

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD
WEDDINGTON, NC 28104
AGENDA**

Prayer – Mayor Walker F. Davidson

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Determination of Quorum
4. Presentation from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on 2012 Easter Egg Hunt
5. Public Comments
6. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda
7. Approval of Minutes
 - A. March 12, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - B. April 2, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - C. April 16, 2012 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
8. Consent Agenda
 - A. Consideration of Approval of Proclamation - National Police Week
 - B. Call for Public Hearing to Review and Consider Section 58-233 - Variance Text Amendment (Public Hearing to be Held June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall)
 - C. Consideration of Municipal Speed Limit Ordinance for Lochaven Road
 - D. Consideration of Approval of Proclamation Honoring the Weddington High School – NCHSAA Exemplary School Award
9. Public Hearings and Consideration of Public Hearings
 - A. Public Hearing to Review and Consider Shopping Center Signs Text Amendment
 - B. Consideration of Ordinance Adopting the Shopping Center Signs Text Amendment
 - C. Public Hearing to Review and Consider Temporary Use Permit Banners Text Amendment
 - D. Consideration of Ordinance Adopting the Temporary Use Permit Banners Text Amendment
10. Old Business
 - A. Discussion and Possible Consideration of Next Steps Regarding the Municipal Fire Service Model
11. New Business
 - A. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget

- B. Review and Consideration of Devonridge Subdivision Agreement
- C. Review and Consideration of NCDOT Municipal Mowing Agreement
- D. Update from the May 9, 2012 CCOG Board of Delegates Meeting

12. Update from Town Planner

13. Update from Town Administrator/Clerk

14. Public Safety Report

15. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector

16. Transportation Report

17. Council Comments

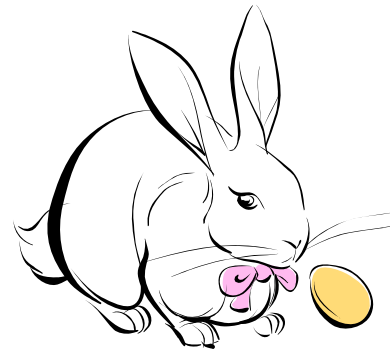
18. Closed Session – Consideration of Approval of Minutes and Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged and (a) (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

19. Call for Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget and to Set the Tax Rate (Public Hearing to be Held June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall)

20. Adjournment

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Easter Egg Hunt
And
Litter Sweep
Update



Our Mission Statement

The Town of Weddington's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board endeavors to provide safe and enjoyable recreation and leisure opportunities for a diverse population, initiate beautification projects, promote our quaint town and promote environmental awareness by partnering with NCDOT Litter Sweep program. We invite you to participate in our special events. Our committee strives to create a strong sense of community through environmental and social impacts.

Our Goals

We serve as an advisory body to the Weddington Town Council and provide insight and direction about new programs and activities as well as policies and procedures in the areas of Parks and Recreation. We are committed to bringing exciting and valuable activities to all Weddington residents.



Easter Egg Hunt Business Plan

Business Plan

- Was established to promote community spirit and provide children (ages 1 through 11) with a fun filled afternoon in a safe environment.
- Our goal was to ensure each child collects at least 10 eggs, meets the Easter bunny, gets a tattoo, has fun in an Air Castle Inflatable, plays a variety of games and has a snack.
- The event was held on Saturday March 31st from 2 to 4pm at Weddington Town Hall.
- The Easter Bunny arrived by fire truck and was available for pictures.
- 2:30 to 2:45, children 6 and under hunted for eggs
- 2:45 to 3:00, children 7 to 11 hunted for eggs
- Before and after the hunt the children enjoyed themselves in the Air Castle Inflatable and played games.

Easter Egg Hunt cont.

- In order to provide the above, we budgeted for \$1395
- We received from our sponsors \$850 in cash and \$1585 in in-kind donations totaling \$2435
- We spent \$962.31
- We distributed 2500 flyers to schools in the area

We would like to thank our 22 Sponsors

- Gold – Harris Teeter
- Silver – Weddington Activity Center, Polivka Corporation, Pinsak Orthodontics, RCS & Private Citizen
- Bronze – Target, Papa's Pizza To Go, Weddington Family Medicine, Carolina Family Chiropractic, Mitch Hadley, CVS, Goddard School, Mills Cleaners, Chick-Fil-A, Bouncing House Man, Citizen South Bank, Janice & Lib Propst, Pam Hadley, GBUSA & Carvel

The day of the Hunt

- We filled 2200 plastic eggs with candy, coins and prizes
- We gave away 250 coupons for a slice of pizza
- We gave away 12 coupons for a large pizza
- We had 150 small prizes for the children to win (i.e. chocolate bunnies, match box cars, stamps, pencils, bracelets)
- We gave away 150 boxes of juice and cookies

The day of the Hunt cont.

- Additionally we gave away 20 baskets, 1 Toys R US gift card, and 2 children's bikes
- We had about 200 adults and 200 children in attendance
- We collected can goods and donated them to 2 local organizations
- We would like to thank the following volunteers:
Janice, Patrice & Lib Propst, Gail Giattino, JeanLee Pirkey, Pam & Mitch Hadley, Amy McCollum, Pat Harrison, Pat Curtis, Chief Dye, Craig Horn, Walker Davidson, Allison Jones, Hope Soden, Veronica Trotto, Myra Banegas, Abbie Booth, Marilyn Robertson

Easter Egg Hunt

We filled and hid 2200 Plastic Eggs!



EASTER EGG HUNT

We had the Easter Bunny, Harry the Dragon and the Chick-Fil-A Cow



Easter Egg Hunt

Waiting for the Chick-Fil-A cow to shoot out mini moos and tee shirts!



Easter Egg Hunt

Waiting for the tour of the Fire Truck!



Litter Sweep

- Weddington's Spring Litter Sweep was held on April 21st – Earth Day
- We covered Providence Rd beginning at Rea Rd and ending at Hemby Rd (trash on the medians was also picked up), Twelve Mile Creek to the Elementary School, across from the WCWAA – where all the political signs were mowed down, the intersections of Weddington-Matthews & Hemby, Beulah Church & Antioch Rd, and Cox and Deal Rds.
- We would like to thank the following volunteers:

Stewart Tyler, Arianna Dendrolivanos, Vickie & Stephanie Belcher, Kevin & Zach Hunnicutt, Walker Stevens, Cindy Kiker, Linda Hastings, Theresa DiCenzo, Myra Banagos from Indian Trail, Veronica Trotto from Wesley Chapel, Abbie Booth from Waxhaw, Susan & Wesley Dudas, Stephen Wierzsicki, Graham Wadsworth, Alexander Plevka and Barbara & Path Harrison

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The Town Council of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Regular Session at the Weddington Town Hall, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on March 12, 2012, with Mayor Walker F. Davidson presiding.

