

**TOWN OF WENDELL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 26, 2017**

The Wendell Town Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 26, 2017, in the Town Board Room, Wendell Town Hall, 15 East Fourth Street.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Virginia Gray; Mayor Pro Tem Jon Lutz; Commissioners: John Boyette, David Myrick, Ben Carroll, and Jason Joyner.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manger Teresa Piner, Special Assistant to the Manger-Town Clerk Sherry Scoggins, Finance Director Butch Kay, Planning Director David Bergmark, Planning Technician Wyatt McGhee, Police Chief Bill Carter, and Information Technology Administrator Tamah Hughes.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Police Chief Bill Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend Tom Hill of Wendell Christian Church provided the invocation.

**1. ADJUSTMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**ACTION**

Mover: Mayor Pro Tem Lutz moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (*one hour time limit in total*):**

The following persons spoke during Public Comment Period:

 Mary Moser of 1601 Marshburn Road spoke on the amendment to the ordinance for an outdoor venue, requested the addition of a definition of Festival within the UDO, spoke about the hours of operation for events and spoke about ticketed concert outdoor events in residential area. She provided a handout to the Town Board; a copy of the handout is included in the minutes book as reference.

 Paul White, business owner of Universal Chevrolet, spoke in favor of the Town of Wendell participating in the co-location with the other public safety entities in the Wendell Falls area.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board of Commissioners uses a Consent Agenda to act on non-controversial and routine items quickly. The Consent Agenda is acted upon by one motion and vote of the Board. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda at the request of the Mayor or a Commissioner. The Consent Agenda contains the following items:

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the June 12, 2017, regular meeting.
- b. Wake County Tax Report – April 2017.
- c. Snapshot – Remove completed items

**ACTION:**

Mover: Mayor Pro Tem Lutz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous.

**4. PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHANNON WHITE OF EAST WAKE EDUCATION FOUNDATION.**

**SPEAKER; Shannon White**

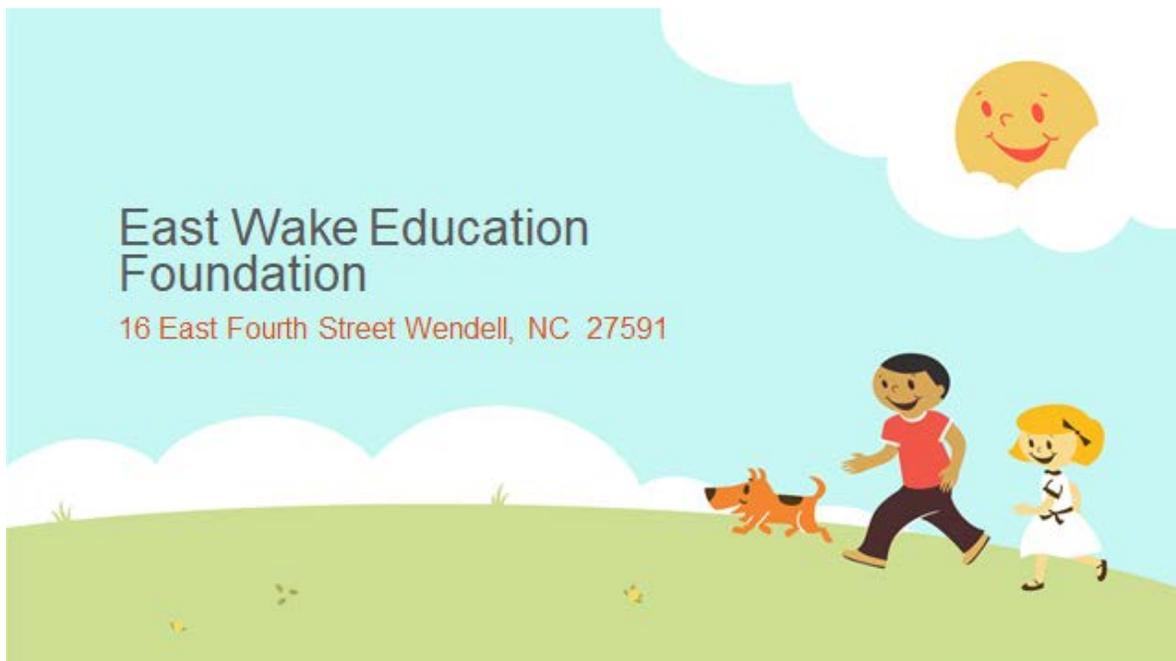
**ACTION: Presentation.**

*[Staff Report]*

**Item Summary**

*Executive Director Shannon White will share what East Wake Education Foundation is doing and upcoming events for the EWEF.*

