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**TOWN OF GREENSBORO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
111 S MAIN STREET
JUNE 5, 2025**

In attendance were Mayor Spencer, Commissioner Pete Brelia, Commissioner Bob Harrison, Commissioner Joe Noon, Commissioner Christina Robinson, Town Manager Cindy Yost, Deputy Town Manager Jaime Fowler, Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham, Chief Lenox Trams, Billing Clerk Dawn Parks and Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan.

Residents and others in attendance were Kenny Burk, Cathy Spencer, Cindi Harrison, Bill Schaffner, Kennedy Thomason, Pastor Bonnie Shively, Chris Mason, Kristina Lee, Leva Taylor, Jake Taylor, Robert Moser, Kim Ernest, Jason Ernest, Paula Turner, Cheryl Jones, Debbie Bowden, Terri Christopher, Amanda Weaver, Vanice Myers, Kevin Parks, and Katie Cunningham.

Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Pastor Bonnie Shively of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church.

Mayor Spencer introduced the new Town Manager, Cindy Yost and spoke of the hiring process.

Swearing in of new Town Manager, Cindy Yost by Mayor Spencer.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 5/15/25 Town Council meeting made by Commissioner Brelia and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. All in favor.

Motion made to approve the minutes from the 5/27/25 Public Hearing made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. All in favor.

Mayor Spencer answered the following questions asked by Mrs. Amanda Weaver at the public hearing:

1. Community Support for \$59,000. ***It was mistakenly stated for salary, but it is for community support.***
2. Why was Community Support not included in the salaries? ***It is.***
3. Whoville is in the budget, but she heard it is not happening. If it is not happening, what is the budget allotment for? ***No decision has been made.***
4. Car Show/Musicfest – why is it increasing \$10,000? ***The projected revenue increased by \$10,000, not expenditure.***

5. Where did the savings of \$8,500 come from for internet expenses? **Savings came from 113 N Main sale and not having to pay for that building.**
6. Police Department salaries only increased by \$5,000 but we are budgeted for a third officer? **Increases in salaries.**
7. Contractual and internet fees for PD increase. Is this because of them planning to move? **No, there was no increase.**
8. Public works need 2 new vehicles. Is this in the Capital Budget? **NO**
9. Revenue for PW increased by \$37,000. How? **Highway User Funds**

Ordinance 2025-O-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 AL COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS PERSONAL PREOPERTY; AND \$1.40 PER \$100 ON PUBLIC UTILITIES; AND TO ADOPT THE SERVICE CHARGE ON THE SECOND SEMIANNUAL TAX PAYMENT AND AN ADMISTRATIVE FEE ADOPTED BY CAROLINE COUNTY

Motion made to approve Ordinance 2025-O-3 by Commissioner Robinson seconded by Commissioner Brelia. Roll call

Commissioner Brelia **Yea**

Commissioner Harrison **Yea**

Commissioner Noon **Yea**

Commissioner Robinson **Yea**

All in favor.

Leslie Grunden of Caroline County Planning and Zoning - MOU

Ms. Grunden spoke of the drafted Memorandum of Understanding between Caroline County and the Town of Greensboro Application for and Management of Grant from Maryland Department of the Environment and Construction Easement.

- The project is for the wastewater pumping station on 13514 Greensboro Road.
- Brandon Cunningham contacted the County in the spring of 2023 about severe erosion at the site. They were able to get funding from MDE for the stone wall and the upland stream to slow the erosion. It was completed in the summer of 2023, and the process was started to look for longer term solutions.
- The application was put together with former Town Manager Tammy Kelledes and Brandon Cunningham.
- The estimate for the total project, which includes design, construction, construction management and inspection services, was 2.4 million.
- The Town requested that the County serve as the applicant and recipient of the grant and manage the entire Project because of the burden that these tasks would place on the Town staff. The County agreed to do so because of the critical need to avoid a catastrophic sewer spill in the Choptank River.

- Commissioner Harrison asked about the projected timeline as well as the burden on the Town to acquire additional funding if needed.

Commissioner Brelia made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with no second. Mayor Spencer announced that the motion dies on the floor and the next meeting to sign will be July 17, 2025.

Department Reports

Town Manager Cindy Yost gave the following reports:

Public Works (provided by Supervisor Brandon Cunningham)

- Two grinder pump issues in Goldsboro
 - One needed a retro fit
 - One clogged with wipes
- Cut grass from code violations that were not taken care of. A total of 65 violations were sent out last month
- Muffin Monster at East Lift Station was repaired
- BFPE was out today to complete the yearly fire extinguisher maintenance
- All mowers have safety lights installed by the Public Works Department
- Hank Elms and Brandon Cunningham participated in the yearly Career Day at Greensboro Elementary School
- Meetings Mr. Cunningham attended in the last month included Caroline County and Kinnaman Meadows.

