



**Town Council
Budget Public Hearing Minutes
Town Meeting Hall 111 S Main St
May 27, 2025, at 6 PM**

In attendance were Mayor David Spencer, Commissioner Robert Harrison, Commissioner Christina Robinson, Acting Town Manager Jaime Fowler, Billing Clerk Dawn Parks, Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham and Chief of Police Lenox Trams.

Residents and others in attendance were Cathy Spencer, Cindi Harrison, Jason Ernest, Kim Ernest, Kristina Lee, Chris Mason, Amanda Weaver and Paula Turner.

The meeting is called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Spencer and there is a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Spencer read Ordinance 2025-O-3 which was introduced on May 8, 2025, and advertised in the Star Democrat on May 9, 2025.

He also gave the following statement:

“This evening, we are holding a public hearing on Ordinance 2025-O-3, adopting a general budget and enterprise budget for July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and establishing the tax rate. The Ordinance was introduced on May 8, 2025, and was advertised in the Star Democrat on May 9th. Prior to opening the public hearing, I want to read a statement:

It is the duty of the Mayor and Council to accomplish its business in a reasonably effective and efficient manner. Therefore, disruptions will not be tolerated. No person or group shall be permitted to shout or speak from their seat during the meeting. All speakers shall remain courteous and respectful and refrain from disorderly speech or action, name-calling or personal attacks, threatening speech, obscene or indecent remarks, and derogatory comments. Speakers who engage in said speech and disrupt or disturb the meeting may be removed from the meeting. Public comment on the Ordinance is limited to 3 minutes per person. The purpose of the public hearing is for residents to have an opportunity to offer comments in support of or in opposition to the budget. The public hearing is not a time for questions and answers. No response to comments, questions, or concerns will be provided during the hearing. We appreciate your cooperation and participation.”

Chris Mason said he did not agree with the terms and the mayor called “order.”

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to open the public hearing and Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor. Commissioner Robinson read the entire Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2025-0-3 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO ADOPTING A GENERAL BUDGET AND ENTERPRISE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.68 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED REAL PROPERTY VALUE; \$1.513 PER \$100 ON ALL COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND \$1.40 PER \$100 ON PUBLIC UTILITIES; AND TO ADOPT THE SERVICE CHARGE ON THE SECOND SEMIANNUAL TAX PAYMENT AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE ADOPTED BY CAROLINE COUNTY

Public meeting opened.

Mayor Spencer said there were no questions sent in by email, but Amanda Weaver had asked the following:

- Community Support is for the position that is currently not filled but left in the budget in case the council decides to fill.
- Maintenance in Public Works went from \$39,000 to \$174,079 was for anticipated street repairs.

Amanda Weaver spoke on the following:

- Why was Community Support not included in the salaries?
- Whoville is in the budget, but she heard we are not having it? If not happening, what is the budget allotment for?
- Car show/Musicfest – what is changing to have an increase of \$10,000?
- Where did the savings of \$8.500 come from in internet expenses?
- Police Department salaries increased by \$5,000 only and she thought we were budgeting for another officer?
- Contractual and internet fees for the Police Department. Is that increase because of them planning on moving?
- Public Works needs two new vehicles and is it in the Capital Budget for those?
- Revenue for Public Works increased by almost \$37,000, how did that happen?
- There are no actual amounts of what has been spent this year and if needed she will get a PIA for money spent on FY25 budget for each line item.
- She feels that more information is being removed.

No one else wanted to speak at the public hearing.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Robinson at 6:09 pm. All in favor.

David A. Spencer, Mayor
Jaime Fowler, Acting Town Manager

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