Executive Director Shannon White provided an overview of the activities offered by East Wake Education Foundation and she provided the following PowerPoint presentation:



### Our Mission

To ensure that every child arrives  
school age healthy, motivated, and  
ready to succeed.



### Our Resource Center

- Art Center
- Dramatic Play
- Tot Spot
- Puzzles and Manipulatives
- Blocks
- Science
- Music
- Check out books and learning materials





### Preschool Class

- Children ages 3-5
- Daily 9:30 – 10:00
- 45 different children participated since April 3rd
- Circle time, weather, calendar, cutting, writing their name, letter recognition, and listening and following direction



### Pirate Week



Camping Week



Summer Camps



### A Visit From Marbles



### Fun at EWEF

Executive Director White extended an invitation to the Board members to drop in to see what they do at the EWEF. She also thanked the Board for its support.

- 5. TOWN OF WENDELL FY 2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR YEAR-END RECONCILIATION.  
SPEAKER: Finance Director Butch Kay  
ACTION: Board may take action.**

*[Staff Report]*

**Item Summary:**

*For audit purposes, the town is required to adopt the proposed budget ordinance amendment for FY 2016-2017 to “true-up” the various line items within each department (see attachment). The amendment is used to eliminate the negative line items within each department. This is the normal end of the year process to help prepare for the annual audit.*

**Budget Summary:**

<i>Adopted 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance for Revenues</i>	<i>\$5,051,335</i>
<i>Adjusted Revenue Increases</i>	<i>\$1,707,250</i>
<b><i>Amended 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance for Revenues</i></b>	<b><i><u>\$6,758,585</u></i></b>
<i>Adopted 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance for Expenditures</i>	<i>\$5,051,335</i>
<i>Adjusted Expenditure Increases</i>	<i>\$1,946,250</i>
<i>Adjusted Expenditure (Decreases)</i>	<i>\$ (239,000)</i>
<b><i>Amended 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance for Expenditures</i></b>	<b><i><u>\$6,758,585</u></i></b>

Finance Director Butch Kay provided an overview of the Town of Wendell FY 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance Amendment for year-end reconciliation; staff report above in italics.

**ACTION:**

Mover: Mayor Pro Tem Lutz moved to approve the FY 2016-2017 budget ordinance for year-end reconciliation as presented.

Vote: Unanimous.

**6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TOWN OF WENDELL EMPLOYEE: WYATT MCGHEE.**

**SPEAKER: Planning Director David Bergmark**

**ACTION: Introduction.**

*[Staff Report]*

**Item Summary:**

*Wyatt McGhee began his employment with the Town of Wendell as a Planning Technician on June 19, 2017. Prior to beginning work with the Town, Wyatt was employed by the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments (COG), where he served as a Contract Inspector, as well as a Land Use/Environmental Planner. During his time with the COG, Wyatt provided planning and regulatory support to numerous small towns, including Sharpsburg, Stantonsburg, and Conway.*

*Wyatt is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) and has over 25 years of experience in the planning field. His years of service include work in code enforcement and zoning interpretations, ordinance amendment, permitting, grant writing, field inspections, development review, and public presentations.*

*Wyatt currently resides with his wife and six year old daughter in Nashville, NC. Please join the Planning Department in welcoming Wyatt McGhee to the Town of Wendell.*

Planning Director David Bergmark introduced new Town of Wendell employee Wyatt McGhee; staff report above in italics.