Present: Mayor Walker F. Davidson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry, Councilmembers Werner Thomisser, Pamela Hadley and Barbara Harrison, Town Attorney Anthony Fox, Town Planner Jordan Cook, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord and Town Administrator/Clerk Amy S. McCollum

Absent: None

Visitors: Genny Reid, Richard Sahlie, Judy Johnston, Bill Price, David Basri, John Houston, Sam Lowe, Dave Ruths, Andrew Moore, James Rushton, Monica Rushton, Walton Hogan, Jim Vivian, Butch Plyler, Mickey Key, Brenda Stone, Julie A. Moore, James David Sloop, Jr., Marsha Mayhew, Janice Sloop, Robert J. Wilbur, Mike Davis, Jerry McKee, Bob Rapp, Chrys V. Nikopoulos, Mary Ann Maxson, Mike Maxson, Dan Cook, Leslie Barry, Carol Hogan, Commissioner Tracey Kuehler, Parks Long, Joe DeSimone, Bruce Johnston, Cory Riback, Taylor Basri, Vickie Basri, Jim Morgan, Ken Evans, Daryl Matthews, Steven Carow, Jarrin Tucker, Joshua Dye, Spencer Dobbins, Pat Harrison, Andy Stallings, Andrew Stallings, Steven McLendon and Tommy Price

Mayor Walker F. Davidson offered the Invocation prior to the opening of the meeting.

Item No. 1. Call to Order. Mayor Davidson called the March 12, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance. Boy Scout Troop #101 from St. Margaret's Church led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item No. 3. Determination of Quorum. There was a quorum.

Item No. 4. Presentations.

A. Western Union Fire Safety – A Concerned Citizens Group. Mr. David Basri - Thank you for allowing us to speak. This has been a very emotional issue for a lot of people. I represent a group of citizens that decided to call itself Western Union Fire Safety. We are not affiliated with or represent the Wesley Chapel VFD or the Providence VFD. We do believe that merger is the best long-term solution for Weddington and western Union County. We think it is a question of taxes, funding and the role of government. We do not think it has anything whatsoever to do with quality of service because we think both fire departments already provide and will continue to provide excellent service. I can tell you if it goes to a municipal fire district and I am covered by Providence, I will not lose one second of sleep worrying over the quality of service that I am going to get. I thought I would start by talking about what it is that we can agree on. The trained personnel with the right equipment should be dispatched from the closest location when called. What we are concerned with is how that is funded and what the long term prospects are both for the fire departments and for the Town of Weddington. Mayor Davidson provided this map for me. The yellow dots represent the Wesley Chapel EMTs. I asked Chief Dye to provide the same information for Providence. I would still be happy to add that to the map. The red line represents

Wesley Chapel VFD's current fire district. The green area at the top represents what Providence has as its current fire district and the light colored area that is sandwiched in between the purple and green areas is the area that the Town is proposing moving from the Wesley Chapel fire tax district into Providence. Under a municipal fire district scenario, Providence would then encompass the green and the yellow. We are going to talk about whether or not that is a good idea and why. Today when there is a fire call both departments receive the call and are dispatched. We have two different districts and they are both sent. In a case where it is an area that is covered exclusively by Wesley Chapel VFD and they have two stations they currently dispatch from multiple stations on fire calls. If there was a merger, multiple stations would be dispatched and if there were a municipal fire district, multiple stations would be dispatched. It really makes no difference from a fire perspective whether it is a merger or a municipal fire district. What about medical? In medical calls one or the other department is dispatched. Today if you look at the map there are situations where people live closer to the Providence station than they do to Wesley Chapel VFD. Given the way that the districts are set up, Wesley Chapel has to come from further away. We totally agree that is nuts. However, under a merger all the stations and staff would still exist, all the EMTs and firefighters would still exist and whoever is closest would be dispatched. If you went with a municipal fire district, you still are going to have multiple jurisdictions. You are actually moving the problem rather than solving the problem. There are going to be jurisdictional lines and it is not going to be quite even. The other big controversy has to do with the 24/7 coverage that is currently being provided by Providence and Wesley Chapel does it through a distributed system. I am not going to argue about that. Essentially Wesley Chapel has already agreed in writing that if the taxpayers in the area want to pay for that service at the Providence station then it is not a problem. So either way if you want it and want to pay for it - you can have it. Under a merger you are going to utilize three stations, the firefighters, equipment and the EMTs. It is really kind of the same under a municipal with the difference that you are still going to have jurisdictional boundaries where in the case of EMTs there is going to be a decision based on where the lines are as to where the dispatch takes place. We have three stations. We have a lot of trained people and we have a lot of equipment. Why are we arguing about which side of the line a neighborhood house is on as to whether it gets dispatched from here or there? If you recall from the map, you are going to have a set of lines. What is the point of that? We have three stations and they are well distributed and we have a lot of trained people. If you would merge, you can consolidate some of the administrative requirements such as payroll, reporting, etc. Under a merger, if you took that red line and you moved it over to cover the green area you would have a tax base of \$6.17 billion of valuation. If you do a municipal fire district, you have a total tax base of \$1.96 billion. That has to be used to fund the Providence operating budget. It also has to pay for the contract that the Town has to negotiate with Wesley Chapel VFD and with Stallings VFD. Weddington is going to say that we are totally financially responsible and we now have to pay for this. Our point as Western Union Fire Safety is simply when you are paying for things with property taxes we would like as many property taxpayers as we can get to help pay for that. What is the likely tax rate under a merger? Wesley Chapel has said that 3 cents per \$100 would allow them to pay for their operation and the Providence operation. Under a municipal fire district, you have to split up the area. The expanded Providence area if you look at the property valuation in that area to pay for the current Providence operating budget not counting any capital improvements requires a 4 cent rate. That is out of Mayor Davidson's numbers. They would have to blend that with whatever Wesley Chapel VFD and Stallings VFD charges them for covering those areas. No matter how you look at it - it is not going to be cheaper. A consolidated department can manage all of its assets - you have one entity, one tax district, one rate and one jurisdiction. Under a municipal fire district, Wesley Chapel has to make up \$135,000 a year in revenue that is being taken away from them but there is no offset in costs savings. They are going to still have to cover 36 square miles of area. They are going to still have to provide EMTs and they are going to have to be dispatched on all the fire calls. There is a zero costs savings for Wesley Chapel. You are simply taking \$135,000 away and putting it over here to help fund Providence and they have got to make it up somewhere. Under a merger Union County has current and clear statutory authority to do this. They already have the tax districts and they have the authority and they are already collecting the taxes. It is very clear that they can do this. Under a municipal fire district, Attorney Fox has already written several

