

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Meeting
05.05.25

The King City Council convened for its regular meeting at the King City Hall, Council Chambers, 229 S. Main St, King, on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and make decisions on various city matters. Present at the meeting were Mayor Rick McCraw, Mayor Pro Tem Jane Cole, Councilman Tyler Bowles, Councilwoman Terri Fowler, City Manager Scott Barrow, City Clerk Nicole Branshaw, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, City Engineer Intern Ben Marion, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Police Chief Jordan Boyette, Senior Center Director Paula Hall, Water Plant Superintendent Mark Danley, Superintendent of Public Utilities Chuck Moser, Admin Assistant Gina Calloway, City Attorney Brad Friesen, and Chaplain Rick Hughes. Councilman Michael Lane was absent from the meeting.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor McCraw called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an invocation given by Chaplain Rick Hughes.

Announcements

Mayor McCraw noted the announcements listed on the agenda and thanked everyone for attending, including those watching online.

Mayor McCraw entertained a motion to excuse Councilman Lane from the meeting.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to excuse Councilman Lane from the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

He asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the announcements. There were none, so the announcements were accepted as presented.

Public Comment

Mayor McCraw opened the public comment section at 6:11 PM. He explained the rules for public comment, including the 3-minute time limit per speaker.

1. George Bowen, 212 Pulliam St, King, addressed the council regarding traffic issues on Pulliam St, West St., West View St, and South Main Street. He expressed concerns about speeding, stop sign violations, and exhaust noise from vehicles. Mr. Bowen suggested implementing speed calming measures and pedestrian crosswalks on Pulliam Street. He also mentioned concerns about a new business on the corner of Pulliam Street and potential traffic issues.

2. Brandon Lucas, 104 Long Pond Ct., King, spoke about the need for lighting on at least one field at Recreation Acres. He cited safety concerns due to games running late and shared a personal experience of being hit by a baseball. Mr. Lucas emphasized the importance of investing in youth sports and suggested that additional lighting could attract more events and generate revenue.
3. Cathy Loveday, King Chamber of Commerce, thanked the council and city staff for their support of the recent Meet Me on Main event. She estimated that approximately 3,000 people attended the event.
4. Bobby Adams, representing King American Legion Post #290, requested that the city waive permit fees for renovations at the American Legion site. He mentioned several upcoming projects, including concrete work, electrical work, a stage, and cooler installation.
5. Ed Ballard, representing King American Legion Post #290, presented a proposal for holding a turkey shoot at the American Legion post. He provided a hand-drawn blueprint of the proposed setup and explained safety measures, including the use of limited flight shells and hay bales for protection.
6. Randy Griffin, 230 Lake St, King, expressed concerns about sewer rates and suggested implementing a graduated scale. He also inquired about police department attrition rates and asked if a study had been conducted on the necessity of having a city police department.

There being no one else to give written or verbal requests wishing to speak. Mayor McCraw closed the meeting's public comment portion at 6:27 p.m. ****SEE DOCUMENT #1**

Adjustments to the Agenda

Councilwoman Fowler requested to table the rezoning request by High Meadow Lodge until Councilman Lane could be present.

***MOTION:** Councilwoman Fowler motioned to table the rezoning request by High Meadow Lodge until Councilman Lane could be present. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.*

No other adjustments were made.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McCraw explained that the consent agenda items were believed to be non-controversial and administrative in nature. He asked if any council members wanted to remove items from the consent agenda for separate discussion. The following consent items were approved:

- A. **Approval of Minutes - April 7, 2025**
- B. **Budget Amendment #2024-04.05**
- C. **Resolution No. 2025-03 Resolution for the City of King's Policy on Employing Relatives**
- D. **Set Public Hearing for change to City Ordinance to allow Alcohol at Central Park with a Special Events Permit**

***MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Cole motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Fowler seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.
**SEE DOCUMENT #2*

Presentation of Proclamations

Mayor McCraw presented proclamations for National Poppy Day, Peace Officers Memorial Day, and Older Americans Month. Representatives from the American Legion Auxiliary were present to receive the National Poppy Day proclamation. Chief Boyette was present to receive the proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day. Senior Center Director Paula Hall was present to receive the proclamation for Older Americans Month.

Audit Presentation by Gibson & Company

Staff from Gibson & Company presented the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. They reported a clean, unmodified opinion with no budgetary violations or instances of non-compliance. The presenters thanked the city staff, particularly Susan O'Brien, for their assistance in completing the audit.