**7. Discussion of Economic Development Incentive Policy.**  
**SPEAKER: Planning Director David Bergmark**  
**ACTION: Discussion.**

*[Staff Report]*

**Item Summary:**

*Economic development incentive policies are meant to incentivize specific activities that advance the Town's economic goals. As a community evolves and changes, so too will its economic priorities. As such, it is prudent to periodically review the town's economic incentive policies to ensure they meet the Town's current needs.*

*At the January 9, 2017 meeting, the Town Board reviewed the current economic development policies and took a comprehensive look at its priorities for economic development. Based on input received at the January 9<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> meetings, staff created draft language for the Town Board's consideration. The draft language consists of revisions to the 2009 adopted incentive policy covering new large businesses and business expansions, as well as a separate policy incentivizing downtown redevelopment and investment. The downtown incentive options use the DMX zoning district to define the eligible area.*

*At the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Town Board requested that staff provide comparable incentives offered by nearby jurisdictions. The Board also requested examples of what different large business investment thresholds would look like. These additional materials are included as Attachments F through H. As can be seen in Attachment F, Wendell's proposed large business incentive is in line with the majority of our neighboring jurisdictions. For information purposes, staff included examples of both the amount of money which would be paid out to prospective businesses, as well as the amount of tax dollars which would be retained over a 5 year period. Based on the municipal comparison performed, staff recommends that the draft large business incentive proposal be amended to increase the number of new jobs required for new business from 15 to 25 and increase the required average wage from 75% to 85% of the county average wage (85% of county average would be \$42,602).*

*Please note that no incentives are granted as a matter of right, even if an applicant meets all eligibility requirements.*

**Current Large Business Incentive Policy:**

*Currently, the town's Large Business Incentive grant (adopted 2013) states that "all new large businesses meeting the investment/job threshold requirement will be considered for an incentive grant equivalent to 75% of the Town of Wendell local property tax assessment on the new investment for each year over a total five-year period for each \$2 million in investment in land and buildings or \$1 million in investment in buildings."*

*Staff believes that the threshold of \$1 million in building value or \$2 million in land and building value is too low of a threshold. In order to grant an economic development incentive, a public hearing must be held. With today's construction cost most new commercial development would exceed the \$1 million building value threshold. For example, the McDonald's in town has an assessed building value of \$1,208,286 and the Family Dollar has an assessed building value of \$992,793. While the Family Dollar falls just short of the threshold for a grant, an additional \$7,000 of improvements could have easily been made so that a grant could be sought. Using the current incentive policy, if all eligible new commercial buildings are provided the full incentive grant, the Town could potentially find itself lagging 5 years behind in local property tax revenue,*

as it would only be receiving 25 percent of the property taxes it would otherwise realize from new commercial buildings valued at 1 million dollars or more.

Staff also believes that the 2013 incentive policy lacks the detail to guide the incentive policy process. For this reason, staff used the 2009 incentive policy as the template for revision.

**Current Small Business Incentive Policy:**

While the Town does currently have an incentive policy intended to support small businesses as well as large, there are limitations within the small business policy which may not incentivize opening or relocating a business to Wendell. The current small business incentive policy allows for parking reductions, development permit fee exemptions or reductions, accelerated review processes, and business privilege license fee reduction. Although these policy features may sound positive, their true impact is limited. As currently structured, all new businesses regardless of size, investment or improvement value, or number of jobs created would be eligible.

Staff believes that there are other options such as targeting specific businesses or zones with grants that would be more effective in bringing desired small businesses to the town and be more of a cost benefit to the business owner and the town.

**Summary of Proposed Large-Business Incentive Policy Changes:**

- Raise the minimum investment (building and equipment – not land) from 1 million to 5 million dollars for new businesses. The incentive grant is equivalent to 75% of assessed value on new investment, paid over a 4 year period, reduced by 10% each year.
  - Create a tiered system which offers more incentive for investments of \$25+ million, and \$50+ million. Tiers increase the percentage and duration (5 years instead of 4).
- Require a minimum of 15 jobs which pay at least 75% of the county average wage (county average wage is \$50,120) and which covers at least 50% of health insurance premiums for new businesses.
  - Increase the number of jobs required for \$25+ million investment and \$50+ million tiers to 25 and 50 jobs.
- Limit eligible users to manufacturing, industrial, distribution, office, and medical industries (not retail or tax exempt uses)
- Create a business expansion grant for \$5 million dollars or more of investment with 5 new employees equivalent to 75% of the assessed value of the new investment over a 4 year period, reduced by 10% each year.
  - Increase to 85% over 5 years (reduced 10% each year) for business expansion investments of 10 million or more with 10 or more new employees.

