

SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WORK SESSION MEETING

May 20, 2025

5:15 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a work session meeting on May 20 18, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

Aldermen present: Bobby Williamson, Larry Harrelson, Karmen Custer and Jimmy Bellamy (5:17)

Aldermen absent: Gene Vasile

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

I. Call to Order

A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Bobby Williamson to open the meeting. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

II. Conflict of Interest

Mayor Eccard 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 stated.

III. Agenda Amendments & Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Karmen Custer to make the following amendments and approve the amended agenda:

VII. Discussion – Add 1. Forest Run Zoning

Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

IV. Town Hall

1. Financials/CIP

Town Manager Mimi Gaither presented financial information showing the town's revenue versus expenditures from previous years. She suggested paying off existing debt on vehicles, which would save \$253,000 in interest. She also discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) noting that some projects had been accelerated or modified based on growth and needs. A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Bobby Williamson to authorize staff to pay off two existing trucks (Aerial & Sutphen pump) and a new truck. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

2. Revised Cost Estimates

Town Manager Mimi Gaither reviewed revised Town Hall schematics with cost saving measures. Option 1 cost: \$20.1M, Option 2 cost: \$16.8M, Option 3 cost: \$13.9M

3. Construction Manager

Information and references were provided on two firms interviewed for Construction Manager at Risk, Samet and Edifice.

V. Little Church

1. Brunswick County Conservation Partnership letter
2. Little Church notes

Town Manager Mimi Gaither presented a letter from the Brunswick County Conservation Partnership expressing interest in taking over the Little Church. The Board was in agreement that more information was needed before making any decisions. Town Manager Mimi Gaither agreed to send a list of questions to the partnership and report back to the Board with their responses.

VI. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Budget Amendment BA-24-25-12: February Pay Raise \$86,136.71 (first installment from pay study).

Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

VII. Discussion

1. Forest Run Zoning

Town Planner Robert Waring explained the need for an updated statement of consistency for Brunswick County to correct the zoning GIS layer for a 0.83 acre tract of land. A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the Zoning Amendment Statement of Consistency rezoning PID 2300005003 to Shallotte R-10. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

-The Budget Public Hearing was rescheduled from June 19, 2025 to June 26, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Bobby Williamson to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins
Town Clerk