

Mayor
David Phillips

Mayor Pro Tem
Ed Samaha

Town Manager
Ryan Spitzer



Town Council
Amelia Stinson-Wesley
Chris McDonough
Danielle Moore

Town Clerk
Lisa Snyder

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Phillips called the meeting to order @ 6:30 pm.

Mayor: David Phillips
Mayor Pro Tem: Ed Samaha
Council Members: Amelia Stinson-Wesley, Chris McDonough, Danielle Moore
Town Manager: Ryan Spitzer
Town Clerk: Lisa Snyder
Town Attorney: Janelle Lyons

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Danielle Moore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor David Phillips asked for a moment of silence for our first responders and anyone who may be struggling health wise or just needs assistance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda with a second was made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes. (**Approved 4-0**).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 13, 2025, Town Council Meeting, the May 14, 2025, Special Meeting, and the May 14, 2025, Closed Session (sealed) were submitted for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second made by Council Member Moore. All Ayes. (**Approved 4-0**)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Phillips swore in new Pineville Police Officer Mario Vergara-Quiroz and presented him with his badge. Photos were taken of Officer Vergara-Quiroz and his family.

BOARD REPORTS

MTC (Ryan Spitzer). Mr. Spitzer provided an update regarding the MTC Board. Charlotte City Council recently adopted its budget for CATS. CATS is a department under the City of Charlotte. There is legislation going through the General Assembly. There are two competing bills that deal with the penny legislation. The Senate bill that was presented by Senator Sawyer states that 40% of the penny would be for roads and municipalities. Pineville's portion of that would be about \$1.9 million that we would get dedicated to roads and infrastructure, 40% would go towards transit and 20% would be used for the bus system. This includes more fixed routes, updated shelters and bus stations, as well as micro transit, to mirror what they're doing in Huntersville. There is a House bill that was also introduced and the funding is 60% transit, 40% for roads and micro transit was expressly stated in that bill. After these get through the General Assembly, they still have to be approved by Mecklenburg County.

There were four options presented to the residents of Mecklenburg County and they voted for Option 1. The red and gold line would be built; the silver line would be built from the airport to the Coliseum with the blue line to Carolina Place Mall would be built. The blue line extension and silver line additions would be part of ongoing budget years, as budget funding came up.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Phillips listed the Consent Agenda items including a Proclamation for Juneteenth, Resolution 2025-09 for Surplus Items, and Tax Refunds. Council Member Moore moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second provided by Council Member McDonough. All ayes. (**Approved 4-0**)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Sachs, Pineville resident. Mr. Sachs asked if he could put up a sign at his residence announcing no solicitation. Town Manager Spitzer replied "yes." Mr. Sachs also asked how many non-profits are involved and how often do they solicit in the Town. Mr. Spitzer replied, "there are not many."

Yvette Isaacs, Pineville resident. Ms. Isaacs said, regarding social media, that she would ask more training to be given to the person, or persons, who put together the recent video "how to attend a town council meeting without being a buffoon." She took offense to being called a buffoon and felt that this could be used as a training opportunity so that proper communications be put out there and represent our town truly as it wants to be represented.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to enter the public hearing followed by a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes.

Huntley Glen Street Acceptance (Travis Morgan). Mr. Morgan advised that the completion of the Huntley Glen neighborhood roadways are planned to be Town roads. These roads will be added to the Powell Bill roads funding and also the responsibility of Town maintenance. Maintenance bonds (25% of construction bond) are ready to be in place and the noted trees have been replaced. The roads to be added as town roads are Huntley Glen Drive, Garden View Drive, Glenway Trail Court, Atwell Glen Lane, Autumn Glen Avenue, Grace View Drive, and Overlook Ridge Street.

There have been resident complaints about the developer damaging irrigation lines at the front entry with sidewalk installation. This appears to be on HOA property and is not a Town maintenance item. Brett Ford, Pineville resident and HOA member, discussed issues, especially at Dorman Rd and Huntley Glen, where they had the sprinkler system destroyed and around the corner, they have some erosion control problems for two years. The pool is sinking and they would like some help with the engineering. Denise Nichols, who was attending the meeting on behalf of the developer, said that the HOA manager has been contacted and she will make sure that the irrigation gets fixed. She did not know anything about their pool and will bring that to the developer's attention.