Rezoning request by High Meadows Lodge

***MOTION:** Councilwoman Fowler motioned to table the rezoning request by High Meadows Lodge until the next City Council Regular Meeting on June 2, 2025, due to Councilman Lane's absence. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.*

Candidate Filing Fee

City Clerk Nicole Branshaw presented information on the candidate filing fee for the next election cycle. She explained that the North Carolina General Statute requires the governing board to fix the filing fee before candidates begin filing notices of candidacy. The current fee is \$5, which is the minimum required by law.

***MOTION:** Councilwoman Fowler motioned to keep the current \$5 (five-dollar) filing fee. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.*

Departmental Reports

Council members reviewed the departmental reports. Mayor Pro Tem Jane Cole inquired about the location of the Forsyth County Tax Report in the packet. Mayor McCraw noted that 32 new homes were reported, indicating significant growth in King.

***MOTION:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the departmental reports: Moved by Councilwoman Fowler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cole. Motion carried unanimously.*

Items Of General Concern

Council members discussed various topics of concern:

- Mayor Pro Tem Jane Cole inquired about the status of the citywide traffic study, expressing interest in when it might be completed.
- Mayor McCraw thanked the staff for their work on the recent Meet Me on Main event, which was well attended. He also mentioned his participation in the dunking booth at the event.
- City Manager Scott Barrow informed the council that work on handicapped parking spots would begin the following day, weather permitting.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS PER N.C. GENERAL STATUTE 143-18.11(A)(6).

Councilwoman Fowler moved to adjourn to a closed session at 6:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, as permitted by N.C. General Statute 143-18.11(A)(6). Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Mayor McCraw reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m., stating that no action was taken during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

*** Clerk's Note: See Document 1-2 for supporting documents. ***

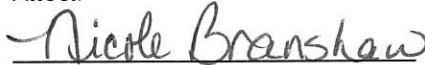
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Approved by:


Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

Attest:


Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk



Date: May 7, 2025

CITY
COUNCIL

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

All persons who wish to speak **MUST** sign up for the Public Comment period unless you wish to speak during a public hearing, in which case you must sign up for the Public Hearing. **ALL SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES.**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME	ORGANIZATION (If Any)	ADDRESS	PHONE	SUBJECT	City Resident?
1. George boan	212 Pulliam St.	240-581-3499	Loud Cars + Speeding	yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
2. BRANDON LUCAS	104 LONG POND CT.	336-529-8476	Lights at Rec. Acres	yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
3. Cathy Lowday	181 Leads LN	336-705-2460	Thank you Meet all on Main	yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
4. Bobby Adams	232 Greyshore Dr.	336-976-0510	Amicusapp Letter	yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
5. Ed Ballard	334-529-9515	Amicusapp Letter	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> no
6. RANDY GRIFFIN	230 Lake St	336-914-1389	Police Sewer	yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
7. Latz				yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
8.				yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
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In many cases, the City Council will receive your comments but take no action at the meeting.
A staff member will contact you to follow up on your concerns.