**Summary of Downtown Incentive Grants for Consideration (DMX District):**

1. Downtown Wendell Redevelopment Incentive Grant – New building or modification to existing building within the DMX district which results in an increased tax value by at least \$50,000. The Grant amount varies from \$10,000 - \$20,000 depending on the amount of increased value and is paid out over 3 years.
2. Restaurant Up-fit Assistance Grant – 50% matching grant (up to \$30,000) for up-fitting a building in the DMX district to serve as a restaurant. The grant is paid out over 3 years.
3. Downtown Retail Up-fit Grant – 50% match (up to \$5000) for up-fitting a building in the DMX to serve a new retail user. Requires detailed application including business plan, photographs, renderings, contractor info, proof of funds, etc.

**Changes Made following the March 27, 2017 Town Board Meeting:**

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1. *All incentive grants, with the exception of the Downtown Retail Up-fit Grant, were structured so that payments would begin in the following fiscal year for budgeting purposes. As proposed, the Downtown Retail Up-fit Grant would be budgeted for in advance; much like the façade grant was in past years.*
2. *Language was added requiring the legally binding contract to be fully executed shortly following the Town Board's approval (within 60 days for downtown incentive grants and within 6 months for the Large Business Incentive Grant). Failure to do so renders the Town Board's approval null and void.*
  - a. *This change was made to avoid a circumstance where the Town Board approves a request at a public hearing, but the applicant does not finalize the legal contract to be signed by all parties for a year or more.*
3. *The Large Business Expansion investment threshold was increased from 1 million to 5 million dollars to be consistent with the New Business investment threshold.*
4. *The list of eligible businesses for the New Large Business Incentive Grant was modified to replace 'service industries' with 'office and medical facilities'.*
5. *Language was added to the Restaurant Up-fit Assistance Grant to clarify when equipment improvements are eligible for grant funds.*
6. *Language was added requiring the applicant to commence work within 12 months of approval by the Town Board, and requiring that there be no stoppage of work exceeding 6 months once work is commenced.*
7. *Language was added to the Downtown Incentive Grant Policy specifying that applicants may not be awarded multiple grants for the same project.*
8. *The 'Downtown Wendell Residential Incentive Grant' was removed from the list of downtown incentives. Staff had concerns that the \$7500 grant amount previously provided for upstairs residential projects may not be sufficient to incentivize this desired product.*

Planning Director David Bergmark provided an overview of the Economic Development Incentive Policy; staff report above in italics.

Commissioner Myrick stated the restaurant grant maximum for Wilson is \$10,000 whereas the Town's maximum is proposed at \$30,000. He is concerned because the Town has a very lean budget. Planning Director Bergmark stated this is for discussion and can be amended.

Commissioner Joyner stated this would come before the board for review for each project. Planning Director Bergmark stated the Board is not obligated to approve and there would be a public hearing before the Town Board and then the Board would review. If approved there would be a contract for the project.

Commissioner Joyner questioned the amount of award. Planning Director Bergmark stated the town attorney has not reviewed the proposal for the downtown proposal.

Commissioner Myrick stated he would like to see one similar to Wilson's with a five-year payback and tied to the increase in tax value.

Mayor Gray requested the Board members email Planning Director Bergmark with suggestions for the policy.

