

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The Town Council of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Special Session at the Weddington Town Hall, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on December 15, 2011, with Mayor Walker F. Davidson presiding.

Present: Mayor Walker F. Davidson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry, Councilmembers Werner Thomisser, Pamela Hadley and Barbara Harrison, Town Attorney Anthony Fox, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Planner Jordan Cook and Town Administrator/Clerk Amy S. McCollum

Absent: None

Visitors: Nancy Anderson, John Houston, Ginger Edgeworth, Jennifer Romaine, Scott Buzzard, Pat Harrison, Nathan Snow, Eric Sager, Mike Sullivan, Nick Moore, Rick Denton, Jim Reichenbach, Judy Johnston, Ken Evans, Jack Parks, Jerry McKee and Doug Sabo.

Due to a failure with the recording equipment, these are only summary minutes from the meeting and not verbatim.

Item No. 1. Open the Meeting. Mayor Walker F. Davidson called the December 15, 2011 Special Town Council Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. There was a quorum.

Mayor Davidson asked to remove the following items from the agenda:

- Discussion of Fire Service within the Town of Weddington
- Consideration of Appointments to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Consideration of Reducing the Number of Council Seats on the Weddington Public Safety Advisory Board

Mayor Pro Tem Daniel asked to remove the following item from the agenda:

- Discussion of NCDOT Estimates for Upgrades for the Traffic Circle at Weddington-Matthews Road and Highway 84

The Council discussed and voted on each item separately.

Councilwoman Pamela Hadley moved to remove "Discussion of Fire Service within the Town of Weddington" from the agenda. Councilmember Werner Thomisser advised that he wanted to discuss another option. Mayor Davidson informed the Council that he wanted to adjourn the meeting by 7:15 p.m. and that this was just an opportunity for Providence VFD to give a presentation. Councilmember Thomisser agreed to the removal of the item but asked that he be given an opportunity at the January Town Council Meeting to discuss his proposal. The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS:	None

Councilwoman Barbara Harrison moved to remove “Consideration of Appointments to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board” from the agenda. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Councilwoman Harrison moved to remove “Consideration of Reducing the Number of Council Seats on the Weddington Public Safety Advisory Board” from the agenda. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to remove “Discussion of NCDOT Estimates for Upgrades for the Traffic Circle at Weddington-Matthews Road and Highway 84” from the agenda. It was advised that this item was only for discussion; therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Barry removed his motion to remove this item.

Councilwoman Hadley moved to approve the agenda as amended. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem Barry
and Mayor Davidson
NAYS: None

Item No. 2. Presentation from Providence VFD. The Town Council received a PowerPoint Presentation entitled Weddington Transition to a Municipal Fire Service Area.

The following points were taken from the PowerPoint Presentation given by Providence VFD Board of Director’s President Jack Parks:

Concerns

- Public is underserved
- Providence VFD is underutilized
- Providence VFD is underfunded

Actions

- Ignore the problem and do nothing
- Get Union County to move the fire district lines and establish a fire tax for PVFD
- Merge PVFD and WCVFD
- Weddington to create municipal fire district to control fire/medical public safety within town

Do Nothing

- Public is still underserved
- PVFD is still underutilized
- Weddington increasingly subsidizes PVFD or the department goes out of business

Move the Lines

- PVFD devised a plan and presented a map for consideration to Union County’s Fire Commission
- The Fire Commission gave no consideration for moving lines, instead tried to force the merger
- Moving the lines was probably the best solution but Union County would not cooperate

Merge

- Why? – Fire Study
- WCVFD takes over PVFD, demanding identical operation model for all stations unless Weddington continues to subsidize 24/7 staffing for PVFD

Fire Study

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- “It should be noted, that one agency (Providence VFD) had excellent advanced Standards of Cover”
- PVFD – “This is considered an excellent model to aspire to for all in-county fire departments.”
- “When an emergency occurs, the victim does not care about the color of the vehicle or the community it responds from, it wants the closest unit that will get there the quickest. Transfer of some territory, agency consolidation, etc. all become viable considerations for utilization as annexation continues.”

Merge

- PVFD respects the accomplishments of WCVFD and is dedicated to working with them in providing mutual aid for the community.
- Since February 2011, PVFD and WCVFD met multiple times to work on merger plans.
- Conclusion – The merger will not work unless PVFD and the community are willing for WCVFD to take over PVFD and change the operation model that was pointed out in the Fire Study as the model to aspire to for all in-county fire departments
- Merger is not the best option or solution.

Municipal Fire Department

- Goal: To provide superior fire/medical service focused on distance and response time as highest criteria for public safety.
- Provides the citizens of Weddington, through the elected officials, input for fire/medical public safety.

