

MINUTES
KING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
06.02.25

The King City Council convened for its regular meeting at the King City Hall, Council Chambers, 229 S. Main St, King, on Monday, June 2, 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 Councilman Tyler Bowles, Mayor Pro Tem Jane Cole, Mayor Rick McCraw, Councilwoman Terri Fowler, Councilman Michael Lane, City Engineer Intern Ben Marion, City Attorney Wrennie Pitt, City Manager Scott Barrow, City Clerk Nicole Branshaw, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Police Chief Jordan Boyette, Assistant Police Chief Ian Tedder, Senior Center Director Paula Hall, Water Plant Superintendent Mark Danley, Supervisor of Public Works Ricky Lewis, Superintendent of Public Utilities Chuck Moser, Admin Assistant Gina Calloway, Chaplain Rick Hughes, City Attorney Brad Friesen, and Chaplain Donald Davis.

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 Donald Davis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 6:08 PM. He explained the rules for public comment, including the 3-minute time limit per speaker.

1. Randy Griffin, 230 Lake St, King, expressed concerns about water and sewer billing. He expressed concern for senior citizens on fixed incomes who struggle with high water rates.
2. James Roberts, 1087 Brims Grove Rd., Pinnacle, discussed the adoption of budgets in neighboring towns and the issue of alcohol service on Sunday mornings. They mentioned that King does not allow alcohol service before noon on Sundays, which affects local restaurants and the economy. The speaker requested that the council consider putting this topic on a future agenda for discussion.
3. Sandy Smith, 420 Hartgrove Rd, King, yielded her time to Katie Tedder.
4. Mindi Alexander, HFHSC, thanked the mayor for attending Meet me on Main Street and participating in the dunking booth. She yielded her time to Katie Tedder.
5. Katie Tedder, of the Tedder Rescue Foundation, introduced herself and provided background on her extensive experience in public service. She explained that she was now the Executive Director of the newly formed Tedder Rescue Foundation, which aims to help those who can't speak for themselves and their caregivers in Stokes County. Mrs. Tedder shared the personal story of her late husband's battle with progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP). She explained the foundation's mission to provide peace of mind to those who cannot speak for themselves and their caregivers in Stokes County. She detailed plans to distribute medical devices, including QR code tags with medical information and fall detection devices, to those in need. Mrs. Tedder requested support from the city and first responders in identifying potential recipients and implementing the program, suggesting a \$500 allocation during budget discussions for the upcoming fiscal year.
6. Dane Heath of the Downtown King Partnership provided updates on recent events, including Dinner on Dalton, which raised nearly \$20,000. They announced an upcoming community event on June 17th, co-hosted by the Main Street Rural Planning Center. This event will focus on community economic vision and workshops for downtown King and the surrounding areas.

There being no one else to give written or verbal requests wishing to speak. Mayor McCraw closed the meeting's public comment portion at 6:23 p.m. ****SEE DOCUMENT #1****

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Barrow requested that the Stokes County Arts Council be added to the agenda as item 5 B.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve adding Stokes County Arts Council to the agenda as 5B and move item 5B to 5C. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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 – May 5, 2025**
- B. **Request to Approve Resolution 2025-04 Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Request for a Voluntary Annexation Petition and to Approve Resolution 2025-05, Which Will Set a Public Hearing Date for the Annexation Request.**
- C. **Set Date for a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 32, Article IV, Sec. 32-196 and Sec. 32-198; Chapter 32, Article V, Add Sec. 32-248.1**

The Mayor Pro Tem would like more details concerning Consent Agenda Item C. before the next meeting, so that she can clearly understand what is being requested.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mayor McCraw recognized new employee:

- A. Aleesha Burrow – Full-time Police Officer

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATION

Mayor McCraw recognized SRO Will Meadows from the Police Department as the City of King Employee of the Quarter for the 2nd quarter of 2025. He presented him with a recognition certificate, a jacket, and a check.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2025- 26 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Proposed FY 2024-25 Budget was presented to the Council on April 29, 2024. The public hearing for FY 2024-25 was advertised on May 2, 2024, edition of *The Stokes News*.

Before adopting the budget ordinance, the board shall hold a public hearing at which any person who wishes to be heard on the budget may appear.

Mayor McCraw opened the public hearing at 6:30 PM.

1. Steve Hardy, 124 Kreeger Ct., King, addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns of tax evaluation increases due to real property. He states that Stokes County is decreasing its tax a little and feels we should do the same. At least 2% as a good-faith gesture to the citizens.

