

SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

December 3, 2024

5:15 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on December 3, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

Aldermen present: Larry Harrelson, Gene Vasile, Karmen Custer, Jimmy Bellamy and Bobby Williamson

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Brandon Eaton, Natalie Goins, Isaac Norris, Adam Stanley, Paul Dunwell, Dan Formyduval and Attorney Laura Thompson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Gene Vasile to open the meeting. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Katherine Moore gave the Invocation followed by the Board and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Eccard asked if any member of the Board had a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with regard to any item on the agenda. None stated.

IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

V. AUDIT PRESENTATION – Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co, P.A.

Alan W. Thompson, CPA, presented the Financial Audit for the Town of Shallotte for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Thompson reported a clean audit, indicating that the Town is in a healthy financial position. Finance Director Isaac Norris stated the audit process is a group effort and extended thanks to all staff who contributed. Mayor Walt Eccard expressed appreciation to Isaac Norris, Finance Director, and staff for their hard work, while also thanking Mr. Thompson for his thorough work and presentation. Alderman Gene Vasile commended staff for their consistent performance in managing the Town's financial operations.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenda Boyd, 2980 Bay Village Street, noted issues with drainage, culverts and overgrown trees.

Holly H. Long, Shallotte Point resident, expressed concerns with how the 1295 Village Point Road project is going to affect "the squash".

Ash Ramos, 1260 Village Point Road, stated serious concerns regarding land disturbing activities complying with state regulations and environmental protection standards. Ms.

Ramos urged the Board to issue a stop work order and investigate the compliance of the ongoing work.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Police

A. Speed Limit Changes

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Gene Vasile to approve repealing the 45 mph speed limit on NC 179 from Village Road to Pender Road (TOS Ordinance 24-31). Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

2. Fire

3. Planning

4. Public Utilities

A. Bill Adjustment: Shallotte Moose Lodge – 253 Holden Beach Rd.

A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the \$1,877.62 bill adjustments. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

5. Finance

6. Media & Events

7. Administration

8. Mayors Monthly Activities

Mayor Eccard sought guidance from the Board regarding a request for recycling assistance for nonprofit organizations. After a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for staff to gather additional data for subsequent presentation to the Board.

A. TranSystems Contract

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Gene Vasile to approve execution of the TranSystems contract for professional consulting services for the Town contingent upon review of the contract by Town attorney Laura Thompson. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. November 5, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes
- B. Budget Adjustment: BA-24-25-5 (Streets & Sewer Donation by RS Parker Development \$782,836.90)
- C. Budget Adjustment: BA-24-25-6 (Town Hall Schematic Design & Design Development \$402,367.00)
- D. Ordinance 24-30: Amended Capital Project Ordinance for the Riverfront Development Capital Project
- E. Performance Guarantee: Meadows Phases III & IV

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING
PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION: STEVENS BUILDING COMPANY – 16 WENDY LANE
PARCEL ID # 2132A024

1. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Gene Vasile to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

2. Public Comments/Questions.

Town Planner Brandon Eaton gave a brief overview of the request. It was noted that Wendy Lane is not a Town road. Therefore, the Town has no responsibility for the road. There were no public comments/questions.

3. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Gene Vasile to close Public Hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

4. Board Comments/Questions

5. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Gene Vasile to approve Annexation Ordinance 24-23. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

X. PUBLIC HEARING
PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION: STEVENS BUILDING COMPANY – 9 FAIRWAY DRIVE
PARCEL ID # 2141A09201

1. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Gene Vasile to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

2. Public Comments/Questions.

Town Planner Brandon Eaton gave a brief overview of the request. There were no public comments/questions.

3. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Gene Vasile to close Public Hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

4. Board Comments/Questions

5. A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Bobby Williamson to approve Annexation Ordinance 24-24. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING
UDO TEXT AMENDMENT, ORDINANCE 24-25: ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2-2 &
ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10-2.

A staff initiated zoning text amendment to Section 2-2 & 10-2 of the Town's UDO, to define town homes/houses and duplexes, differentiating between the similar but different residential types, and update the permitted use table to allow these uses.

1. A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to open the public hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
2. Public Comments/Questions
3. A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Larry Harrelson to close public hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
4. Board Comments/Questions
5. A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the Board of Aldermen Statement of Consistency. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
6. A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Gene Vasile to approve Ordinance 24-25 amending the Town of Shallotte Unified Development Ordinance, specifically Article 2, Section 2-2 & Article 10, Section 10-2. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

**XII. PUBLIC HEARING
UDO TEXT AMENDMENT, ORDINANCE 24-26: ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10-4**

A staff initiated zoning text amendment to Section 10-4 of the Town's UDO, updating ordinance language regarding the permitted use of barbed wire fencing related to institutions such as prisons, jails, and other involuntary commitment facilities.

1. A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to open the public hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
2. A motion was made by to Gene Vasile seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to table the public hearing until the January 7, 2024 meeting. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

**XIII. PUBLIC HEARING
UDO TEXT AMENDMENT, ORDINANCE 24-29: ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2-2 & ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10-3**

A staff initiated zoning text amendment to Section 2-2 & 10-3 of the Town's UDO, to define and regulate automotive detailing facilities within the Town's jurisdiction, updating the Town's automotive services to include the use.

1. A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Gene Vasile to open the public hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
2. Public Comments/Questions
3. A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Bobby Williamson to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
3. A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the Board of Aldermen Statement of Consistency. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
5. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Bobby Williamson to approve Ordinance 24-29

amending the Town of Shallotte Unified Development Ordinance, specifically Article 2, Section 2-2 & Article 10, Section 10-3. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

XIV. DISCUSSION

A. Expiring Board Appointments

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Bobby Williamson to approve the following Board reappointments. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

ABC Board

- Chris Lane
- Bobby Ray Russ

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the following Board reappointments.

Fireman's Relief Fund

- Paul Dunwell
- David Moore
- Tony Hewett
- Mimi Gaither

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Larry Harrelson to approve the following Board reappointments. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Cape Fear Council of Governments (COG)

- Bobby Williamson (Delegate)
- Gene Vasile (Alternate)

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Gene Vasile to approve the following Board reappointments. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Shallotte Tourism Development Authority (STDA)

- Susan Freeman
- Ben Sachdeva
- James Lane

XV. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Gene Vasile to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins
Town Clerk