Providence VFD Proposal for Weddington

- Add one additional paid staff during day shift (6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) for a total of four. All EMT's.
- Add one volunteer to night shift (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) for a total of one paid with three volunteers to equal four including two EMT's.
- Back up WCVFD and SVFD during day shift on medical calls if a responder does not check in route in a reasonable time.
- Respond to all medical calls during times WCVFD and SVFD are not staffed.

Recommendation from Providence VFD

- We recommend that the Town of Weddington reduce the existing \$.03/100 property tax to minimize or eliminate the need for a tax increase associated with the formation of a municipal fire district. Currently paying \$.052/100 with the WCVFD Fire Tax.
- Remember – The existing \$.022/100 fire tax and \$100/parcel fire fee will go away. The new Weddington Ad Valorem tax rate will cover municipal obligations including fire/medical public safety.

PVFD Station Renovation Needs

- Bring existing building up to code (Does not prepare for the future and potentially wastes some funds)
- Make addition and address code (Provides much needed new space and no waste of funds)

PVFD Partner with Weddington

- Weddington Consider Funding Addition to PVFD Station from Existing Reserves
- PVFD Consider Deeding Property to Weddington
- Design with Input from Safety Committee and Town Council

Mr. Parks discussed the property values for PVFD, WCVFD and SVFD from the proposed district map and the impact to WCVFD's and SVFD's tax rate.

Providence VFD Financial Data	
PVFD Budget Needs with Staffing	\$600,000
Current Revenue from Meck. Fire	\$65,000
Current Revenue from Meck. Medic	\$12,000
Union County Subsidy	\$21,600
PVFD Budget Needs with Subsidies	\$501,400
Tax Rate Needed to Support PVFD	\$.037/100
Tax Rate without Meck. Subsidy	\$.042/100
Impact on WCVFD	
Current Property Value	\$1,105,817,594
Income at \$.022/100	\$243,280
New Property Value	\$489,237,446
Income at \$.037/100	\$181,018
Loss of Income	\$62,262
Need New Tax Rate of \$.024/100	(non-Weddington)
Impact on SVFD	
Currently Receiving \$100/Parcel	\$50,600
New Income at \$.037/100	\$42,334
Loss of Income	\$9,266

The following items were also given in the PowerPoint Presentation:

- Union County Fire Study information on apparatus for PVFD and WCVFD
- Three Levels of Action – State, County and Weddington
- Time Line Estimates
- Education of Community
- Meetings and Discussion Topics for Meetings
- Gave meeting calendar dates for steps to be taken

The Council was given the following Excel Spreadsheet:

Weddington Property Tax Value (Real Estate)	\$1,870,370,000.00
Ad Valorem Tax (Real Estate)	\$565,000.00
Ad Valorem Tax (Motor Vehicles)	\$31,176.00

Automobile Value	\$103,920,000.00
Total Property Value	\$1,974,290,000.00
Weddington Tax Rate	\$.03/100
Total Property Tax	\$596,176.00
Weddington Subsidy to PVFD	\$267,180.00
Property Taxes to Subsidy	\$0.014
Fire Tax for WCVFD	\$0.022
Total Tax (Town + WCVFD Tax)	\$0.052
Indirect Tax Rate for Fire Protection	\$0.036
Total Parcels	4,278
Avg. Value/Parcel w/Vehicles	\$461,498.36
PVFD Budget w/Enhanced Staff	\$600,000.00
Tax Rate For Municipal Fire Dist. w/Meck. Subsidies	\$0.037
Tax Rate For Municipal Fire Dist. w/o Meck. Subsidies	\$0.042
Tax Rate of \$.04	\$789,716.00
Tax Rate of \$.045	\$888,430.50
Tax Rate of \$.05	\$987,145.00
Tax Rate of \$.055	\$1,085,859.50
Tax Rate of \$.06	\$1,184,574.00

The Council asked several questions regarding the PowerPoint Presentation. Mayor Pro Tem Barry disagreed with several numbers presented by Mr. Parks. Mayor Davidson advised that this was only a presentation and Council would now be able to do their own research regarding the financial data presented.

Item No. 3. Discussion of Fire Service within the Town of Weddington. This item was removed from the agenda.

Item No. 4. Consideration of Town Liaison to Attend Union County School Board Meetings. The Town Council received a copy of the Union County School Board's meeting schedule for 2012. Mayor Davidson advised that during the election one topic of discussion was for the Town to be more involved with the school system. Mayor Davidson referred to the State Statute that prohibits towns from giving financially to the schools but asked if the Council wanted to see if there was an interest from a citizen to attend meetings regarding the schools and to update the Council on a quarterly basis on school matters.