opinions saying that it is a very convoluted path at best. It involves the County and it may involve the State or a local act – regardless it is certainly not a clear path. For a municipal fire district, Mayor Davidson advised in the February meeting when Mr. Barry said he would rather move the lines that it has been asked and answered. The County does not want to move the lines. Creating a municipal fire district is moving the lines. You are taking the green area and you are moving it over to the yellow area and you are splitting it off from Wesley Chapel and you have a blended rate. It is moving the lines. It is under the name of a Municipal Fire District. Under a merger Weddington gets out of the fire and emergency service funding business. Weddington backed into this about 10 years ago with a very small subsidy to Providence. That small subsidy is now \$265,000. It is half of the property taxes that are collected by the Town of Weddington. If you merge the departments the responsibility goes back to Union County and it goes to a combined \$6.17 billion tax base. If you do a municipal fire district, the Town of Weddington now and forever is saying we are completely responsible with our \$1.9 billion dollar tax base for funding the whole entire area. Union County is responsible as they are currently mandated and have the authority. Under the municipal fire district, after you get it approved through the pathway that we do not understand you have to annually negotiate contracts with three different fire departments. It is clearly not more efficient to do that. Under a merger Weddington is out of the picture in terms of funding fire. It goes back to the County where it belongs and they are responsible as they are mandated to be. Under a municipal fire district, again the Town is now fully funding basic services. My fear is that 10 years from now it is going to be a municipal fire department and that is going to make today's budgets look like white noise. What should be next? It is very clear that a merger is a viable option. It was taken off the table last meeting without a formal vote. There was a letter presented from Providence which was accepted as game over and the Council said we are going to pursue two options: continuing subsidizing Providence and doing a municipal fire district. That is not careful deliberation. Clearly merger is a viable option and it should be put back on the table. Service and quality options need to be evaluated. I do not know the answer. Has 24/7 service actually materially provided better service? There are incident reports at Union County for the last 10 years that can be evaluated. If it turns out that there is a material advantage that is worth the cost, I will join the argument and say we ought to do it. If it turns out that there is not a significant improvement in service quality then why are we spending the money? Either way it is this body's responsibility to know the answer to that question. If you do not know the answer to that question, slow down and go find out. Mayor Davidson, you said to me when we met, that you would rather see more people involved even if they are opposed to your position; you now have more people involved and some of them are opposed to your position. It is clear that it is a big deal. Let's start representing everybody again, get the two viable options back on the table, find out whether 24/7 is really worth it and let's move on from there. What I am asking you to do is deliberate and not manipulate the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry – Early in your presentation you made the comment that 24/7 coverage can be continued at Providence if we want to pay for that.

Mr. Basri – If the taxpayer wanted to pay for it.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry – If the Town wants to pay for that out of its general fund it would be the taxpayers' money. If we are doing that through mutual aid, we are automatically paying 24/7 to the entire district for fire service.

Mr. Basri – For fire service, not for EMT.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry – If the taxpayer is paying for 24/7 coverage out of Providence then they are in effect providing that service across the entire district. Only the taxpayers in Weddington are paying for the 24/7 coverage that is being utilized in unincorporated Union County.

Mr. Basri – Does Providence respond to the entire district?

Mayor Pro Tem Barry – For mutual aid.

Mr. Butch Plyler – When it is a fire, both stations are called.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry – Is there any record about who is showing up first through these mutual aid agreements?

Mr. Plyler – I am sure there is. I would go back for about 10 years to get that record.

B. Weddington Voters for Public Safety – An Active Citizens Group. My name is Andrew Moore and I live in Providence Woods. I have been involved with this issue since a meeting at the Providence fire station was organized in June of 2011. At that time my reaction was, "Tell me how much I need to pay, and I'll write you a check," because I believed, as I still do, that there is no price that can replace someone in my family or replace the safe haven of my home. I am here tonight representing the Weddington Voters for Public Safety, a group of actively engaged citizens. We are the residents of this Town that cared enough about this ongoing public safety issue to vote in the November 2011 election. We are the residents of this Town that took the time to research the facts, read the papers, showed up to many of the meetings at the Town and even the county level. We are the residents of this Town that made sure to educate ourselves prior to the elections in November so that we could vote for candidates we felt would deal with this issue with at least as much due diligence as we did. It is my belief that, with the exception of only one candidate, all those candidates in the election ran on a platform to approve the Town's resolution to become a municipal fire district. How curious is it that immediately after the election several of the candidates took a 180 degree turn in their positions?

We support the newly elected Town leaders in their efforts to adopt a Weddington municipal fire service. We support the Town leaders' due diligence to continue to educate themselves during this time of exploration. We support the Town leaders as they recognize the importance of 24/7 staffing in the station to protect our homes and families - this means a professional, trained firefighter/EMT will be physically on call in the building. Our Town leaders want to protect Providence VFD and the investment the residents of this Town have made. It would take at least \$5 million to replace the assets on Hemby Road, which is currently free and clear of any debt. Finally, we support the Town in the belief that public safety is the number one priority for any town.

Last week, I received a brochure promoting a merger between the Wesley Chapel VFD and the Providence VFD. Interestingly, it came after the Providence Board of Directors formally handed the Weddington Town Council a letter stating they had unanimously voted to no longer consider a merger as an option. Where was this group before? Why didn't they put out the brochure earlier in this yearlong process if they were concerned? They could have made this a big part of the election and voted against the candidates who favored the municipal service. Regardless, through our democratic process, those who favored the municipal fire service were elected and the citizens of Weddington made their wishes clear. Public safety was, and is, of paramount importance to them and they are not willing to give up Providence VFD or its 24/7 in-station service.

Democratic process notwithstanding, this group sent out a brochure to all Weddington residents. Upon reading my copy, I realized that it made many false and inaccurate statements. I believe these need to be addressed with the facts once and for all - no emotion or politics - so that we may move forward knowing that we are acting on the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Weddington. As a point of information, all of the facts that I will share with you today are a matter of public record and are accessible through minutes of Town and county meetings as well as the fire study that was commissioned by Union County. Other than my own personal experiences, all the information was taken from those sources.

Fact #1: The level of service will not improve if a merger happens with Wesley Chapel VFD. In fact, it will probably go down because the station will not be staffed at night. Wesley Chapel has said they will not offer the 24/7 in-station service unless Weddington pays extra for it. Because of this 24/7 in-station service, Providence VFD is often the first on the scene when providing mutual aid assistance to neighboring fire departments. In fact, it will continue to benefit Wesley Chapel's fire district if Weddington becomes a municipal fire district and continues its 24/7 in-station service, as it improves the response time for many of their citizens in the event of a fire or emergency.

The average response time in February of this year for Providence VFD was 5.81 minutes to calls in their fire district and mutual aid calls to neighboring departments which is second to none in Union County. I had the opportunity to witness the incredibly rapid and professional response of Providence VFD at one of the meetings I attended. It was held at the fire hall, and as I sat there discussing the issues with 40 to 50 other people, a call came in and the tone sounded. Immediately after the tone, the complete fire crew was dressed with appropriate equipment, on the truck, and out of the fire building in under a minute. It was a real life demonstration of the professional and efficient fire department Providence represents.

We live in an area where there are few fire hydrants and because of this time is of the essence and responding with the appropriate apparatus is essential in saving our homes. The reality is that if the Providence station no longer offers night-time staffing, this would mean an extra 5 to 10 minutes of travel time to respond to a call, plus the added time it takes for the volunteers to arrive at the stations and get the apparatus on the road.

The citizens of Weddington have made it clear that 24/7 in-station service is very important to them. At the meetings I have attended, this has been an issue that many citizens have spoken about as being something they do not want to give up. (In addition, Providence VFD is the most centrally located within the Town of Weddington - right on the major arteries that run throughout the Town. This also helps with those rapid response times.) So, I think it is plain to everyone that we cannot expect an "improved service level" if there is a merger.

Fact #2: Weddington will be able to have control over its own municipal fire service. Merging with Wesley Chapel VFD will cause Weddington to forever relinquish any control over fire and EMT services. Weddington will lose control of the operation of the station, its facilities, its future growth and costs. Do we really want this? A merger was mentioned in a fire study that was commissioned by Union County to study all the fire departments within the affected area, but it was not recommended; it was suggested as a consideration. It was considered by both the Providence VFD and the Wesley Chapel VFD Board of Directors from February 2011 to August 2011. Unfortunately, these merger talks were not successful because of the difference in operating models between the departments. The lifestyles of the residents of Weddington are not conducive to attracting the needed pool of candidates to volunteer as firefighters and EMT's at the Providence station. This challenges them to use a combination of part-time volunteers and paid firefighters and EMTs.