**8. DISCUSSION OF WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT.**

**SPEAKER: Special Assistant to the Manager Sherry Scoggins**

**ACTION: Information; will be on the September 11, 2017, agenda for board action.**

*[Staff Report]*

**Item Summary:**

*The Town of Wendell participates in the Wake County Fire Protection Service District. As a participant, Wake County appoints a representative to the Wake County Fire Commission to represent the Town of Wendell. Persons appointed by Wake County to the Fire Commission serve a two-year term beginning November 1 and expiring October 30. Persons appointed may serve for two consecutive terms.*

*Mr. Lucius Jones is the Town's current Fire Commission representative and his term expires October 31, 2017. Mr. Jones has served two consecutive terms. [The Wake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to waive the number of terms.]*

*Meetings of the Wake County Fire Commission are held on the third Thursday of every other month beginning in January, except that if a regular meeting day is a legal holiday the meeting shall be held on the next business day. The meeting is held at the Wake County Emergency Medical Services Training Center unless otherwise scheduled elsewhere and shall begin at 7:00 PM. An organizational meeting is conducted in January in which a chair and vice-chair are selected.*

*Information about the Wake County Fire Commission is being provided to the Town Board so that the Town Board may submit a citizen recommendation by its September 11, 2017, Town Board meeting. In turn, the Wendell Town Board of Commissioner's recommendation will be forwarded to the Wake County Clerk to the Board for placement on an upcoming Wake County Board of Commissioners agenda.*

Special Assistant to the Town Manager Scoggins provided an overview of the Wake County Fire Commission appointment; staff report above in italics.

<p><b>ACTION:</b> Presented as information and will be on the September 11, 2017 agenda with a request for action.</p>
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**9. DISCUSSION ON WENDELL CO-LOCATING WITHIN THE PROPOSED WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY.**

**SPEAKER: Town Manager Teresa Piner**

**ACTION: Discussion.**

*[Staff Report]*

**Item Summary:**

*As a part of the planning and scoping process, a draft plan was presented to Town staff regarding the future Wake County Public Safety Facility to be located on Wendell Falls Parkway near the intersection with the 264 Bypass. Staff expressed its concern with the cost associated with the Town's portion of the estimated \$1.2 million. The County indicated they would revisit the proposed facility cost breakdown between the County and the Town. The County was also asked if a second story to house living quarters and mechanical rooms would be a cost saving*

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*measure. Staff was told there was little or no cost savings in constructing a second story due to: fire separation requirements, elevator purchase, installation and maintenance, required stairways, ease of access, additional steel, and more complicated HVAC and mechanicals. County facilities have been built with two stories on occasion but it was due to geography of the site.*

*On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Chief Carter and Town Manager Piner participated in a phone conference with Wake County representatives. The reduction in the size of the facility was discussed. For the police department, major reductions included the police meeting room and office space.*

*The Town has been supplied with a revised facility plan. The total building size has been reduced to 17,767 square feet. The total project cost with land and escalation to 2019 is \$6,620,762. The Police dedicated square footage is now 1,509 vs. 2,778. The Police Department would also be charged a prorated amount to cover a shared training room of 850 square feet, public restrooms and the lobby. As a result, the Police Department would occupy approximately 14% of the facility which would bring the Town's cost to an estimated \$927,000. County representatives noted that any significant reduction in square footage would not result in an equivalent reduction in costs. The estimate provided is for a building fully furnished with fixtures and equipment and includes land purchase and preparation costs.*

*Land* \$ 65,800

*Professional Services* \$ 83,673

*Site Development Costs* \$145,427

*Construction Cost (237 sf)* \$587,846

*Contingency* \$ 21,998

*FFE* \$ 22,256

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*Total Police 14%* \$927,000

*The cost is approximately \$372 per square foot (\$6,620,762 / 17,767 square feet) which is higher than normal; however \$1.5 million is the purchase and prep of site costs. The breakdown for funding the facility is proposed as follows: 58 percent fire tax, 28 percent CIP (EMS), and 14 percent Police*

*The value of a second story was revisited and again the lack of savings and ease of maintenance were stated as reasons to have all services located on the first floor. When asked about financing, the County stated that Garner's portion was financed by Wake County; however, some form of payment will be required for participation. The police department's portion of the design and fees portion would be around \$83,000 with the remainder of the costs being financed. The County anticipates purchasing the property July 2017, to prepare construction documents between July 2017 and 2018, and to begin construction after July 1, 2018 (FY 2018/2019). This would require a financial commitment in the FY 2018-2019 Town Budget.*

Town Manager Teresa Piner provided an overview of Wendell co-locating within the proposed Wake County Public Safety Facility; staff report above in italics.