Councilmember Thomisser discussed that minutes are available from the School Board Meetings and Council could review them to receive necessary information.

Councilwoman Harrison moved to start the process of requesting applications for a Town Liaison on school related issues. The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS:	Councilmember Thomisser

Item No. 5. Consideration of Town Liaison to Attend Union County Planning Board Meetings. Mayor Davidson discussed the concept of having a Town Liaison to attend the Union County Planning Board Meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Barry felt that it was very important to be engaged in these meetings

since decisions by the Union County Planning Board affect the boundary of Weddington. Mayor Pro Tem Barry felt that the liaison should be someone from the Planning Board and as part of their membership could rotate attending these meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to have a Town Liaison (Planning Board Member) attend the Union County Planning Board meetings.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 6. Consideration of Amendments to Town Council Rules of Procedures. The Town Council received a copy of the proposed amendments to the Town Council Rules of Procedures.

Mayor Davidson reviewed each proposed amendment with the Town Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to approve the amendment to add items to the agenda by majority vote.

Attorney Fox advised that the Council may want to allow the flexibility to vote on staff-initiated items and recommended the following language:

The Council may by majority vote add items to the proposed agenda for discussion purposes only. Council may add and consider staff-initiated items by unanimous consent.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry amended his motion as recommended by the Town Attorney. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Councilwoman Hadley moved to approve the Order of Business as recommended with the following addition:

- Note: Where there are multiple public hearings, the consideration of the public hearing shall follow each specific hearing.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Councilmember Thomisser moved to remove in the Rules of Procedure that a majority of the Town Council can delete an item from the agenda. He expressed his concern that a Town Councilmember has the right to put an item on the agenda and should have the opportunity for an up or down vote and with the current wording a majority of the Council could delete that person's item. The vote on his motion is as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Thomisser
NAYS: Councilmembers Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry

Mayor Pro Tem Barry asked to adjourn the meeting since he had been under the assumption that the meeting would not last past 7:15 p.m. and he had a prior engagement. The vote on this motion is as follows:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley and Harrison

Mayor Pro Tem Barry left the meeting and all future votes during the meeting he was counted as voting in the affirmative.

Item No. 7. Consideration of Appointments to Planning Board. The Town Council received a copy of the applications on file.

Councilwoman Harrison moved to appoint Mr. John Giattino to the Planning Board to fill the expired term of Scott Buzzard. Ms. Harrison discussed that Mr. Giattino would provide diversity to the Planning Board since he lives in an R-CD subdivision.

Councilmember Thomisser moved to appoint Ms. Linda Nugent to the Planning Board to fill the expired term of Scott Buzzard. Mr. Thomisser discussed Ms. Nugent's engineering background and expressed that he felt she would be an asset to the Planning Board.

Councilmember Harrison moved to close the nominations. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

The vote on Councilmember Thomisser's nomination is as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Thomisser and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: Councilmembers Hadley and Harrison

Mayor Davidson voted nay; therefore, the motion failed.

The vote on Councilmember Harrison's nomination is as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Councilmember Thomisser moved to nominate Mr. Michael Smith to fill the expired term of Jeff Perryman on the Planning Board.

Mayor Davidson moved to reappoint Mr. Jeff Perryman to the Planning Board.

Councilmember Hadley moved to close the nominations. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

The vote on Mayor Davidson's nomination is as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: Councilmember Thomisser

A vote was not held on Councilmember Thomisser's nomination since Mayor Davidson's nomination passed in the affirmative.

Planning Board members serve a four-year term and also serve on the Historic Preservation Commission and Board of Adjustment. Mr. Giattino will serve as an alternate on the Board of Adjustment with Ms. Janice Propst moving to a regular member of the Board of Adjustment.

Item No. 8. Consideration of Reducing the Number of Planning Board Seats on the Weddington Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mayor Davidson tabled this item until the January Town Council Meeting.

Item No. 9. Consideration of Appointments to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This item was removed from the agenda.

Item No. 10. Consideration of Reducing the Number of Council Seats on the Weddington Public Safety Advisory Committee. This item was removed from the agenda.

Item No. 11. Consideration of Appointments to Public Safety Advisory Board. The Town Council received a copy of the applications on file.

