Bell expressed his condolences for the officers killed in Charlotte this afternoon. He thanked the Weddington Deputies for their work with the town.

4. Discussion and Possible Consideration of Resolution R-2024-03 A Resolution in Opposition to HB5 To Remove Certain Described Property from the Corporate Limits of The Town of Summerfield

Mayor Bell gave background on the issue. Councilmember Perryman commented on the issue of the General Assembly eroding control of land use and zoning authority from municipalities. Councilmembers discussed the issue of the Summerfield de-annexation and it happening as a result of a zoning decision that the developer disagreed with. Council continued with discussion of voicing concerns to delegates and adopting the resolution to make concerns known.

- Motion:** Councilmember Perryman made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2024-03 In Opposition to HB5 to remove certain described property from the corporate limits of the Town of Summerfield.
- Vote:** The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Staff will forward the resolution to the Speaker of the House Tim Moore, President Pro Tem of the Senate Phil Berger, Union County General Assembly Delegates, and to the Town of Summerfield Officials.

5. Discussion of Park Amenities

Council discussed cost for developing and maintaining a park property without tax burden to residents. Town owns property and has received grants for infrastructure and park. Council discussed amenities and directed staff to work on a plan to include:


- Grading and construction for amphitheater
- Fencing around park
- Restrooms
- Pads for food trucks with power and water hook ups
- Walking path around property
- Lights and security cameras

Staff will continue to research grants and other means of funding maintenance. Staff will have the large trees inspected. Staff will work on estimated costs.

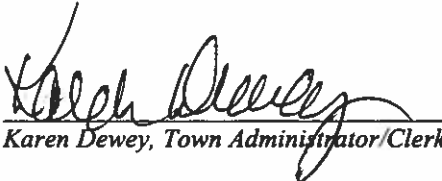
6. Adjournment

- Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Tom Smith made a motion to adjourn the April 29, 2024 Special Town Council meeting at 7:06 p.m.
- Vote:** The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approved: June 3, 2024



Jim Bell, Mayor



Karen Dewey, Town Administrator/Clerk



TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HB5
TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD
R-2024-03

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly will be considering House Bill 5, which provides for the de-annexation of certain described property from the corporate limits of the Town of Summerfield; and

WHEREAS, provisions within this legislation would be contrary to the will of the vast majority of Summerfield's residents and would severely diminish or even eliminate the ability of local government to determine what is best for its community or even allow community input or involvement in the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed de-annexation of this property would usurp the Town's ability to preserve its history and threaten the Town's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, if the North Carolina General Assembly were to follow through on the proposed de-annexation of the property within the Town of Summerfield it would set a harmful precedent diminishing the role of local government granted by the Constitution of the State of North Carolina and would be contrary to democratic principles and to the notion that land use decision should be local and not dictated by the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Weddington Town Council is opposed to the proposed de-annexation of certain described property from the Town of Summerfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Weddington Town Council urges the General Assembly to use restraint in exercising legislative de-annexations, so that they are rare, limited in scope, and do not overrule local zoning decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Weddington Town Council stands with the Town of Summerfield and seeks to uphold the rights of all municipalities in North Carolina to self-determination within the parameters established by state statutes.

Adopted this the 29th day of April 2024.



Jim Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Karen Dewey, Town Administrator/Clerk