Providence has publicly commended Wesley Chapel on the success of their operating model but also recognizes that the model will not work for the Providence district if the departments were merged. In fact, the fire study that the brochure authors reference when they say Union County recommended a merger, actually did say, and I quote, "It should be noted that one agency, Providence VFD, had excellent advanced Standards of Cover . . ." and also regarding Providence it stated, "This is considered an excellent model to aspire to for all in-county fire departments."

So, a merger will jeopardize our 24/7 in-station service unless the current Providence VFD has significant control over how service will be delivered. A takeover by Wesley Chapel VFD will not provide that

opportunity. In fact, it would remove the "excellent model" that the authors of the fire study felt all other fire departments in Union County should aspire to be.

The brochure also stated that public safety - fire and medic - is a Union County responsibility. Though this may be the case, it appears from my own experience that they don't see it that way. I was there when the County Commissioners deferred the Town's request for help on solving our fire and medical safety problem to the Fire Commission. When the Town made a presentation of the problem to the Fire Commission and asked them to move the fire district lines that have been inappropriate for 27 years so citizens would be served by the station closest to where they lived, they also refused to discuss the matter. It is the county's responsibility, but when the county does not act, the Town has to assume the responsibility for the safety of its residents.

Fact #3: Having a municipal fire district would allow us, the citizens of Weddington, to control costs. This seems to be the central area of concern for those who authored the brochure, but they are obviously misinformed. They make the statement that a merger is more cost effective, yet the president of the Wesley Chapel VFD and the president of the Providence VFD stated publicly that if the departments merge, the fire tax for the combined districts will have to go up. In addition, Wesley Chapel VFD has over \$6 million in current debt while Providence VFD is currently debt-free.

Where I believe the true misunderstanding lies is in what the cost will be to Weddington residents if a municipal fire district is implemented. The current tax rate for Weddington citizens is 3 cents and, depending on where you live in the Town you are either paying a \$100 fire fee for Providence VFD or a 2.2 cent tax to Wesley Chapel VFD. Upon adoption of the municipal fire district, Weddington residents would no longer pay either the fire fee or the 2.2 cents tax to Wesley Chapel VFD. Instead, we all would pay a total tax of about 5.2 cents to the Town of Weddington. This rate would ensure that we would continue to have our 24/7 in-station service and would still be equal to or below the tax rate that would be charged if we merged with Wesley Chapel, where we would not receive our 24/7 in-station service. In addition, a merger between the two departments would immediately give the citizens served by Providence the tax responsibility to retire the tremendous debt at Wesley Chapel. Do we really want to be financially responsible for the new Wesley Chapel fire station that is more than twice the size of that recommended by the fire study as sufficient for their needs and tax base?

Another concern of those authoring the brochure was the expense of upgrades for Providence VFD, inferring that a merger would save the taxpayer this expense. However, the need to upgrade the Providence station will be required even if the two departments merge. We must understand that a merger does not solve the funding issues of Providence and the expenses have to be covered through taxes. When you add the financial needs of Providence to the debt, the need for future equipment, and the operating cost of Wesley Chapel, it is not difficult to see the potential for significant tax increases in the future.

Those authoring the brochure also stated that Providence VFD has done no planning nor made any estimates regarding future maintenance. This is also untrue. The Providence Board provides a copy of their budget and expenses to the Town every month. They budget every year for maintenance on every piece of equipment and their facility. In our opinion, they not only plan for future maintenance, they implement the plan and keep the Town informed of the status. According to the fire study, they have the highest rated, best maintained equipment in the county achieved by the professional implementation of their plan.

So, it seems clear to me that the most responsible choice which considers cost, safety, and local control is that of the municipal fire district. I know that I would be more comfortable with my Town controlling the fire service funding, so that I might have a voice through my vote on the spending and operation of the fire department that serves me. Weddington should take care of its own needs and not rely on other

communities to absorb costs that do not belong to them. It is wrong to ask Wesley Chapel, Marvin, or other areas to pay for our fire services and wrong of them to expect us to pay for theirs.

Although there were other false or inaccurate statements in the brochure, I have answered those most relevant to the issue at hand. I believe the benefits of becoming a municipal fire district are overwhelming. Those benefits include:

- the continuation of 24/7 staffed (in station) services
- the county does not allow fire departments to budget for a reserve for fire apparatus, therefore, the Town's ability to set the fire tax rate will provide ample revenue to reserve for future fire apparatus needs
- the Town will finally begin to partner with fire departments to provide a vital service without the cost and time-expense of managing day-to-day functions
- the Town of Weddington will have the flexibility to monitor and adjust service areas for closest and fastest response to meet current and future growth needs
- independent fire departments will remain independent and will continue to be contracted with the Town for services
- the Town will have the flexibility to raise the standards of service without county input
- as a municipal fire district, the citizens of Weddington will have one municipal fire tax rate.

We can finally begin to regard ourselves as Weddington residents who receive the fastest response possible based on proximity to the nearest station or from a station with in-the-station personnel prepared to reach your emergency with the proper blend of qualifications and equipment.

Knowing all the benefits of a municipal fire district, let's once-and-for-all put this idea of a merger behind us and enact what the voting citizens of Weddington have already asked you to do: make the Town of Weddington a fire municipality and ensure the safety of our families and homes. Show us that you believe public safety is the number one priority for the Town of Weddington.

Councilmember Thomisser – At the beginning of your comments you indicated that we had an election in November and because of that election the people of Weddington expressed their decision for the type of fire service that they wanted. Do you know what the voter turnout was?

Mr. Moore – Probably pretty low.

Councilmember Thomisser – It was 19%. You made a statement that the Wesley Chapel VFD was carrying \$6 million in debt. I would like to ask the President of the Wesley Chapel VFD Board of Directors if that is an accurate statement.

Mr. Plyler – More like 5 than 6.

Item No. 5. Public Comments.

Mr. Sam Lowe – I am hearing that you do not know if the State is involved with what you may do with that line between Wesley Chapel VFD and Providence VFD. I heard in one of these presentations that the State may be involved in it. Some of these things that have been passed around is that there will be no tax increase. Everything I hear here tonight says tax increase.

Mr. Bill Price – I would like you to address the issue of the WCWAA. Has it been settled? If so, when and where and what costs to the taxpayers of Weddington? If it has not, can we expect a federal lawsuit?

Mr. Richard Sahlie – I have heard the presentation that we are going to save all of this money if we merge and the service is not going to deteriorate but it is going to be just as it is now. Unfortunately, that is not true. We are talking about the safety of our property and the safety of ourselves. Let's not minimize this issue. The other night when some of the people went to the County to hear this issue discussed, on the way back there was a fire in our neighborhood. That is in the Wesley Chapel district. Providence VFD arrived five minutes earlier. How much is five minutes if you have a fire in your house? That could be very serious. You are talking about the difference in two models. One is firemen are in the firehouse and can get into the truck and be on the road in less than a minute. In the case of Wesley Chapel VFD, they are not around at night or a good portion of it. They have to page people who are on call then they have to go to the fire station and get the truck. What is being paid now for 24/7 service is in the benefit of the people in the Wesley Chapel district. Personally I do not mind paying \$100 more a year. I want the first thing to be response time with qualified people on the job. Another statement that was made is if we merge that will be effective and cheaper. How well does that model work - centralized versus decentralized? Is the federal government more efficient than the State government? Is the State government more efficient than the local government?