Councilwoman Harrison moved to nominate Pamela Hadley to fill the Council seat on the Public Safety Advisory Board. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Councilwoman Hadley nominated Ms. Jennifer Romaine to fill the citizen seat on the Public Safety Advisory Board. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 12. Discussion of Scheduling 2012 Planning Retreat. Councilwoman Harrison moved to table discussion of this item until the January Town Council Meeting. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 13. Discussion of Agenda Management Process. The Town Council received a copy of the Agenda Item Request Form proposed by Town Clerk McCollum. Mayor Davidson discussed his idea of having a work session on Thursdays prior to the Monday Town Council Meeting to deal with organizational types of items, presentations, etc. and asked the Town Council to try this concept for several months to see how it works. Councilwoman Hadley moved to approve having a Special Work Session on the Thursday prior to the Monday Council Meeting.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 14. Discussion of NCDOT Estimates for Upgrades for the Traffic Circle at Weddington-Matthews Road and Highway 84. Councilmember Hadley moved to table discussion of this item until the January Town Council Meeting. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 15. Consideration of Amendment #5 to Interlocal Agreement Between Union County and the Town of Weddington. The Town Council received the following:

- Amendment #5 to Interlocal Agreement Between Union County, North Carolina and the Town of Weddington
- Reimbursement Agreement

Town Attorney Anthony Fox reviewed the agreements with the Town Council.

Councilwoman Hadley moved to approve Amendment #5 to the Interlocal Agreement and the Reimbursement Agreement. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 16. Adjournment. Councilwoman Hadley moved to adjourn the December 15, 2011 Special Town Council Meeting. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

The meeting ended at 7:43 p.m.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

