

SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WORK SESSION MEETING

MARCH 17, 2026

5:15 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a work session on March 17, at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Art Dornfeld presiding.

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

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Dan Formyduval, Isaac Norris, Natalie Goins, Brandon Eaton, Jeremy Dixon and Paul Dunwell.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dornfeld 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. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Mayor Dornfeld 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 identified.

III. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Gene Vasile to make the following amendments and approve the amended agenda.

Add VIII. Email Implementation. Renumber Discussion to IX and Adjourn to X.

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

IV. **2026 BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL**

Brunswick County School Board Chairman, Steve Gainey, and Superintendent Dale Cole presented the bond proposal to address overcrowding and expansion in local schools. The proposed \$349 million bond would finance the construction of new schools, support upgrades to existing facilities, and enhance safety measures for both students and staff. At conclusion of the presentation, the Board was asked to consider signing a letter in support of the Brunswick County Schools Bond Referendum. No action taken at this time.

V. **PUBLIC HEARING**

TXT 26-01 (CB Gravel Parking) *Continued from 3/3/26, 2/3/26*

1. The public hearing, previously opened on February 3, 2026 was resumed.
2. Public Comments/Questions

There were no public comments.

3. A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Gene Vasile to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
4. Board Comments/Questions
Following considerable discussion, the Board reached consensus to set the ordinance effective date as December 31, 2026.
5. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Larry Harrelson to approve the Board of Aldermen Statement of Consistency. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
6. A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Karmen Custer to approve Ordinance 26-01, with an effective date of December 31, 2026, amending the Town of Shallotte Unified Development Ordinance, specifically Article 20, Section 20-3 (E). Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

VI. FUQUAY-VARINA INTERBASIN TRANSFER

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Karmen Custer to authorize the Mayor to sign the finalized IBT opposition letter once it is received from CFCOG. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

VII. PERSONNEL POLICY

A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Karmen Custer to approve Article I, Section 8 of the Personnel Policy, establishing a new section titled "Changes to Employee Information" to protect employees' personal information, reduce the risk of fraud, and ensure records remain accurate and up to date. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

VIII. EMAIL IMPLEMENTATION

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Gene Vasile to approve Focus Broadband/Microsoft Office email implementation (\$11,670.00 annual fees + \$150.00 set up fee). Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

IX. DISCUSSION

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Gene Vasile to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins
Town Clerk