Providence VFD Chief Joshua Dye – I am here to address the statements of the Western Union Fire Service brochure saying that three members of the Providence VFD Board live in Mecklenburg County so why should they care about our taxes. Providence VFD was founded in 1954 by some of the same residents that founded this Town. They realized that the Board should include up to three firefighters so that business decisions would include inputting them as experts on the front lines. These three firefighters in question live just across the line between Union and Mecklenburg Counties. Providence started out serving areas for Waxhaw all the way north of the Arboretum and still serves one development in Mecklenburg County. Two of the firefighters have been volunteers for the Providence VFD for 25 years each and a third has been with the department for four years. He is also a career firefighter with the City of Monroe for 12 years. One of the 25 year veterans actually started working in the fire service in 1974 and served as chief of our department for nine years. Under his leadership Providence VFD became the first department in Union County to use automatic defibrillators on medical calls and the Department of Insurance rating was lowered to an ISO rating of a straight 6 lowering all the homeowners insurance. This individual also negotiated the purchase of one of the department's fire engines, their tanker and brush truck. Another 25 year veteran is a career Charlotte firefighter that lived in Union County for over 15 years and served Providence for over 25. He is not only a firefighter but also an EMT and a paramedic. He also served as an Assistant Chief for Providence for eight years. These three individuals have dedicated a major portion of their lives to our public safety and rather than ridiculing them we should thank them for all the service they have given this Town.

Commissioner Tracy Kuehler - *Council agreed to allow Commissioner Kuehler to speak longer than the three minute time limit.* The first presentation was a very well presented argument but what came from the same group was this brochure we keep hearing about. A week ago I was handed this brochure by Mr. Thomisser at my County Commissioner meeting and was asked to look through it. That brochure had quite a different tone than the presentation that was delivered here tonight claiming to deliver facts. The second group did a good job at dispelling some of the inconsistencies in that brochure. I was the Fire Commissioner for two years and part of the board that commissioned the infamous fire study. I do not know how many people have read the fire study cover to cover but I have more than once. There are many suggestions and recommendations that are contained in that study. Some of them are talked about over and over and over. Some have already been completely ignored. And others may or may not ever be implemented. One thing that the study does recognize and clarify is that there are alternatives available for each identified issue within that study and that the ultimate decision may be to do nothing. It also states that these are political decisions that need to be made locally based on local resources, local concerns and ability or inability to pay for fire protection and political influence. Part of the brochure talked about the access to more EMTs and firefighters. Mr. Barry, you brought up about the mutual aid. The County has

mutual aid agreements with every fire department in the County which means that you have access to firefighters within your district, to the district south of you, to the district north of you. That currently exists now and even aside from the firefighters, from an EMT perspective, in the event there is not response from the district where you live the next closest district is automatically toned. You have access to everybody already. The other thing I keep hearing is that public safety, fire and medic is a Union County responsibility. That is totally false. No county in the State of North Carolina has an obligation to provide or fund fire or EMT services nor do we even have the duty to contract for the provision of those services. In fact, many of you may not even realize that the statutory authority that has been given to us, not mandated upon us, but if we chose. The statute that allows us to create a fire service district did not even come about until the 1970s and then it was a response from the General Assembly to allow counties to give options of municipal type services to unincorporated county residents that lived around the area. It was a way for the County to create an area that could issue services that the person next door was getting under a municipality thinking that the municipality was already providing those services. That does not seem to be the case in Union County because there is only one municipality that I know of that provides its own fire service. The County has no obligation statutorily to provide that. The brochure then directs you to a website that claims to lay out all the facts. If you really look hard there are some facts there and quite a few distorted truths but mostly it is an opinion website and opinions and discussion and debate is good. This one has been going on for a while. The most glaring discrepancies were statements such as moving the lines creates a precedent and the County is not going to do that. The district lines were just moved in 2007. It is not like an act of God – we have just done it with Wesley Chapel and Waxhaw. The original fire line according to the experts was supposed to go right down the center of my property. The other statement that Wesley Chapel's EMTs are equipped with the same tools and supplies that are kept on the trucks. That defies logic and if they do what does that cost? There is no way that someone leaving their home in a personal vehicle to come to an accident without going and getting the equipment from the fire station is equipped the same as a person who left the fire station with the rescue truck. That is when 24/7 service becomes an issue because one is at the station with the truck and the other one may not be and could be anywhere within a 40 mile district. Lastly and the one that irritates me the most is the statement that there is no chance that the Hemby Road station would go away no matter what option is implemented. Every fire station in this county is its own independent business. They have their own governance structure, they have their own bylaws, their own bank accounts and they own all their own assets including the land, buildings and the trucks - they own it all. It is weird because the taxpayer dollars is what bought it. The decision to close a station is the decision of that fire station and theirs alone. Because they own everything they can dispose of those assets in any manner consistent with the rules governing a non-profit organization. The County, the Town, and the people - no one has any control over the decision over those assets. We have no control over whether there is or is not a fire station there. We need to stop saying that there will always be one there because my crystal ball does not work that well. That is the decision of the fire department. Perhaps the presentation that you heard here tonight about a merger should not have been made to the Weddington Town Council but should have been made to the Providence VFD because it is their choice. I have heard to take the emotion out of it. I do not know how realistic that is considering personal safety is a pretty emotional subject. At least we can be responsible and honest in our dissemination of the information and have conversations that are not orchestrated to incite and evoke things that are not true just to say things to put out there for shock value.

Ms. Judy Johnston – I live in Providence Woods South and I am on the Board of Directors for the Providence VFD. Weddington is a community of families who care about their quality of life. Providence was founded nearly 60 years ago by our neighbors. Many of these families still reside in this beautiful Town. Over the years the men and women who have volunteered their time and energy to support the vital needs of our community have never asked for special recognition or acknowledgement. They have been content to simply volunteer their expertise to our Town. Our elected Town officials have set a course to provide the highest level of local oversight to vital emergency services by considering the establishment of a municipal fire service. The County has the authority to move fire district lines. The county has the

authority to modify the revenue structure for fire departments. The County does not have the authority to force a merger between two independent fire departments. Why is that their focus? Make no mistake about it, some of our County Commissioners are dedicated to usurping the authority of the residents of the Town of Weddington. The duly elected representatives of this Town have petitioned the County Commissioners on multiple occasions and there has been no action taken. These County Commissioners have a master plan for control of vital fire and medical services in Western Union County. The voices of the people spoke through the democratic process of election in November. Let's remind the County Commissioners that their fiduciary responsibilities are to manage fire district lines and tax structures. As emphasized in the most recent County Commissioner meeting by Commissioner Tracy Kuehler the lines make no sense and the County has consistently ignored action to move the lines and change the tax structure for Providence VFD. The County is not going to do it for us. They have a different agenda all together. The Town must move forward with a municipal fire district which affords the greatest flexibility in providing for the residents of the Town. Do not allow the hidden agenda of some members of the County Commission to delay your stated goals. Move forward with the establishment of the municipal fire area.