With no one else to sign up to speak. The public hearing closed at 6:37 PM. ****SEE DOCUMENT #2****

STOKES COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Eddy McGee, representing the Stokes County Arts Council, spoke about his experience with alcohol sales at events in other venues. He explained the rigorous process involved in obtaining permits from the North Carolina ABC Commission, including server training, limiting consumption to designated areas, and self-enforcement. The speaker noted that they have never participated in liquor sales, only in the sale of beer and wine.

Dane Heath with the Downtown King Partnership provided additional details about the alcohol permitting process used for downtown events. They described safeguards such as trained bartenders, ticket limitations (two per person), ID checks, wristbands for identification, and liquor liability insurance naming the city as an additional insured party.

CHANGE TO CITY ORDINANCE TO ALLOW ALCOHOL AT CENTRAL PARK WITH A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

Ben Marion explained that Chapter 20, Section 6 of the ordinance, was being revised to remove references to the Parks and Recreation Department, which has since been dissolved. He clarified that the change would not simply allow alcohol in Central Park but would require a special event permit approved by the city. Marion noted that this change was recommended by the Parks and Rec advisory board and would be reviewed by various departments, including police and fire.

Mayor McCraw opened the public hearing at 6:54 PM.

1. Diane Irvine, 114 Park Place, King, expressed several concerns about allowing alcohol in the park:

- The park's location is in a residential neighborhood, unlike downtown or state parks.
- Potential increase in traffic and misdirection of visitors due to incorrect signage and mapping issues.
- Current infrastructure and maintenance needs of the park, including lighting issues and safety concerns.
- The need for clear signage regarding park hours and alcohol policies.
- Concerns about maintenance after large events, especially on weekends.
- Suggestions for limiting drink quantities and event durations.
- The need for police presence at events where alcohol is allowed.

The speaker questioned whether the city was prepared to handle the potential consequences of allowing alcohol on city property and suggested implementing additional safety measures if the change were to be approved.

With no one else to sign up to speak. The public hearing closed at 7:01 PM. ****SEE DOCUMENT #3****

PICKLEBALL COURT RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY DISCUSSION

Pickleball Court ribbon cutting date and time set with the Chamber of Commerce for Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 10 am.

REZONING REQUEST BY HIGH MEADOWS LODGE

The city council tabled this item at the last meeting (April 7, 2025), so that the city could consult with NCDOT and our attorney to determine what, if any, improvements would be required at the entrance of this project or any potential impacts on traffic on Goff Road. The NCDOT provided the applicant and the city with the traffic counts for this area, but could not respond officially until a driveway permit was submitted. They cannot properly review the proposed entrance as it relates to traffic movements, site distances, traffic counts, etc., until construction documents are provided. This is true for any project we've had in the city that fronts on an NCDOT road.

When speaking to the owner's representative, they will request that conditions #7 and #8 be removed from the conditions assigned to this project. They believe that these conditions are contingent upon what NCDOT states when they submit their permit request for the driveway or entrance to the project. Council, please remember that you do not need a reason to deny this request like in the past where the council had to provide a reason for denial. You can: approve outright, approve with agreed-upon conditions, or deny outright.

Staff feels that since this is an NCDOT road and not a city street, the request shouldn't be held up. NCDOT will review the driveway permit, and typically, the city is added to the review as a courtesy. We can make any comments at that time if we identify any issues, but we are confident that NCDOT will handle the permitting in a safe and proper manner. We will then also have a second review time when they submit their

construction documents for approval. They have complied with all that the council has asked them to do, and the rest can be fulfilled during the construction phase.

Staff recommends that the city council –

1. Remove conditions #7 & #8 from the list of conditions unless the owner/city council can negotiate some other condition(s) to address the driveway/entrance.
2. Approve Ordinance #2025-02 with the agreed-upon conditions and modify the rezoning number from R-184 to CZ-R-MF-A-050.
3. Agree that the rezoning is in keeping with the city's Stokes 2035 Comprehensive Plan.



Conditions for High Meadow Lodge in the 400 Block of Goff Road**R-184**

1. All required permits must be obtained from the city inspections department and the city's fire inspections department prior to placing structures on the property. Developer shall have all required inspection done and approved prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
2. All costs and expenses associated with complying with these conditions shall be borne by the landowner/developer, with no expense being borne by the city or county.
3. Upon written request by the city, evidence of compliance with any of these conditions shall be provided to the city within ten (10) days after each request.
4. The Rules and Regulations of the Developer shall not be inconsistent with these conditions. Any conflict between said Rules and Regulations shall be resolved in favor of these conditions.
5. If any of these conditions once met are not continuously maintained, the permit may be revoked by the City Council upon the failure of the owner/developer to cure the deficiency in any specific condition within thirty (30) days after written notice to the owner/developer of the specific failed condition.
6. The restaurant must be accessible to residents and their guests only
7. A turn lane off Goff Rd needs to be installed for safety and constructed to NCDOT standards unless NCDOT refuses the request.
8. A speed zone on Goff Rd needs to be established to provide additional safety unless NCDOT refuses to allow it.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve removing conditions #7 & #8 from the list of conditions, approve Ordinance #2025-02 with the agreed-upon conditions, and modify the rezoning number from R-184 to CZ-R-MF-A-050, agree that the rezoning is in keeping with the City's Stokes 2035 Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

