

**SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 1, 2022
5:15 P.M.**

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on March 1, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting Town of Shallotte meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

Aldermen present: Carson Durham, Larry Harrelson, Jimmy Bellamy, Gene Vasile and Adam Stanley

Staff present: Sandy Strickland, Mimi Gaither, Attorney Laura Thompson, Robert Waring, Isaac Norris, Robert Gravino, Paul Dunwell and Dan Formyduval

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Adam Stanley to open the meeting. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Reverend Neil Crowell gave the Invocation followed by the Board and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Gene Vasile to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes or less per person please)

No comments

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Police

2. Fire

3. Planning

- Request Board direction regarding the steering committee required for the bicycle & pedestrian planning efforts underway – A motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by Gene Vasile to appoint the following to the Steering Committee (volunteers as of this date):
 - Harvey Camp of the OIB Cyclist
 - Kasey Robinson, Synergy Wellness owner
 - Rebecca Allen, Special Olympics & Law Enforcement Torch Run County coordinator
 - Tiffany Fullwood, Highland Forest resident
 - Lloyd Willis, Director of Transportation Brunswick County Schools
 - Bob Moore, Rivers Edge resident
 - Alderman Jimmy Bellamy

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

- Carolina Creations – Request to utilize individual sewer (grinder) pumps within a 15 acre four lot industrial subdivision off Forest Street Extension – A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to grant an exception to allow Carolina Creations Landscape Inc. to utilize an internal sewer system consisting of a common sewer pressure force main, with connection to existing Town infrastructure on a 15.6 acre tract of land on Forest Street Extension, rather than the Town’s regulations specifying that utilities within new subdivisions design and install gravity sewer lines and lift stations. Motion failed. Aldermen Adam Stanley, Gene Vasile and Larry Harrelson voting nay.
- Smith Avenue/Northside Drive Discussion – A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Gene Vasile to approve a three (3) month extension in order for the applicant to complete the work. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no. It was mentioned if the work was not completed by the May 3, 2022 meeting, the Town withdraw the conditional use permit and pursue litigation. No action was taken regarding this suggestion.

4. Public Utilities
5. Finance
6. Media & Events
7. Administration – A motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by Gene Vasile to accept the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund PARTF grant in the amount of \$500,000. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
8. Mayors Monthly Activities

VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. January 18, 2022 Recessed Meeting Minutes
3. February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
4. Instruct the Town Clerk/Attorney to “investigate the sufficiency thereof and to certify the result of the investigation: of the voluntary annexation petition for Parcel ID#1980001901 on behalf of The Tides of Shallotte, LLC.

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

UDO TEXT AMENDMENT, ORDINANCE 22-02: ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4-3

A staff initiated zoning text amendment to the Town's UDO which will provide an update to the Town's zoning regulations so as to detail the type of notice required for Planning Board meetings involving zoning, text or map amendments.

1. A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Gene Vasile to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
2. Public Comments/Questions – Planning Director Robert Waring briefly explained the request.
3. A motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by Larry Harrelson to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
4. A motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by Gene Vasile to approve Ordinance 22-02 providing an update to the Town's zoning regulations so as to detail the type of notice required for Planning Board meetings involving zoning, text or map amendments, removing Option A. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
5. A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Gene Vasile to approve the Board of Aldermen Statement of Consistency. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. COVID-19 Testing Monthly Update

- Weekly testing started on November 8, 2021
- There have been five (5) total positive results occurring since 11/29/21
- Averaging 29 employees weekly
- Weekly vs. Bi-Weekly?

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy to suspend Covid-19 testing at this time. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

2. USDA Project – A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Larry Harrelson to allow Town Manager Mimi Gaither to withdraw the Town from the USDA Project. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
3. Water System Update – The Town was awarded a \$50,000 feasibility study grant and the Local Government Commission recommends the Town enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County. This has been placed on the County’s March 21, 2022 meeting agenda for discussion.

IX. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Adam Stanley to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mami O'Pante 5.3.22
Date