Ms. Brenda Stone – I have lived in Providence Woods South for over 23 years. I am speaking out on this issue because it is important. I want to go on record as being in favor of making Weddington a municipal fire district. I believe that this is the only way those of us who live here can maintain control over the services we need to protect our homes and families. Everyone who has weighed in on this issue including those who now oppose it say that this is the best option for this area. On October 10, Mr. Thomisser said, "It is time for us to step up with a municipal fire district." Former mayoral candidate Stephanie Belcher said about a move to a municipal fire district that it "will allow the Town to put a common sense safety plan in place that directs the closest volunteer fire department to be the primary station for each household. Simply put the closest station to each home should be primary for an emergency call for the associated fire tax revenue." Could not have said it better myself. Now these folks oppose making Weddington a municipal fire district on the grounds that the costs would be prohibitive. Providence VFD President Jack Parks presented three options on three separate occasions to both residents and Town Council members before the last election that showed that the costs could range from a 7 to 8 cents fire tax if we do not move the lines which are almost 30 years old or a 3 to 5 cent fire tax if we merge with Wesley Chapel. He also showed that their figures showed that with a tax rate of 5 cents Providence could continue the excellent service my family has enjoyed for over 23 years without further assistance from the Town. I want to applaud Mayor Davidson for the rational way he has approached this issue and for restoring our faith in our elected officials by actually doing what he said he would do if elected. He proposes to actually discover the facts and present both the pros and the cons to the citizens of Weddington before making a decision. That is a sound and intelligent approach and we should all support it.

Mr. Joe DeSimone – I am currently the president of the Willow Oaks Homeowners Association. I am here to encourage the Town Council to stay the course and proceed with making Weddington its own fire tax district. A merger with Wesley Chapel VFD would not be in the best interest of the Town. At our annual meeting which was held just a few weeks ago the residents were very vocal in their opposition to a merger. Quick response of EMS and fire is of utmost importance to our community. We feel that a merger with Wesley Chapel would not ensure that our residents be guaranteed the superb response and quality of service that they currently receive 24/7.

Mr. Jerry McKee requested since he was a former Councilmember to receive the same amount of time as given to County Commissioner Kuehler. Council agreed to allow him to speaker longer than the three minute time limit. Mr. McKee - Last Friday in the Union County Weekly, Mayor Davidson wrote the following, "many Weddington residents received a mailing last week from a group named Western Union Fire Safety or WUFS. The mailing did not list the names of the members of WUFS nor did it indicate who paid for the mailing. Listing names usually adds credibility to a cause but maybe not in this case." At the

end during Council Comments I want Mayor Davidson to say that the Western Union Fire Safety has no credibility. You knew who was on that committee before you wrote this piece in the paper. *Because of comments made to Councilwoman Harrison, Mayor Davidson advised that Mr. McKee had two minutes to finish his comments.* After last Monday's County Commissioner meeting, I saw an email from someone saying the same things almost word for word. Who is getting what talking points from whom? This was taped to my mailbox and has no one's name on it and does not say who paid for it – is this credible, Mayor? I want to go on public record in front of everyone here and this Council that I made a mistake in favoring a possible municipal fire district. I wanted Weddington to get out of the funding of fire services. After I had moved in that direction, I found out that it is not going to change. It is still going to come out of Weddington's property tax. That is why I changed my position. I am proud to admit that I made a mistake. I hope that other people will do the same. After the Closed Session recently, the Town Council came out and voted down having the Moser Group represent the Town with regard to them finding suitable property for a YMCA, Library, and park for Weddington. Also Discovery Place also showed an interest in being in that facility. There would have been a 55+ community, which would be very helpful to people in the Town of Weddington. I hope that you will get copies of the minutes of what your Council did behind closed doors without any public input.

Ms. Genny Reid – I care about Weddington and I am very interested in a positive future for our Town. You are considering a municipal fire district for Weddington in regards to Providence VFD. I believe this change will assure response time to the nearest home will be more efficient and safe. Last Friday and Saturday for a few hours I went to the Weddington Shopping Center with a petition asking to support Weddington to become a municipal fire district and to declare jurisdiction over fire and EMT services. I collected 19 signatures. Every one that I approached was enthusiastic in signing the petition. I did not have any opposition. Today I went to Providence Woods South and collected 11 signatures. I had the same response except for a couple that was not familiar with the situation to be willing to sign the petition. I collected 30 signatures. No one was against a municipal fire district. Providence VFD is 24/7. Last Monday, County Commissioner Tracy Kuehler said that the lines do not make sense. They do not. This issue is about priority, safety and property values. A municipal fire district will unify Weddington and make fire safety a priority. Regarding 24/7, last week there was a fire call in my neighborhood. It was after 5:00 and Providence VFD got there five minutes before Wesley Chapel VFD. On Wednesday, there was a call right off of my street and Providence got there first. I urge you to vote in favor of a municipal fire district.

Mr. Ken Evans – I am the Vice President of the Providence VFD. I congratulate Wesley Chapel VFD since last August in reducing their debt according to their treasurer from \$6 million down to \$5 million. I know that financing the department is one of the major concerns from all of us here and what is it really going to cost and how much. Werner has brought up several times capital improvements. Capital improvements are going to continue with a fire department over a number of years. Yes, Providence does need to renovate the building for 24/7 coverage because right now we are out of compliance. If we go into a merger, the renovations are still going to have to happen. Based on Wesley Chapel's track record, do you want another Taj Mahal? We are talking about \$1.5 million not \$4 to \$5 million. The fire study recommended 8,000 to 9,000 square feet and not 24,000 for Wesley Chapel. If we go with capital improvements and renovations, Providence's renovations are minor renovations and not major ones. The comment has been made that with a merger Wesley Chapel will provide 24/7 service in the Providence area if Weddington is willing to pay for it. The amount of money that Weddington is paying now according to Union Safety is \$265,000 a year. That money pays for 24/7 service only. If we have a merger and we do continue 24/7 service Weddington is still on the tab for \$265,000 a year. Make a decision and let Providence move forward.

Mr. Taylor Basri – What would be the cost for 24/7 from Wesley Chapel VFD? Does the 3 cent tax include 24-hour service? Is the debt of Wesley Chapel because of the new station? Does the new station hold fire, police and EMT?

Mr. Jim Morgan – I am new to Weddington. I have two little girls and schools were a big part of our move but then I realized we were going rural and it was something different from me moving from the middle of Charlotte. I started to understand about fire safety. When I understood what we were provided by the Providence VFD it weighted my decision to move and to make the purchase that we did. We have heard a lot of talk about costs but the real question is not about costs; it is about the extra five minutes that it may take for someone to get to my house for one of my little girls. You cannot put a price on that.

Mr. Mike Maxson – I live in the Wesley Chapel district and have received excellent service from that organization over the last 15 years that I have lived in this Town. You live close to Providence and you want good service there as well. Let's forget the trucks and forget the buildings, what makes the fire department is the people. If you do not have people to drive the trucks, you do not have people to staff the organization, you do not have anything. I know I cannot get an answer from the Providence VFD but I know you have three people 24/7 – how many volunteers are there? The Wesley Chapel VFD has 71 volunteers. In 25 years they have had three chiefs. How many chiefs has Providence had in the last five years? I think there has been a lot of turnover there. I would like you to think about the people in this process - the people that are involved and who is really dedicated to serving our community. Based on my experience, there is no finer fire department around as far as I am concerned. Combining any organization with the Wesley Chapel VFD would be a plus for our community.