Council Member McDonough moved to close the public hearing with a second provided by Council Member Moore. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitation Ordinance (Ryan Spitzer). Mr. Spitzer shared the proposed Solicitation Ordinance, on page 67 of the council packet, and noted that it mirrors the Town of Davidson's Solicitation Ordinance, as they were also approached by Moxie. He shared options that Council can consider: keep the solicitation ordinance as it is, or they can include not allowing any solicitation, or a combination of the new ordinance but have time limits and other restrictions. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha added that he feels most people don't want any solicitation at their doors. Council Member Stinson-Wesley asked if we can allow campaign signs. Town Manager Spitzer replied that we allow them for a certain amount of time before an election, but this would probably fall under those same guidelines.

Council Member Stinson-Wesley asked if garage sales and temporary event permits are included. Town Manager Spitzer replied that they are not the same thing. Attorney Lyons added that people are coming to "their" doors, in that case. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha is in favor of no solicitation. Mayor Phillips concurred and added that with the internet there are more options for advertising now.

Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to not allow any solicitation, followed by a second made by Council Member McDonough. Council Members Stinson-Wesley and Moore were both nays. Mayor Phillips broke the tie and voted not to have any solicitation in the Town. **(Approved 3-2)**

NEW BUSINESS

Budget FY 25-26 (Ryan Spitzer). Town Manager Spitzer discussed the FY25-26 Budget and stated that we are looking at a 30-cent tax rate which will go toward the new Fire Department debt payment and one of our two new firefighters that will be on duty 24/7. This is approximately a \$41 million dollar budget; \$14 million is Electric with \$3.2 million of that is for PCS, and the remaining amount is General Fund. The entire increase in the tax rate is for the Fire Department. We want to have three on each truck so we can better fight fires and be able to sign an agreement by the City of Charlotte for aid. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha complimented Mr. Spitzer and his staff for this budget. It was well done.

Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve the FY25-26 budget with a second provided by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**.

2025 Council Meetings Calendar Updates (Lisa Snyder). Town Clerk Snyder reviewed the 2025 Town Council Meetings schedule and noted two changes need to be made. Since the Mayor and Council will be attending the annual Electricities Conference August 11th through the 13th, the Town Council meeting that month will have to be rescheduled. In addition, the September Work Session was inadvertently scheduled for September 29th, which is the fifth Monday of that month and Work Sessions are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to change the date of the August Town Council meeting to Thursday, August 21st and the September Work Session to Monday, September 22nd with a second made by Council Member Moore. All ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**

Huntley Glen Street Acceptance (Travis Morgan). Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved for the acceptance of the new Huntley Glen streets with a second made by Council Member Moore. All ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Spitzer reported that Parks and Rec Director, Matt Jakubowski, had an update on the McCullough Greenway Bridge. Mr. Jakubowski reviewed a timeline for this project and said that August 27, 2025, is the anticipated new completion date of the project. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Spitzer said they're also working on a lighting plan with Electricities for that area.

Public Works Director, Chip Hill, gave an update on Johnston Road and advised that it will be completed in September. He added that \$1.9 million dollars have been spent so far on this project and that we had \$3 million budgeted.

Town Manager Spitzer added that the sidewalk on S. Polk is complete. Music on Main is this Friday. At the end of this month, we will have a symphony and we will have fireworks again this year, and we will notify the property owners.

Council Member Moore added that the Pride event is Saturday, June 21st.

Mr. Spitzer said that we will be closed for the first time on Thursday, June 19th, in observance of Juneteenth.

Council took a brief break before entering Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Moore moved to enter the first Closed Session with a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes.

The meeting was held pursuant to NCGS 143.318-11(3)– *to discuss an attorney/client privilege matter.*

Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to leave the Closed Session with a second made by Council Member Moore. All ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to enter the second Closed Session with a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes.

The second meeting was held pursuant to NCGS 143.318-11 (5) – *regarding negotiations.*

Council Member Moore moved to leave the second Closed Session with a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Stinson-Wesley made a motion to adjourn followed by a second made by Council Member Moore. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Mayor David Phillips

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Lisa Snyder