Commissioner Joyner questioned if a contractor was named. Town Manager Piner stated not yet.

Commissioner Joyner questioned if the dollar amount per square foot fully outfits the space. Town Manager stated yes, the final figure includes fixtures and furniture.

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Commissioner Joyner questioned if the actual cost per square foot includes ownership of the building and not of the land. Town Manager Piner stated the Town would not own the land or the facility. The land cost price is high because there are land preparation challenges.

Commissioner Joyner questioned if this would be the first multi-purpose facility with police, fire and EMS. Town Manager Piner stated yes.

Commissioner Joyner questioned if Wake County would finance. Town Manager Piner stated yes, and she added to what level is unknown.

Commissioner Joyner wants to see the Town involved in the process. He wants to check every number to ensure its fiscal for the Town. Town Manager Piner stated in moving forward, the Town would look at \$80,000 to \$100,000 for design fees in the next fiscal budget.

Commissioner Joyner requested reaching out to Wendell Falls and for their feedback for a police presence.

Commissioner Boyette questioned the overall land cost. Town Manger Piner stated the purchase and site preparation cost is \$1.5 million.

Commissioner Boyette stated the price per square foot is disheartening. He is perplexed at how a building could be built at over \$200 a square foot. He noted this is not a large lot and the footprint of the building takes up a sizeable portion of the lot. He questioned why the building does not have a second story. He would like to see the price of the building reduced. The location of the station is strategically located to cut down run times for fire and EMS. He thanked Mr. [Lucius] Jones for his efforts to keep this project on the radar of Wake County.

Mayor Gray questioned if Mercury Development was donating land. Town Manager Piner stated there were some negotiations and it was not settled upon.

Mayor Gray questioned the cost of the purchase of the police department [on Pine Street]. Town Manager Piner stated \$365,000.

Mayor Gray stated \$85,000 to begin planning is not seeable.

Town Manager Piner requested questions from the members and then those can be submitted to Wake County.

Mayor Gray stated this cost exceeds where the Town of Wendell is financially. The Town needs a presence and her idea of a substation is a landing spot with a desk and bathroom.

Commissioner Myrick questioned if the County has given the Town a date to respond for this project. Town Manager Piner stated the Town has expressed concern about cost and an interest to participate in a joint facility. Wake County is requesting a response in the next 30 to 60 days.

Commissioner Myrick questioned if the Town did not pursue if the design of the project would change. Town Manager Piner stated the 1,500 square foot for the Town could be removed.

Commissioner Myrick questioned if Wake County built the facility with or without the Town of Wendell, would Wake County lease to the Town in the future. Town Manager Piner stated that could be explored with Wake County.

Commissioner Carroll encouraged staff speaking with Newland to see if they are in favor of assisting with this project as well. The cost of \$237 a square foot is high.

Commissioner Joyner requested staff set up a meeting between Wake County Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Wake County Commissioner Matt Calabria, himself, Commissioner Boyette, Sheriff Harrison, Town Manager Piner, Chief Carter, Newland, Mayor Gray and Chief Staples to have a conversation. There is concern with costs and he would like to converse on use of the space.

**10. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER A MID-YEAR TOWN BOARD RETREAT.**

**SPEAKER: Town Manager Teresa Piner**

**ACTION: Discussion. Board may take action.**

*[Staff Report]*

**Item Summary:**

*The Mid-Year Board Retreat is an opportunity for the Town Board to come together and hear what has been accomplished since the January 2017 Town Board Retreat, what has not been accomplished and why, and to generate topics for the upcoming 2018 Town Board Retreat.*

Town Manager Teresa Piner provided an overview on a mid-year Board retreat; staff report above in italics.

Mayor Gray requested reading material in advance of the mid-year retreat.