Mr. Mike Davis – I live in Lake Providence. I want to read a letter that was sent to Mayor Davidson on March 9 and to the Council regarding the proposed merger between the Wesley Chapel VFD and the Providence VFD. *The Wesley Chapel VFD Board of Directors at the meeting on Wednesday, March 7 of this year issued a unanimous proclamation that we have no intention of closing the Providence station should a merger take place and further more we would utilize all existing equipment, paid staff, and any personnel that wished to continue their service with the Providence station. Everyone needs to understand that there has to be a fire station located in that area so that all of the residents of this area can benefit from the favorable insurance ratings. The Wesley Chapel VFD stands ready to move ahead with the merger talks should the Town of Weddington decide that is the best solution. This letter was signed by Charles Rowland, Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Wesley Chapel VFD.* In the first presentation I thought there was a very deliberate attempt to diffuse the high emotions that are surrounding this issue. A few months ago, it was said that nothing was going to happen and it would be six to eight months before anything happened. Things are happening every six to eight hours and a lot is going on and that has done nothing but incite the emotion. People have talked about the voter turnout - shame on those that did not vote. A small percentage of people did and if anything good comes out of this I hope that there are more informed citizens of the Town of Weddington to get involved and let their voices be heard. Regarding the website from the Western Union Fire Safety - there have been 125 registered residents to that website with 2,200 page hits and 336 visitors of some unique quality that have shown some interest. It is about getting good information. Bad information is worse than none. I think it would be in the best interest of knowing what has gone on here tonight and the past several months, I think it is incumbent on this board to clean up the facts.

Wesley Chapel VFD Steven McLendon – One of the things that was brought up was 24/7 staffing. Although I cannot stand in front of you now and tell you that there are people at both of our fire stations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, I can tell you that we do have service 24/7. We have a combination of six members during the day and four members during the night that do respond 24 hours a day. With that said, when you look at what staffing consists of I think the Council throughout this process needs to consider what resources are you getting if 911 is called. There have been comments made about

Providence VFD beating us to calls. Those comments are correct. There is no doubt that their fire station is closer to certain areas than ours. Their personnel are there 24/7; therefore, they can theoretically beat us there. However, you must consider the additional resources that we are also bringing. For one of the incidents discussed we responded with two additional engine companies and a ladder company and 16 personnel. Had that been an actual fire those resources would have had to be utilized to mitigate the situation. It takes both departments. Chief Josh Dye and I have a great relationship. We had a call the other day, they beat us there. I went to shake his hand after the situation and said I appreciate your help. We need each other. At the end of the day it comes down to what resources you are getting. There is a difference in the resources. Although the resources may not be in the station all the time the resources are responding to the incidences. I have the 2011 preliminary report that shows that on a structure fire, we averaged 14 personnel last year. On a motor vehicle accident with entrapment we averaged 17 personnel. For an average vehicle accident we averaged 13 personnel. These are large numbers and it is due to the large amount of people that are dedicated to volunteering in our organization. I have a big stance on safety. We had a tragic accident in 2007 where one of our members lost his life responding to a call. I have told all of our members I do not want them driving recklessly or as fast as they can for the simple fact so they can say that we beat them to a call. That is not what it is about. It is about providing that service. Yes, they may beat us to a call. I am not denying that but at the end of the day we are still providing a phenomenal service. We put a tremendous amount of resources and personnel on the scene and I think that is an unbeatable system.

Ms. Heather Perryman - Jeff and I live in Weddington and have for the past 15 years. We have had to use emergency services for myself and twice for my youngest daughter. We do care about who responds to our needs. I was a paramedic for 15 years and I know that it does matter what name is on the side of that truck. Yes, we all want someone to come to our aid quickly but the quality of care should matter even more. At a Union County Commissioner meeting we attended, Wesley Chapel's Butch Plyler stood up and spelled "M-O-N-E-Y" mattered to them, not once did he mention the people that live here in Weddington mattered to them. Wesley Chapel wants more revenue to pay for their new multi-million dollar station. They have stretched themselves so thin and they are worried that Weddington will take "roof tops" from Wesley Chapel. Wesley Chapel's #1 concern has been about money. I was on the Steering Committee between Wesley Chapel and Providence VFD, where all we heard is that they would not give up "one roof top" to Providence VFD even though those citizens or as Wesley Chapel calls us "roof tops" of Weddington were closer to Providence VFD. That proved to me that Wesley Chapel's concern is only about money. Butch Plyler at the Steering Committee meeting said, "The tax rate will have to increase in Wesley Chapel's district to pay for the new station." Butch Plyler also said, "They (Wesley Chapel's Board of Directors) did not want to go to Wesley Chapel's Mayor about increasing the tax rate to cover their new station, but if this merger did not happen they would have to ask for a tax increase." To merge (I call it a take over based on meetings with Wesley Chapel's Board of Directors) would increase taxes and Wesley Chapel could use Providence VFD as an excuse to raise taxes. We want Providence VFD to keep the staff they have, keep the Board members they have, and keep the location they have. I was on the Providence VFD Board of Directors and I know the Board that is seated currently has the best interest of all citizens of Weddington and the Providence VFD firefighters/EMTs take pride in their jobs and will arrive promptly to take care of us in our time of need. We are for Weddington taking over its boundaries and protecting the citizens of Weddington. We are for an increase in our taxes to help cover the cost of keeping Providence VFD. We are for an increase in our taxes if the Weddington Municipal Fire District is chosen. You get what you pay for and we all need to step up and support Providence VFD or support a Weddington Municipal Fire District. We do not want a Wesley Chapel merger/take over. Just so we are heard loud and clear: We do not support Wesley Chapel, we live in Weddington, if we wanted to live in Wesley Chapel, we would have moved there. We expect the Weddington Town Council to do what is right for the citizens of Weddington. We support Providence VFD and/or a Weddington Municipal Fire District.

Item No. 6. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda. Mayor Davidson asked to move Item 9 on the agenda to in front of Item 8. Councilwoman Barbara Harrison moved to approve the agenda with the change requested by Mayor Davidson. The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Hadley and Harrison
NAYS: Mayor Pro Tem Barry

Attorney Fox reviewed the Rules of Procedures to see if unanimous approval of the agenda was required.

Mayor Davidson agreed to leave the agenda as originally proposed. All Council agreed to the approval of the agenda without the requested change.

Item No. 7. Approval of Minutes.

A. January 9, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to approve the January 9, 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

Item No. 8. Public Hearings and Consideration of Public Hearings.

A. Public Hearing to Review a Voluntary Non-Contiguous Annexation Request Pursuant to G.S. 160A-58.2 – New Town Market. Mayor Davidson opened the public hearing to review the voluntary non-contiguous annexation request for New Town Market. Town Planner Jordan Cook reviewed the following information:

- The Town received a voluntary satellite annexation request on November 15, 2011 of three parcels on 6.177 acres located on the Northwest quadrant of New Town Road and Providence Road. Known as New Town Market.
- The three parcels are existing commercial uses rezoned by Union County in 2004 and 2007 by a Special Use Permit. The property is currently zoned B-4 per Union County.
- The current tenants include:
 - Bank of America
 - The Goddard School
 - Donato’s Pizza
 - Rouge Salon
 - Java’s Brewing Bakery & Café
 - Allstate
 - Piper Glen Cleaners
 - New Town Dentistry
- This area is included in the Weddington Sphere of Influence per the approved Marvin-Weddington Annexation Agreement of 2001 (good until December 31, 2020).
- This area was also included in the study boundary on the 2002 Land Use Plan and given a “Business” designation.
- The Town Attorney has stated that the proposed satellite annexation meets all statutory requirements.
- The Town Council called for the Public Hearing at their February 13, 2012 meeting and asked that the Planning Board review the proposed annexation and provide feedback to the Town Council.
- Town Attorney Anthony Fox prepared a memo for the Town Council on February 9th. All items mentioned on Attorney Fox’s memo have been addressed by the applicant.