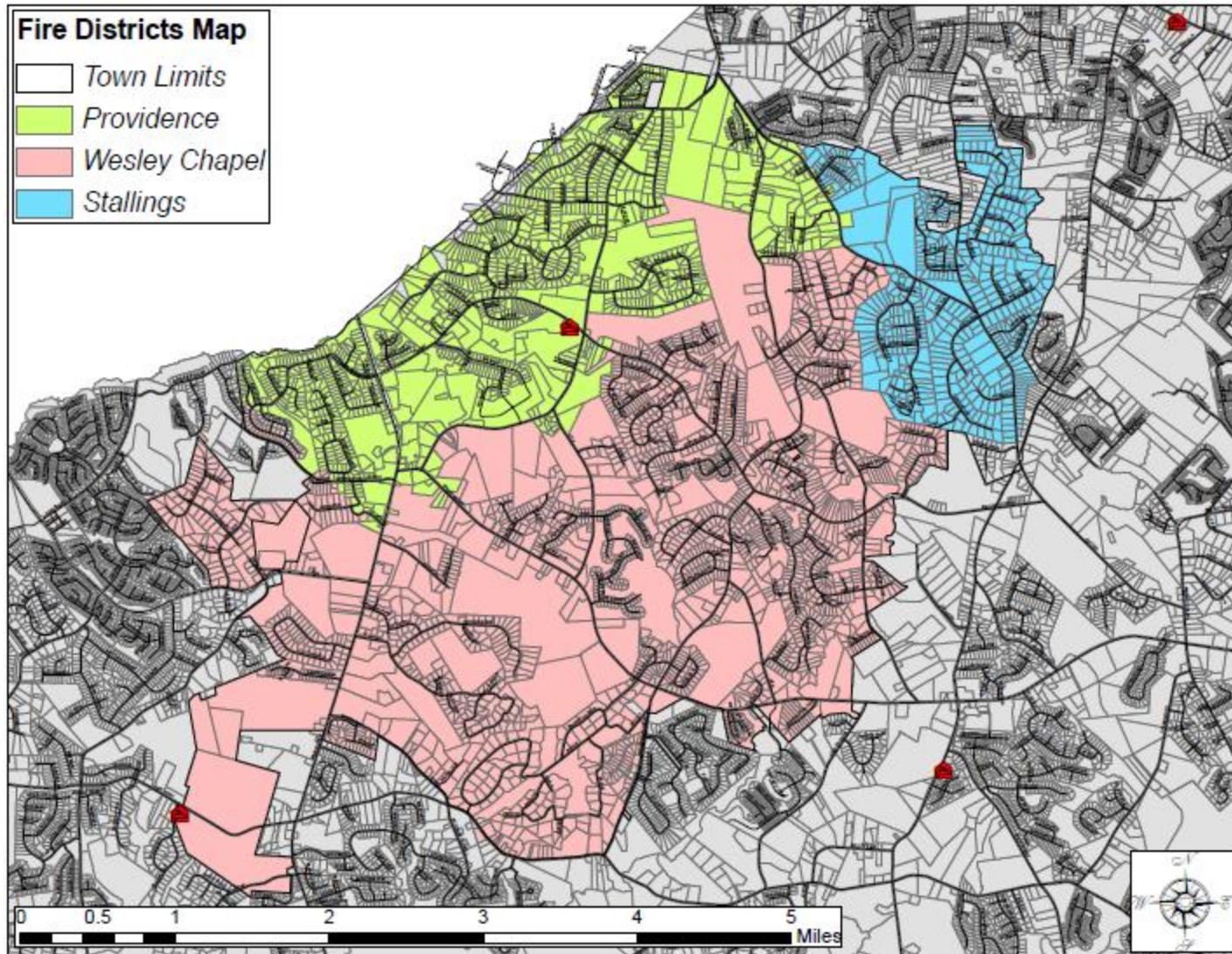
PVFD

Weddington

Fire/Medical

Public Safety Concerns

Weddington Fire Districts



Concerns

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- **Providence VFD is underutilized**
- **Providence VFD is underfunded**

**How do we fix the
problem?**

Actions

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Do Nothing

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Unacceptable

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Fire Study

For 2006, 2007, and 2008, the Providence Volunteer Fire Department averaged 5 firefighters per call. The standard of cover is as follows:

For 80% of all emergency incidents, Providence VFD will:

- Respond an initial apparatus appropriate for the reported nature of the incident, with a crew of three firefighters.
- The initial apparatus will be enroute within two (2) minutes (turnout time) of notification of the incident by the county communication center,
- The initial apparatus and crew will be on the scene of incidents within the Providence District within 10 minutes response time.

This initial apparatus and crew shall have the capability to establish command per the requirements of NIMS and ICS; investigate to determine the actual nature of the incident, and to initiate mitigation efforts:

- For fire incidents, the initial apparatus and crew shall have the capability to place into service one (1) attack line with a minimum flow rate of 150 gallons per minute.
- Fire EMS incidents, the initial apparatus and crew shall have the capability to ensure scene safety, assess patient condition, treat patient consistent with established EMS protocols
- For extrication incidents, the initial apparatus and crew shall have the capability to assess patient's medical status, stabilize one (1) patient, and place into service one (1) piece of hydraulic or pneumatic extrication equipment.

Fire Study

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Fire Study

Vehicle Designation	Manufacturer	Year	GPM	Water Tank Size (gals)	Vehicle Condition 5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Average, 2 = Fair, 1 = Poor
PROVIDENCE VFD					
Engine 321	KME	2006	1250	770	5
Engine 322	Southern Coach	1998	1250	1000	5
Tanker 324	Red Diamond	2003	500	3000	5
Brush 326	Ford	2002	250	250	5
Rescue	Hackney Intl.	1996			5

WESLEY CHAPEL VFD

Station 26

Ladder 26	Pierce 100'	2000	1000	100	3
Engine 261	Pierce	2008	1500	1000	5
Engine 262	FMC	1989	1250	1000	3
Tanker 264	Ford	1994	500	2500	3
Brush 265	Ford	2008	300	250	3

Station 31

Rescue 31	Pierce	2008			5
Engine 311	KME	1992	1250	1000	5
Engine 312	Pierce	2001	1500	1000	5
Brush 316	Ford	2004	250	150	5

