



## **MINUTES**

### **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

### **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Town Clerk Lisa Snyder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor David Phillips asked for a moment of silence and asked everyone to keep our first responders and our town employees in your thoughts and prayers for their safety.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Moore made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, and a second was made by Council Member McDonough. All ayes. (**Approved 4-0**).

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting and June 24<sup>th</sup> Work Session were submitted for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All Ayes. (**Approved 4-0**)

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Mayor Phillips welcomed our newest employee, Riley George, to the Town. Riley comes to us from Lynchburg, Virginia. She is our Community Relations & Communications Specialist.

### **BOARD REPORT**

CRTPO presentation. Mr. Neil Burke, Deputy Director, and Secretary to the Board, began the presentation and introduced fellow members, Will Snyder, Brian Elgort, and Judy Dellert. He said that MPO's are federally designated transportation planning agencies for any urban area with a population greater than 50,000 residents. The CRTPO is the designated agency for the Charlotte urban areas, which includes the counties of Iredell, Mecklenburg, and most of Union county. There are over

400 MPO's in the United States. Funding is contingent upon implementing the federally mandated three C-planning processes: continuing, cooperative and comprehensive. The planning area includes 21 cities and towns and 3 counties. Council Member Amelia Stinson-Wesley is the CRTPO delegate for Pineville and Mayor Phillips is the alternate. NCDOT is the project deliverer for many of the large capital projects. The CRTPO acts as the intermediate area for the Federal Highway Administration, the NCDOT and a number of jurisdictions in our planning area.

Will Snyder, Associate Planner, continued the presentation with explaining the purpose of a Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MTP) and outlined its key components. You can see more information at [2055MTP.org](http://2055MTP.org). They coordinate their efforts with NCDOT and are encouraging public involvement by sharing their schedule of opportunities to provide input.

Brian Elgort, Project Implementation Coordinator, discussed infrastructure and the RAISE Program. It's focused on making roads safer, making it easier for people to move around their community and improving supply chains to keep costs down. They recently announced that they were awarded \$5 million dollars for making roads safer. This equates to safety improvements, accessible design, flexible trips, equitable planning, and reconnecting communities (SAFER).

Neil Burke summarized and discussed member benefits. They meet the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 am. There is a public comment period at the end of each meeting to give feedback and weigh in on projects.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of one item for approval: Resolution 2024-12 for Surplus items for sale for the Public Works and Fire Departments. Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Samaha. (**Approved 4-0**)

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**John Holobinko, Pineville Chamber.** Mr. Holobinko was pleased to announce that they have gained three new members, including the Twenty-One Medical, the Mecklenburg County Office of Economic and Development, and Brookfield Properties/ Carolina Place. They are having a blood drive at Subaru on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:00 pm.. They are sponsoring a golf tournament on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be working with Make-a-Wish Foundation.

**Judy Thompson-Phillips, Pineville resident.** Mrs. Phillips stated that at last month's meeting, a person addressed council and requested that our traditional town go along with the invasive ideology of displaying their multi-colored Pride flag on our Main Street in Pineville. She feels that we should only display the American flag, Pineville flag or seasonal flags should be flown on our main streets. She asked that council consider a flag regulation.

### PUBLIC HEARING

*There was no Public Hearing.*

### OLD BUSINESS

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### NEW BUSINESS

**Art presentation by Laura Stout, Pineville resident.** Mrs. Stout presented Pineville's very first Free Little Art Libraries. There are five within walking distance of her home. There is one in the NODA area in Charlotte. She created "take and make" kits to encourage others to create their own. Her goal would be to get local businesses to sponsor it. She asked Council to support this, spread the word, and be inspired by it.

**Budget Amendment 2025-01, Chris Tucker, Finance Director.** Finance Director Tucker advised that the Police Department's current radio hardware has reached the end of its useful life. The PD has engaged Motorola to supply and maintain new hardware that is consistent with our neighboring communities and interlocal partners. The cost is \$5 million

dollars and is proposed to be funded by the General Fund unassigned fund balance. Chief Hudgins added that the radio's lifespan is between 10 and 15 years. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve Budget Amendment 2025-01 followed by a second made by Council Member Moore. All ayes. (**Approved 4-0**)

**Resolution 2024-10 for reimbursement of expenses for new substation.** Town Manager Spitzer advised that we did one of these resolutions for the new Town Hall. We can still fund it under another account. Council Member McDonough moved to approve the Resolution followed by a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes. (**Approved 4-0**)

**Resolution 2024-11 for approval of Southeastern Contract for substation.** Town Manager Spitzer said that this is for engineering work for the new substation in the amount of \$281,000. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve the contract with Southeastern with a second provided by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes. (**Approved 4-0**)

**Public Works Job Reclassification, Chip Hill, Public Works Director.** Mr. Hill said this was discussed more in depth at the last work session, which reclassifies Tim Jones from Building Maintenance Technician to Building Maintenance Supervisor. This will be effective July 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to approve the job reclassification with a second made by Council Member Moore. (**Approved 4-0**)

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Spitzer updated Council on Johnston Road. They are currently grading it and should have an estimate for Phase II of the project next week. We are closing next Tuesday on the substation. They have the easements documented for the property. The fountain is still on schedule to be completed in August. The McCullough Greenway's bridge has been delivered and we are waiting for the pylons to be set up along the river.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11 (4) regarding economic development, followed by a second made by Council Member Moore. All ayes.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Stinson-Wesley made a motion to adjourn followed by a second made by Council Member McDonough.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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David Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Snyder, Town Clerk