Commissioner Brelia inquired about how many meters we had in stock and asked Mr. Cunningham to let the council know when we get to five so more can be discussed to order.

Police Department stats have been given to the council. Mayor Spencer asked if anyone had questions, which they did not.

Commissioner Robinson inquired about the speed cameras. Chief Trams said that they have begun installation of the wire on the south side of the school. He also noted that we have to give a 30-day notice of the cameras so they should be ready around June 30 and the time of summer school.

Old Business

Mayor Spencer opened the Public Hearing for Greensboro Historical Society relocation.

Bob Moser – Vice President/Acting President of Greensboro Historical Society

- Thanked the council for the last 6 years and appreciated the use of the building.
- They are working through plans for moving out but asked for no less than 90 -120 days and assistance in moving items, if possible, such as Public Works people and trucks. It is a costly move for the Historical Society.

Mayor Spencer said it would need to be discussed with the Town Manager but that 90 -120 days would give them time to do their due diligence. They also need to speak with the town attorney about liability.

Bill Schaffner –

- They are grateful for the place and assistance but disappointed that they need to move. He said that Lady Egglatine is very comfortable, and any help would be appreciated.

Chris Mason –

- He referenced the meeting of 5.2.24 and the discussion about the fire hall, police and having free utilities. He said they should be revisited and have our legal counsel checking because he has found nothing to prohibit them not being charged. He feels that the Town should be responsible for Historical items.
- He also said that as much money as we waste on remodels, we should give \$4,000 - \$5,000 to the Historical Society for their remodel.

Amanda Weaver –

- She feels we are having public comments but the decision to have the Historical Society move has already been made.
- There has been a lot of employee time spent to see how much it would cost to move the Police Department and get funding for the food pantry. Now the town is going to pay money to remodel the Police Department. She wants to know how much it will cost and where the money is coming from for the Police Department. She also asks for public comment before deciding.

Motion made to close the public hearing made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Noon. All in favor

Commissioner Brelia made a motion to give 90-120 days for the Greensboro Historical Society to relocate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Noon. Commissioner Robinson abstained from voting. There were three affirmative votes.

Bill Schaffner asked if the MOU discussed earlier in the meeting is confidential and could it be shared with the community. Mayor Spencer said it is not signed so interested parties can ask for it from the county. Ms. Fowler said she will find out if we can give the document to the public as it is now. He also said that 120 days would be appreciated and that would put the move date at approximately October 5. He asked for the motion to be amended.

Motion made to give 120 days from today for the Greensboro Historical Society to relocate made by Commissioner Noon and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Commissioner Robinson abstained from voting. There were three affirmative votes.

New Business – None

Public Comment

Chris Mason–

- Congratulated the new Town Manager.
- He also referenced the Town Attorney not being present but, as we have abided Roberts' Rules in the past, the supreme court ruled that cursing is a part of freedom of speech, and he intends to file lawsuits against the town again for repeatedly threatening to throw him out of meetings.

- He also wants the elections live streamed for transparency due to a comment from an election board member on Facebook. He was going to file against the town tomorrow but will give it a week now.

Leva Taylor –

- She has lived in town for about 15 yrs and spoke about Code Enforcement
- She feels that it should focus more on cars covered with tarps, houses with doors left open with trash and living room furniture on the porch, other than grass.
- The codes should be more regulated across the board.

Kim Ernest –

- She would like to clarify that during public works workshop budget meeting there was an increase of 12.5% in the overall budget. She questioned if the budget was increased for the grants or for road repairs. Commissioner Noon spoke of the Highway User Funds.
- Mr. Brandon Cunningham said that it was \$37,000 and it is for more than just road repairs. She asked about erosion issues and if it was up to the owner to fix.

Amanda Weaver –

- She spoke about the post on Facebook and wanted to know about the consequences of employees' actions and how the council is moving forward with the release of confidential documents. She also asked how we were going to protect our employees.
- She also asked why we don't put out a bid for a new attorney and if we are satisfied with her work. Commissioner Harrison said we can look into that with the new Town Manager.
- She asked if the council would be launching an investigation on how confidential documents were released. Chris Mason said he shared it. Council said that this is a personnel matter and no discussion would be made in a regular meeting.
- She asked Attorney Ryan if we would be looking into how the confidential document was released.

Council remarks

Commissioner Noon - none

Commissioner Robinson reminded everyone that as we are moving into summer so look out for kids. There are only two weeks left of school. Advised that people slow down and be mindful around Ober Park. Welcome Cindy!

Commissioner Brelia thanked everyone for speaking up.

Commissioner Harrison thanked everyone for filling in these last few months.

Mayor Spencer reminded everyone there will be no meeting June 19 as it is a holiday.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Noon at 6:55 pm. All in favor.

Moved to executive session. 6:55 pm to 7:53 pm. No decisions were made.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Parks.