Merge

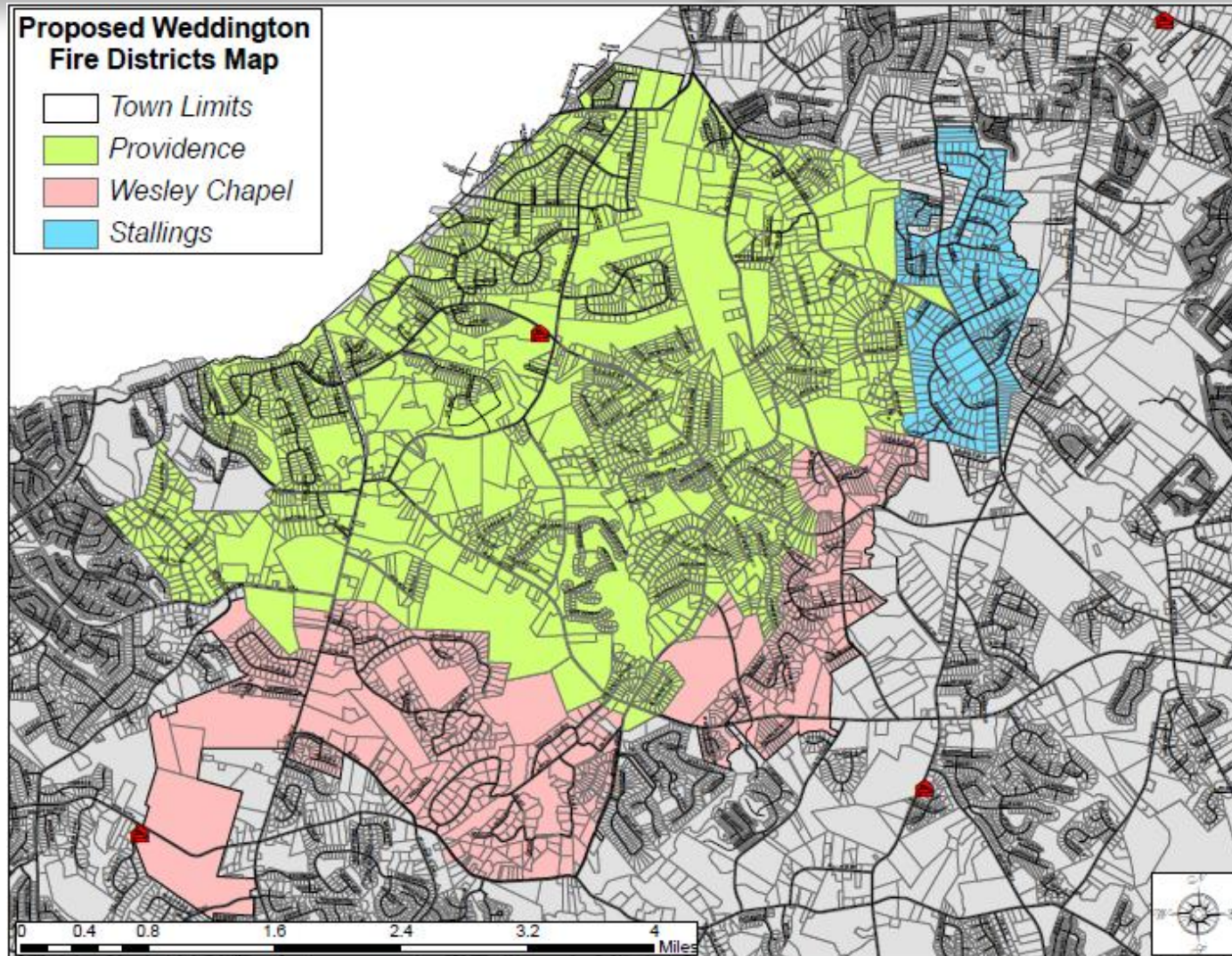
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Municipal FD

Financial Data

Weddington Property Value = **\$1,974,290,000**

Weddington Subsidy to PVFD = \$267,180

Property Tax Going to Subsidy = \$.014/100

Property Tax for WCVFD Area = \$.022/100

Total Weddington Tax Rate f/Fire = **\$.036/100**

Municipal FD

Financial Data

Property Values from Proposed District Map

PVFD = \$1,373,338,155

WCVFD = \$489,237,446

SVFD = \$111,714,398

Municipal FD

Financial Data

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Municipal FD

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Municipal FD

Impact on SVFD

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Recommendation

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Municipal FD

PVFD Station Renovation Needs

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- **Does Not Prepare for the Future**
- **Potentially Waste Some Funds**

Make Addition and Address Code

- **Provides Much Needed New Space**
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Municipal FD

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Weddington Transition to Municipal Fire Service Area

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response time as highest criteria for
public safety.**

Municipal FD

Three Levels of Action

STATE:

- Boundaries must be approved by Dept. of Insurance and Fire Marshall
- Rep. Craig Horn to attempt to present and get local legislation passed to help town

COUNTY:

- Dissolving of current Fire District boundaries within municipality
- Coordinate 911 changes (also under municipality): Boundary adjustments and whether two departments will be called for medical emergencies.

