

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012 - 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The Town Council of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Special Session at the Weddington Town Hall, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on March 8, 2012, with Mayor Walker F. Davidson presiding.

Present: Mayor Walker F. Davidson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry (Arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Councilmembers Werner Thomisser, Pamela Hadley and Barbara Harrison and Town Administrator/Clerk Amy S. McCollum

Absent: None

Visitors: Dick Douthwaite and Judy Jones

Item No. 1. Open the Meeting. Mayor Walker F. Davidson called the March 8, 2012 Special Town Council Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item No. 2. Determination of Quorum. There was a quorum.

Item No. 3. Closed Session – Consideration of Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Unsealing of Closed Session Minutes. Councilwoman Barbara Harrison moved to go into Closed Session to consider the approval of closed session minutes and the unsealing of portions of closed session minutes. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley and Harrison
NAYS: None

Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry moved to come back into Open Session. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Councilwoman Harrison moved that Item 4.C. be removed from the Consent Agenda. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 4. Consent Agenda.

A. Ratify Decision to Direct Planning Board to Not Review and Consider Miniature Horse Text Amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to ratify the decision to direct the Planning Board to not review and consider a miniature horse text amendment. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

B. Consideration of Release of Water and Sewer Bond for Eagle Chase/Waybridge. The Town Council received the following memo from Town Administrator/Clerk Amy McCollum:

The Town is currently holding a bond in the amount of \$18,073.96 for water and sewer for the Eaglechase/Waybridge Subdivision. Per the attached letter from the Union County Public Works Department, the project is in substantial compliance of the plans and recommends release of this bond.

The Town Council also received a copy of the letter dated December 8, 2011 from Union County Public Works regarding this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to release the water and sewer bond for Eagle Chase/Waybridge. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

C. Consideration of Resolution Opening Closed Session Minutes or Portions Thereof. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda to discuss further.

Item No. 5. Consideration of Resolution Opening Closed Session Minutes or Portions Thereof.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to approve Resolution R-2012-05 with the amendment to not open portions of the August 8, 2005 Closed Session Minutes. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
RESOLUTION
TO OPEN CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
OR PORTIONS THEREOF
R-2012-05**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council opens the following Closed Session Minutes or portions thereof:

<u>Date of Closed Session Minutes</u>	<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item Entitled</u>
July 12, 2010	1	Open the Meeting
	3	Discussion of Locations for Future Park
	4	Adjournment
October 15, 2010	1	Open the Meeting
	3	Library
	4	Adjournment
December 13, 2010	1	Open the Meeting
	2	Approval of Minutes
	5	Real Estate Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5)
January 18, 2011	6	Adjournment
	1	Open the Meeting
	3	Discussion of Potential Land Acquisition and Site for Regional Library
	4	Adjournment

February 14, 2011	1	Open the Meeting
	2	Proposal – The Moser Group Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(4) and Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5)
	4	Sewer Easement between the Town of Weddington and Weddington United Methodist Church Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3)
	5	Consideration of Resolution to Open Closed Session Minutes or Portions Thereof
	6	Consideration of Approval of Closed Session Minutes
	7	Adjournment
	March 14, 2011	1
2		Proposal – The Moser Group Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(4) and Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5)
4		Potential Library
June 13, 2011	5	Adjournment
	1	Open the Meeting
	2	Closed Session - Consideration of Approval of Closed Session Minutes
August 8, 2011	5	Adjournment
	1	Open the Meeting
	2	The Moser Group Update - Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract
September 19, 2011	3	Adjournment
	1	Open the Meeting
	2	Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract
November 14, 2011	4	Adjournment
	1	Open the Meeting
	2	Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff

		or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract – Moser Group Project
	4	Consideration of Approval of Closed Session Minutes
	5	Adjournment
December 12, 2011	1	Open the Meeting
	2	Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract – Moser Group Project
	4	Consideration of Approval of Closed Session Minutes
	5	Adjournment
February 13, 2012	1	Open the Meeting
	3	Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract – Moser Group Project
	4	Adjournment
February 27, 2012	1	Open the Meeting
	2	Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2012.

Item No. 6. Approval of Minutes.

