SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2026
5:15 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on October 6, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Art Dornfeld presiding.

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

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

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. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Lead Chaplain for Shallotte PD, Brad Ferguson, delivered the invocation followed by the Board and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. 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 regarding any item on the agenda. None identified.

IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. PROCLAMATION

Mayor Dornfeld read into the record a proclamation designating October 15, 2026, as White Cane Safety Day in the Town of Shallotte, consistent with the federal observance established by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. The proclamation recognized the white cane as a symbol of independence and self-determination for blind and visually impaired individuals and called upon citizens to be aware of their legal obligation to exercise caution when approaching blind pedestrians carrying a white cane.

Following the reading, Ms. Regina Evans, President of the Shallotte Lions Club and a visually impaired community member, addressed the Board. She thanked the Board for the recognition and emphasized the need for greater public education about the purpose and meaning of the white cane, noting that many members of the public misunderstand its use. On behalf of the Shallotte Lions Club and District 31-

N, she extended an invitation to the Board and community to attend a White Cane Day celebration on October 15th at Highway 55, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. White cane pins were presented to Board members and staff by the Second Vice District Governor in attendance.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. POLICE

2. FIRE

3. PLANNING

1. Code Enforcement Contract
   A motion was made by Gene Vasile, seconded by Karmen Custer, to approve language revisions to the Alliance code enforcement contract. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

5. FINANCE

6. PARKS & RECREATION

Town Manager, Mimi Gaither, informed the Board of a Plaque Dedication Ceremony Honoring Former Mayor Walt Eccard, scheduled for October 23rd at 10:00 AM at the Riverwalk.

7. ADMINISTRATION

1. Riverside Kayak Launch
   A motion was made by Gene Vasile, seconded by Larry Harrelson, to remove the deteriorated kayak launch structure at Riverside Park. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

8. MAYOR

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Karmen Custer, seconded by Gene Vasile, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

A. September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
B. September 15, 2026 Work Session Minutes
C. September 29, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
D. Direct the Clerk to “Investigate the Sufficiency Thereof and to Certify the Result of the Investigation” for the Following Annexation Request:
   Annexation Petition: ANX 26-14

Parcel ID: 1820004222
Weyerhaeuser NR Company.
7.13 Acres +/-

IX. DISCUSSION

X. CLOSED SESSION

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

Pursuant to Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6), a motion was made by Karmen Custer, seconded by Gene Vasile, to go into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or initial employment of prospective public employees or officers. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

XI. OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Gene Vasile, seconded by Karmen Custer, to resume open session. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
A motion was made by Gene Vasile, seconded by Karmen Custer, to extend an offer of employment for Town Manager to Robert Waring, subject to contract negotiations and completion of required hiring steps. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

XII. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Karmen Custer, seconded by Gene Vasile, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Goins
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Town Clerk