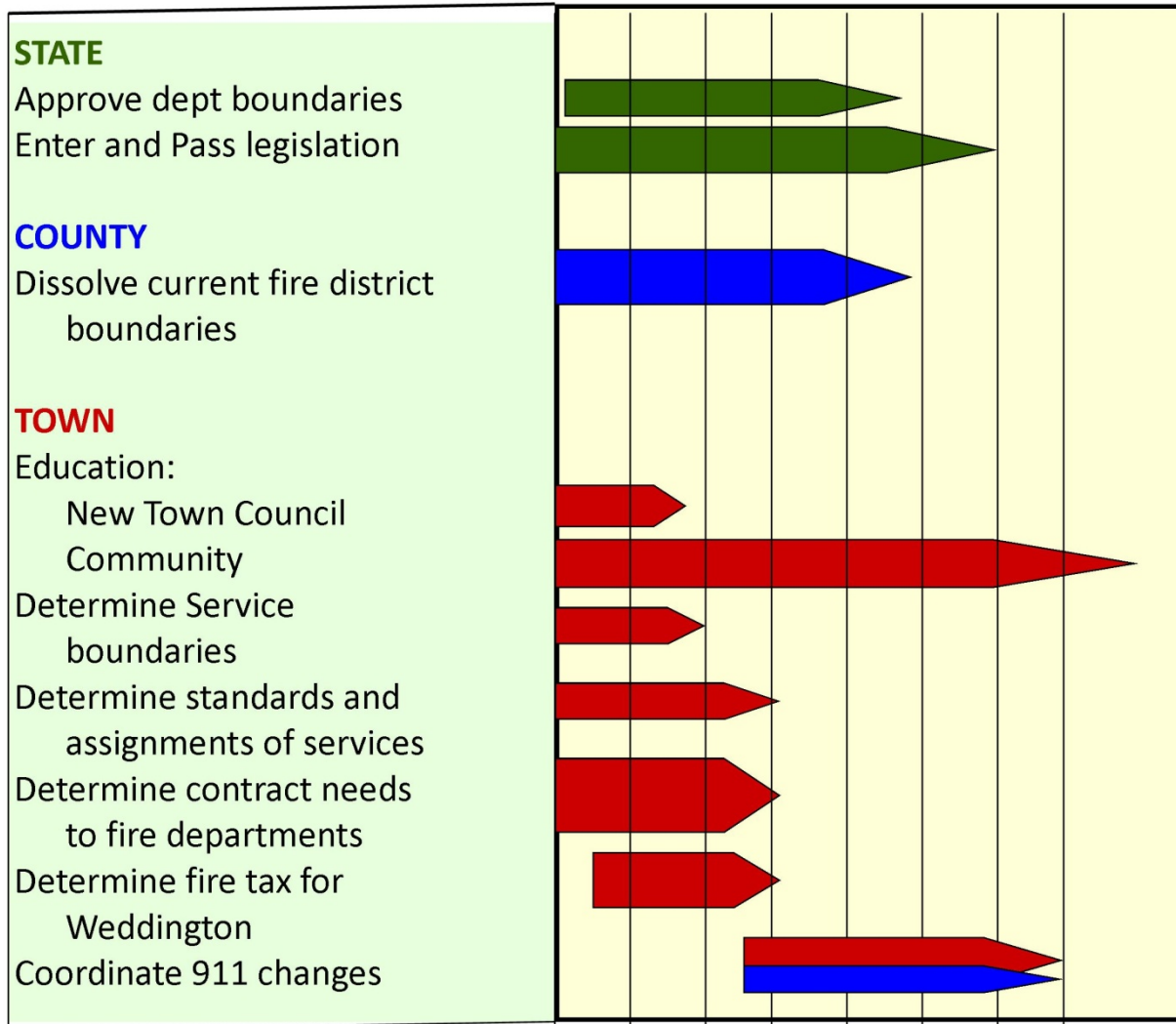
Three Levels of Action (continued)

MUNICIPALITY OF WEDDINGTON:

- Education of New Town Council and Community
- Determine service boundaries based on distance and response times.
- Determine service standards and assignments for those services:
 - 24/7 Staffed Coverage,
 - number of responding departments,
 - personnel qualification needs,
 - responding equipment needs
 - (independent drivers versus station trucks)
- Determine contract needs to provide services and proportional distribution of revenue based on level of service provided.
- Determine fire tax to residents of Weddington.
- Coordinate 911 changes: Boundary adjustments and whether two departments will be called for medical emergencies.

TIME LINE ESTIMATES

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Education of Community

Create new **website** with answers to common questions

Place **Ad in Union County Weekly** to disperse information throughout town

Continue to write **articles for Union County Weekly** to head off erroneous rumors

Brochure or newsletter to current Providence Fire District highlighting

- Accomplishments of Providence

- Advertise tree sale

- Request for donations

- Status on transition

Weddington News Letter

Determine service boundaries based on distance and response times

Consider property lines and neighborhood boundaries

Determine service standards and assignments for those services

24/7 Staffed Coverage – Providence VFD is totally within town limits so it makes sense to have this service provided by them instead of paying for coverage from WC and them using our tax dollars to provide 24/7 coverage outside of the town limits

Number of responding departments – Will the town require 2 stations to be called for both fire and medical emergencies?

Personnel qualification needs – How many additional staffed and /or volunteers needed to cover additional areas?

Responding equipment needs – New equipment?

Pros and Cons of Independent drivers using equipment they carry versus relying on station trucks

Determine contract needs to provide services and proportional distribution of revenue based on level of service provided

Again, will 2 responding stations be called for emergencies? If so, will Providence always be one of those stations, covering all of Weddington with assistance from either Wesley Chapel or Stallings?