A. February 9, 2012 Special Town Council Work Session. Councilwoman Harrison moved to approve the February 9, 2012 Special Town Council Work Session Minutes. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

B. February 13, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Harrison moved to approve the February 13, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

C. February 27, 2012 Special Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Harrison moved to approve the February 27, 2012 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 7. Consideration of Appointment of Weddington School Liaison and Description of Duties and Responsibilities. The Town Council received a copy of an application of an individual interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Mayor Davidson - I talked with our only candidate and when I gave her the description of going to School and County Meetings and helping us with understanding school capacity issues as it relates to development, the opportunity was not a fit for her.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - We do not have any jurisdiction regarding schools and cannot give any money. I love having the principals come in to tell us what is going on and how we might be able to help.

Mayor Davidson - This was a campaign issue in the Mayor’s race that there was an issue with communication and integrating with the schools.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to not pursue the Weddington School Liaison volunteer opportunity. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 8. Discussion of Rescheduling April Town Council Meeting. Council was advised that their Regular Meeting is April 9 which falls during Spring Break for Union County and possible meeting dates could be April 2 or April 16.

Councilwoman Harrison moved to change the meeting to April 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Administrator/Clerk McCollum questioned Mayor Davidson if the meeting needed to be held at the church.

Mayor Davidson - We may go to the church depending on our meeting on Monday. We have a couple of presentations regarding fire.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - There is no way the fire issue should be on the agenda for April 2. You will not make the basketball game if the fire department issue is on the April 2 agenda. I would like to make a friendly amendment to not have the fire department issue on the agenda for April 2.

Councilwoman Harrison would not accept his friendly amendment.

Mayor Davidson - We may decide or not decide to vote on this issue in April. I do not know. I am not going to lock us out of it. Is April 16 better for you if there is the possibility that it is on the agenda?

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - What is your objective? Are you trying to close the fire department issue by April 2?

Mayor Davidson - I am trying to leave the option open to close it if we see fit after our round of presentations and another round of discussion. We may be getting close.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - I do not think we are anywhere close to having the final discussion. I do not think we are going to have the information.

All were in favor of the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Mayor Davidson - We will see if we need the church after the March 12 agenda.

Councilwoman Harrison - I am not going to allow any kind of sporting event interfere with how long a meeting will or will not last.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to have an end time of 9:00 p.m. at the April 2, 2012 Meeting. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

Item No. 9. Discussion of Retreat Agenda Items. The Town Council discussed the following agenda items for the March 23 Retreat. After discussion by Council, the items shown crossed out were removed from the proposed agenda.

1. Open the Meeting
2. Training Session by Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord on Budget Process
3. Preliminary Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2012-2013
4. 5-Year Financials/Capital Improvement Plan
5. Training Session by Town Planner Jordan Cook on Subdivision Process

6. Weddington Master Plan
7. Updating Weddington Land Use Plan
8. Buffer/Transitional Zoning
9. Policy and Procedure for Utilization of Town Attorney
- ~~10. Weddington Leash Ordinance~~
11. Invocation/Prayer
- ~~12. YMCA~~
- ~~13. Undesignated Potential Local Historic Properties~~
- ~~14. Tree Ordinance~~
- ~~15. Water Tower Discussion~~
- ~~16. Water Pressure Testing~~
17. Establishing Key Objectives for 2012-2013 and Map Out a Strategy to Accomplish These Objectives
18. Rank and Discuss Town Financial Future Priorities
19. Adjournment

Meet and Greet Reception with Weddington Residents, Weddington Town Council and Union County Board of County Commissioners, State Senator Tommy Tucker and Representative Craig Horn.

Item No. 10. Consideration of Proclamation Declaring March 12 as Girl Scouts Appreciation Day.

Girl Scout Troop 2753 from Weddington Elementary School led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor and Council read the following Proclamation into the record:

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2012
AS GIRLS SCOUTS APPRECIATION MONTH
P-2012-01**

KNOW YE ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the USA, an American institution since its founding by Juliette Gordon Low, celebrates its one-hundredth birthday on March 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts develops girls and young women of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts empowers girls to lead and provides opportunities in a broad range of endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts encourages girls and young women to live lives of honesty, fairness, caring, and service to others and to their local and global communities; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts builds girls and young women with respect for themselves and others and the desire for the development of their fullest human potential; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts forms bonds between girls, their peers, and adults that will shape their futures and creates memories that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts teaches girls to be responsible stewards of the environment and lead efforts to improve our land, air, and water; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts has positively influenced the lives of more than 50 million girls and young women since its founding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, observes MARCH 2012 as **GIRL SCOUTS APPRECIATION MONTH**.

Item No. 11. Adjournment. Councilwoman Harrison moved to adjourn the March 8, 2012 Special Town Council Work Session. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: None

The meeting ended at 6:07 p.m.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk