

**SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MAY 8, 2025  
5:15 P.M.**

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a budget workshop on May 8, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

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

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Isaac Norris, Dan Formyduval and Natalie Goins

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Gene Vasile to open the meeting. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

**II. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Gene Vasile to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

**III. DEPARTMENTS**

Town Manager Mimi Gaither and Public Works Director Dan Formyduval presented Streets, Parks, and Sewer budgets.

**STREETS (5600)**

- Replace Main St. fence (Insurance money from damages + Town match)  
The Board was in agreement with request to replace with a black aluminum fence.
- Discrepancy in salaries & wages due to unfilled streets/sewer combination position
- Utilities/Street lights line item increase due to new subdivisions
- Street improvements increase due to carrying over Powell Bill money
- Capital outlay equipment – replacement mower

**PARKS (5700)**

- Reduction in the Mulberry Park line item due to a large purchase of rubber mulch
- Positions filled except one
- Utilities, water, and supplies were added for Price Landing, which should be operational starting In July

**SEWER (8200)**

- Brunswick Co. Public Utilities – Sewer treatment costs lower than budgeted

- The regional partnership fee to the county will be over in 2028-2029
- Engineering service increased to include new Eli Engineer contract
- New installations increase due to new projects coming online
- Lift station repair includes odor control devices for Mulberry Park LS

#### IV. COLA

##### 1. Comparisons

Town Manager Mimi Gaither presented information on increasing COLA from 2.5% to 3%. Comparisons to neighboring jurisdictions were provided. Following Board discussion, a motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Karmen Custer to increase COLA from 2.5% to 3%. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

#### V. SAN RIO

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Karmen Custer to release the San Rio \$203,521.00 cash bond and \$50,000.00 surety bond, subject to legal review. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

#### VI. DISCUSSION

Mimi reviewed the upcoming budget schedule:

- Public hearing scheduled for June 19th
- Next workshop planned for May 29th
- Possibility of an additional meeting between May 29th and June 19th

Dan thanked the Board for their support and resources over the past four years, which enabled significant progress in his department.

#### VII. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Gene Vasile to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins  
Town Clerk