Determine fire tax to residents of Weddington

Coordinate 911 changes: Boundary adjustments and whether two departments will be called for medical emergencies

Make sure streets are reassigned to proper station dispatch
Make sure any/all unique standards for Weddington are
discussed with proper call center personnel.

Meetings

Smaller groups can accomplish more than large groups, but there are times when a larger group is necessary. **Transparency should be a priority during the entire process and effort made to disseminate information to public throughout transition.**

Should all meetings be open to public? (We say YES) Recorded? If recorded this could be a way to provide the community a way to stay informed without attending meetings.

There will be various types of meetings (Transition meetings, Fire Department BOD meetings, Special Town Council meetings, monthly Town Council meetings, Public Safety Committee meetings). The transition group needs a few key members that are present throughout transition, with others that participate depending on topic of discussion.

Discussion Topics for Meetings

December

Present this plan and meeting schedule and ask town council to approve.

Discuss and define service boundaries.

Define territories for each department.

Define mutual aid requirements between departments.

Service boundaries based on distance, response times and prop. lines.

Define quality of service in Weddington.

Will PVFD provide 24/7 STAFFED coverage?

If so, what is the extra income needed to finance station upgrades and personnel?

Discuss various methods of marketing transition to community.

Summarize the preliminary work Providence VFD has done regarding transition.

Finalize service boundaries and send approved plan to State.

Discuss contract needs and requirements for fire departments.

Begin to disseminate information to community.

Discussion Topics for Meetings

(continued)

January

Discuss quality of standards and assignment of services to fire departments.
Examine financial needs and requirements for each fire department and how those numbers equate to fire tax rate.
Discuss income flow for fire departments
Continue to make information available to community.

February

Approve standards and assignment of services to fire departments.
Discuss necessary call center notifications based on upgraded standards and boundary changes.
Discuss and agree on a fire tax rate.
Update status of State approval of fire boundaries.
Update residents of Weddington on status of decisions.

March

Town to submit/approve any necessary ordinances pertaining to fire services.
Coordinate with 911 call center all information they need for transition.
Update residents of Weddington on progress of transition.

Discussion Topics for Meetings

(continued)

April

Address any new issues or details previously overlooked.

Verify State approval of fire service boundaries.

Check with 911 call center to verify that bases have been covered.

Continue to educate community on changes being implemented.

May

Summarize status on transition details. Address any new problems.

Educate community.

June

Town to approve contracts and budgets for new fiscal year 2012-2013.

July

Answer questions from public as they come up.

Meeting Calendar

DECEMBER 2011						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

December 2011

December 4 – Providence VFD Board Meeting

December 5 – County Commissioner Meeting

December 12 – Town Council Meeting

December 15 – Special Town Meeting

December 19 – County Commissioner Meeting







December 24/25 – Christmas Holidays







Meeting Calendar

JANUARY 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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January 2012

January 2 – County Commissioner Meeting 
 January 8 – Providence VFD Board Meeting 
 January 9 – Town Council Meeting 
January 11– Special Town Meeting 
 January 16– County Commissioner Meeting 
 January 26 – Transition Meeting 

February 2012

February 5 – Providence VFD Board Meeting 
 February 6 – County Commissioner Meeting 
February 8 – Transition Meeting 
 February 13 – Town Council Meeting 
February 15 – Special Town Meeting 
 February 20 – County Commissioner Meeting 
 February 22 – Ash Wednesday 
February xx – xx Town Budget Retreat


February 2012						
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MARCH 2012

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April 2012

April 1 – Providence VFD Board Meeting 

April 2 – County Commissioner Meeting 

April 8 – Easter 

April 9 – Town Council Meeting 

April 16 – County Commissioner Meeting 

Meeting Calendar

March 2012

March 4 – Providence VFD Board Meeting 

March 5 – County Commissioner Meeting 

March 8 – Transition Meeting 

March 12 – Town Council Meeting 

March 19 – County Commissioner Meeting 

March 21 – Special Town Meeting 

APRIL 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 	3	4	5	6	7
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Meeting Calendar

MAY 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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May 2012

May 6 – Providence VFD Board Meeting 

May 7 – County Commissioner Meeting 

May 14 – Town Council Meeting 

May 17 – Transition Committee Meeting 

May 21 – County Commissioner Meeting 

June 2012

June 3 – Providence VFD Board Meeting 

June 4 – County Commissioner Meeting 

June 11 – Town Council Meeting 

June 18 – County Commissioner Meeting 

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Thank You