**ACTION:** Consensus of the Board to receive bulleted information on items completed, works in progress, and projects not completed and why and host a mid-year retreat on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

**11. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE A TOWN BOARD RETREAT.**

**SPEAKER: Town Manager Teresa Piner**

**ACTION: Discussion. Board may take action.**

*[Staff Report]*

**Item Summary:**

*The Board Retreat is an opportunity for the Town Board to come together and each member share the vision and expectations for the future of the Town of Wendell. The Town Board has expressed that an extended work session style retreat is preferred to a relationship-interpersonal style retreat.*

*A Board Retreat enables the staff to hear the priorities of the elected officials, to craft the budget with those priorities in the upcoming budget and to prioritize services and work load based upon*

*the Board's expectations.*

*The following are for the Town Board's consideration as topics for an upcoming retreat:*

- *Bond and Bond Rating of the Town [Davenport & Company]*
- *Districts for municipal elections [UNC-SOG]*
- *Review of the Town Charter [NCLM – ALP]*
- *Small area plan with a focus on connectivity to major interchanges.; i.e. Lizard Lick*
- *Staff study – focus on the anticipated growth of the Town and the delivery of services to the residents [NCLM – Springsted]*
- *Future siting for municipal complex; land banking*
- *Future land needs for park facilities*
- *Review of services – new initiatives, review of current services*
- *Suggested Rules of Procedures for the Town Board*
- *Other – What topic would you like to discuss?*

Town Manager Teresa Piner provided an overview of scheduling and topics for a Board retreat; staff report above in italics.

Mayor Gray requested members submit topics as this is the Board's meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Lutz requested someone coming in to discuss the topics before the retreat so the board members may discuss the item at its retreat.

<b>ACTION:</b> Consensus of the Board to schedule the Board Retreat on Saturday, January 27, 2018; details forthcoming after the mid-year retreat.
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## **12. UPDATE ON BOARD COMMITTEE(S) BY TOWN BOARD MEMBERS:**



### **Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) [Mayor Gray]**

Mayor Gray stated she attended the CAMPO meeting last week. Meeting items discussed included a public hearing on an amendment to the TIP procedure, fiscal year 2018 transit plan, southeastern area study, transit asset management performance, addition to CAMPO staff, 2019 LAPP projects and request to designate an urban freight corridor.

## **13. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS.**

Commissioner Joyner stated he briefly saw Big Truck Day and it appeared to be quite an event. He thanked the staff for bringing people to Downtown. He learned today that Wake County property taxes are raised for fiscal year 2018. He is not aware of additional Wake County services for the Town of Wendell. The Town of Wendell was able to adopt a budget that offers more services and new equipment without a tax increase.

Commissioner Boyette invited folks to come out to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. He concurs with Commissioner Joyner on the increased tax rate. He would like to see county wide water service as it is an economic driver attracting big industry. He noted this is the fourth year in a row that Wake County raised taxes. The Wake County Fire Commission does a good job for Eastern Wake County as we receive more money for fire protection than paid by the citizens. He

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announced he will run for re-election this cycle and he looks forward to another four years on the Board.

Commissioner Myrick stated the East Wake Senior Center is hosting a Fish Fry Fundraiser on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. He wished everyone a happy Fourth of July!

Mayor Pro Tem Lutz stated Big Truck Day was fun and thanked the staff and the companies for making this event possible. He agrees the Town needs a presence in west Wendell but not at the cost that was shared this evening.

Commissioner Carroll stated no report.

**14. MAYOR'S REPORT.**

Mayor Gray thanked the Parks & Recreation staff for their work into Big Truck Day. She was unable to attend as she was at her son's wedding.

She shared the following reminders:

-  Thursday, June 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. is the Spring Into the Arts Walk Artist Reception and Silent Auction at Wine and Beer 101. Paintings are beautiful and invited folks to view and make a bid.
-  July 4, 2017, Parade and Celebration
  - o 10 a.m. is parade registration
  - o 10:30 a.m. is the parade
  - o 11 a.m. is program at the Town Square

**15. CLOSED SESSION.**

**ACTION: Will be called if necessary.**

No closed session called.

**16. ADJOURN.**

**ACTION:**

Mover: Mayor Pro Tem Lutz moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous.

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Duly adopted this 10th day of July 2017, while in regular session.

**ATTEST:**

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Virginia R. Gray, Mayor

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Sherry L. Scoggins, MMC; Town Clerk