SPECIAL LICENSE TO REMEDY AN ENCROACHMENT

108 E. Dalton has an existing stoop that encroaches into our 10-foot alley named Rupert Hall Alley. It is their rear entrance/exit.

Once surveyed, it was determined that the stoop encroached approximately 5.5 feet into the alley. We asked the owner to reduce the size of the stoop to 5 feet, encroaching on only half of the alley. The thought is that only the other half of the alley would be used for the proposed future walkway once all of the downtown efforts are completed. This agreement also allows the city to request removal if the new design requires this area of encroachment. The owner has reduced the size of the stoop.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve the special license to remedy an encroachment at 108 E Dalton Rd, between the owner and the city. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

BUDGET AMENDMENT 2024-04.06

In the General Fund, this amendment adds \$10,000 to the Governing Body for legal fees, \$5,000 to Public Buildings for maintenance, \$30,000 to Fire for employee payouts and vehicle repairs. These are offset by additions to revenue as follows: \$15,000 utility franchise tax and \$30,000 Fire Inspections. The Finance

Director emphasized that this amendment used no fund balance or contingency. In the Enterprise Fund, this amendment moves \$10,000 from WW Maintenance to Water Distribution for overtime costs.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole motioned to approve the Budget Amendment 2024-04.06. Councilwoman Fowler seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. ****SEE DOCUMENT #4****

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-06 FOR FY 2025-26 ANNUAL BUDGET

The item was removed from the agenda.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council members reviewed the departmental reports.

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

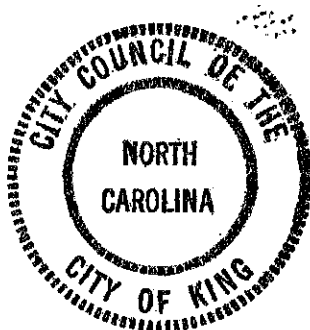
ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Bowles thanked Manager Barrow and Engineer Marion for their work on the pavers. Mayor Pro Tem Jane Cole thanked staff for working on the pavers and getting them down in time for Memorial Day. Mayor McCraw noted that he enjoyed watching all the veterans look for their updated pavers on Memorial Day. He thanked City Manager Barrow, stating that he knew he had worked very hard on that project, and it had taken time away from his other duties. He did not want him to think his hard work had gone unnoticed.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

*** Clerk's Note: See Document 1-4 for supporting documents. ***

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Approved by:


Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

Attest:


Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk



Date: June 2, 2025



PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME	ORGANIZATION (If Any)	ADDRESS	PHONE	SUBJECT	City Resident?
1. Randy Griffin		230 Lake St	336-94-1389	Water	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
2. James Roberts		1087 Brims Grove Rd	336-301-0825	BRUCE H. BILL	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
3. Sandy Smith		420 Dartman Rd	336-972-6097	Yield to Katie Tedder	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
4. Katie Tedder		Mindy Alexandra HFHSC	336-391-3477	appreciation	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
5. Katie Tedder		CT Foundation			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
6. Dane Heath		Downtown King Partnership	983-0147		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
7.					<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
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Public Hearing for FY 2025- 26 Proposed Budget

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NAME	ORGANIZATION (If Any)	ADDRESS	PHONE	SUBJECT	City Resident?
1. Steve Hardy	124 Kreeger Ct.		972-984-8729	Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-UP SHEET

PUBLIC HEARING

Change to City Ordinance to allow Alcohol at Central Park with a Special Events Permit

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CITY OF KING
BUDGET AMENDMENT 2024-04.06

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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		10,000	120,556
Public Buildings		5,000	144,080
Fire		30,000	3,185,994
Total	0	45,000	

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		45,000	10,973,160
Total	0	45,000	

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		10,000	1,346,115
Wastewater Maintenance	10,000		4,359,145
Total	10,000	10,000	

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 2nd day of June, 2025.

Attest:
Nicole Branshaw
Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk

Richard E. McCraw
Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