Public Comment #
Speaker #1
George Boon

SOUTH MAIN

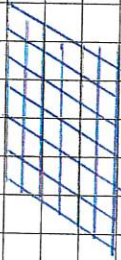
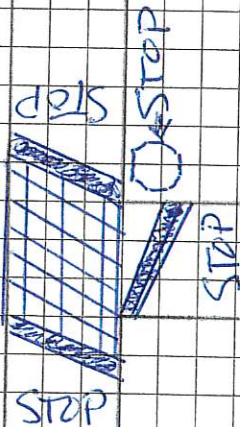
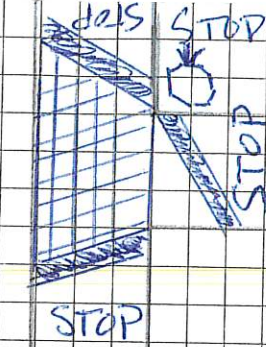
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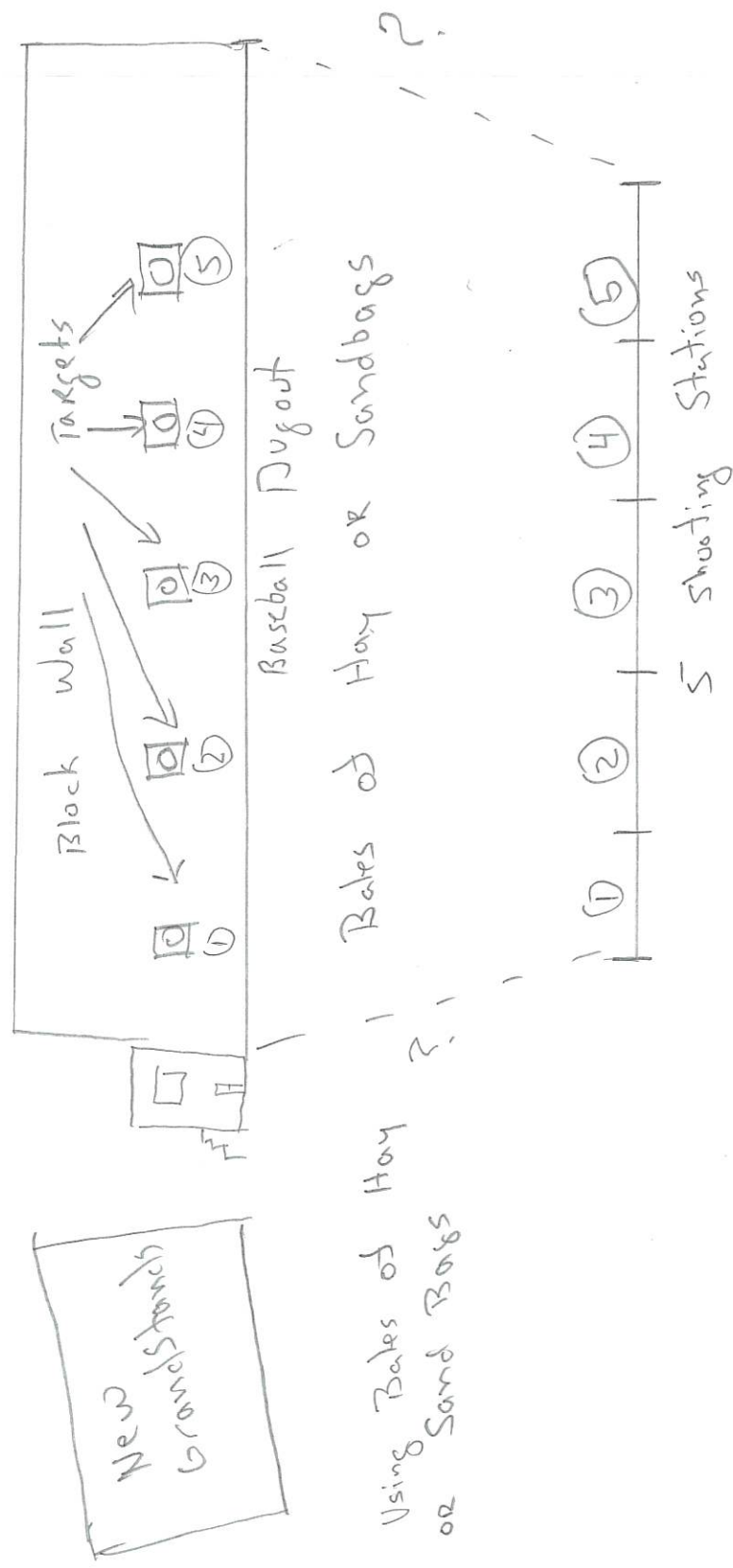
CROSS WALK

WEST VIEW ST.



American Legion Post 290 King, N.C. Layout For Turkey Shoot Platform-

Speaker #5
Ed Ballard



- ① To Line the Back wall of Dugout with Hay and /or Sand Bags
- ② Using Limited Shot Gun Shells For limited Flight of Ammo. The American Legion To Supply The Shells

CITY OF KING
BUDGET AMENDMENT 2024-04.05

Be it hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of King that the following amendment be made to the Budget Ordinance adopted on the 20th day of May 2024, as follows:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>General Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Approp.</u>
Governing Body		17,800	110,556
Police		40,536	3,845,642
Streets		30,000	515,756
Solid Waste		10,000	458,551
Total	0	98,336	

This will result in an increase in the expenditures of the General Fund. The above changes in expenditures will require the following adjustment to revenues.

<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Approp.</u>
GF Revenues		98,336	10,928,160
Total	0	98,336	

Section 2. To amend the Enterprise Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Enterprise Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Approp.</u>
Water Distribution		40,000	1,336,115
Wastewater Maintenance	40,000		4,369,145
Total	40,000	40,000	

Section 3. Copies of the budget amendment shall be furnished by the City Clerk to the City Council to the Mayor, Budget Officer and Finance Director for their directions.

Adopted this the 5th day of MAY, 2025.

Attest:

Nicole Branshaw

Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk



Richard E. McCraw
Richard E. McCraw, Mayor