- The Planning Board reviewed this annexation petition on February 27th and gave it a unanimous unfavorable recommendation. A separate memo detailing the Planning Board's concerns has been included.

At the February 27th Planning Board meeting the Planning Board voted unanimously to give the New Town Market annexation petition an unfavorable recommendation. Below are the comments from that meeting:

1. Adjacent properties could develop under County zoning and regulations and then ask to be annexed by Weddington.
2. Does this set a precedent?
3. It is a non-conforming commercial development. The current development does not meet our standards for MX zoning.
4. Providence Road/Weddington Road area should be major commercial area.
5. Only benefit is tax revenue.
6. Not contiguous (satellite annexation).
7. What would the future development of Southwest and Southeast corners look like?

The Town Council also received the following:

- Letter dated February 9, 2012 from Attorney Anthony Fox regarding the New Town Market Voluntary Annexation
- Petition requesting annexation dated November 15, 2011
- Legal Description of the Property
- Record Plat – 6.177 Acres (New Town Market – Map 1)
- Letter dated September 9, 2008 from Union County Land Use Administrator Lee Jenson regarding the zoning and compliance of Union County Tax Parcels 06-183-004F, 06-183-005 and 06-183-022.
- Special Use Permit Granted August 2, 2004
- Special Use Permit Granted December 3, 2007
- Descriptions of the Zoning Districts
- Zoning Map
- Aerial Map

Town Planner Cook – One of the requirements is a 60-day notice of this proposed annexation to be sent to the municipalities that we currently have annexation agreements with. This annexation ordinance if approved cannot be approved or voted on until the May 14 meeting but if it were denied it could be done tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - What is the real precedent that was giving the Planning Board so much concern? Is that a real concern?

Town Planner Cook - They asked if this set a precedent and I advised that I did not think it did. I think there is a feeling that they would have to annex the adjacent properties if asked.

Town Planner Cook and Council discussed which areas were in Marvin's and Weddington's Sphere of Influence areas.

Town Attorney - The only beneficial argument that one would derive for an adjacent parcel is that this property has a certain zoning classification that they are also seeking and therefore it would no longer be

spot zoning. The fact that they may have that argument does not restrict or limit your legislative powers if you choose to not change the zoning on it. You as a governing body have the power to zone or rezone.

Councilmember Thomisser - The Planning Board had concerns that it is a non-conforming commercial development. The current development does not meet our standards for M-X zoning. Can you expound on that?

Town Planner Cook - This development was developed and approved under County zoning not under Town zoning. Our zoning standards are much more strict or stringent than the County's. We require 10% open space on any kind of commercial development - this does not have 10% open space. There is a playground at the daycare but that would not meet our standards for open space. There are internally lit signs on the buildings and in the development. We do not allow those. There is street landscaping that we require that does not exist here. We require a 25 foot setback on both road frontages and we do not allow parking to be in that 25 foot setback. We like the parking to be pushed back. Parking in this development is within that 25 foot setback. Daycares have to be on at least three acres in the Town. This daycare is on 1.9 acres. There are some things they probably comply with.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - Did anybody talk with them about changing their signage and adding landscaping?

Town Planner Cook - We have not talked with them about it. In some cases if they were repairing a sign they would be forced to do it.

Attorney Fox - If there was a change of a use - expansion of that nonconforming use, then they have to comply with the then existing zoning requirements.

Mr. Bill Price – This property has a concern for me because it was part of my relatives' farm. As a young boy growing up and as a young man visiting relatives in talking with them they did not discuss this. Weddington and Marvin existed at that time as communities. Communities in this area usually took on the name of a school, church or a prominent person in the community. In hearing relatives discuss this area they considered themselves part of Waxhaw and not Weddington and not Marvin. What is an identity? Has the Town of Weddington lost its identity? I think so. It has annexed areas around this area that were not considered part of Weddington. If you annex this area as a part of Weddington, you are going against the persons' interests that lived in this Town. It is time that the Town of Weddington stops the sprawl and looks after the residents it already has. Take care of them and not just a select few. All of Western Union County is not Weddington. Look after the people that you already have and do something for them.

Mr. Jerry McKee – We went through forced annexation and at the time Mr. Barry and myself had the conversation about people's right to be able to do what they would like to do. I do not know why anybody wants to be annexed into Weddington. They have a reason for it. You have the authority to approve or deny anyone's request for anything. You are the governing body of the Town of Weddington. I go down there quite a bit and spend my money. If they want to be in Weddington – let them come in and welcome them.

Ms. Marsha Mayhew – I am here on behalf of the applicant. We are the managing agent for New Town Market. We were sorry about the Planning Board's vote to recommend that you not accept us. We thought it was a win-win situation when we came in. Union County is dry. We have had interest from restaurants that would like to be able to offer sit down facilities but they want to offer wine and beer. Right now we have a good coffee shop, sandwich shops but we cannot go beyond that if we do not have alcohol sales. That is what is in it for us. We are willing to come into Weddington and pay whatever additional taxes are incurred. Your Land Use Plan does show it as commercial so to that extent we really did not anticipate that being a concern on the part of the Planning Board. That surprised us. It goes

without saying that there would be a tax benefit to your community. We are non-compliant. We were approved in Union County. We cannot undo that. There are things that can be adjusted. We understand that coming into Weddington at that point we comply with the Weddington guidelines. There is one building that is not yet built; it is designed to be a two-story office building. It would have to be set back further than the existing buildings do now. The parking is already in the interior and that would not encroach. Only the parking encroaches into the setbacks. In terms of signage, it is typically the tenant's responsibility along with the upfit of the interior. We would be happy to work with Weddington to look for signage that is more appropriate to the guidelines and phase new signage in. The landscaping is about half way of what it needs to be. You usually plan for it to mature within a 5 to 10 year period. We are about four to five years from that now. We would like to be considered part of your community.

With there being no further comments or questions, Mayor Davidson closed the public hearing.

B. Consideration of Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina – New Town Market Annexation. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to approve the petition for voluntary annexation request for New Town Market subject to the appropriate 60-day notice being provided to Marvin, Stallings and Charlotte as required in the annexation agreement and the effective date to be May 31, 2012. I challenge the audience to download the County's 2025 Land Use Plan. This entire area is subject to the County's zoning requirements and is zoned to be a commercial district the size of Cureton. One of the annexation objectives we had at the time was to begin to influence the development at that corner based on Weddington's M-X zoning versus the County's far more lenient zoning.

Councilmember Thomisser - My concern is the Planning Board's concern that this is a nonconforming commercial development. This is all about the serving of alcohol. I would support a sit down restaurant. This is one of the things Weddington wants. We had an opportunity to do that at the last Council meeting about a mile up the road; not only did we have an opportunity for a YMCA, land for a library and an opportunity to have restaurants but that was not what the Council was looking for at this particular time.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Hadley and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: Councilmembers Thomisser and Harrison

Mayor Davidson - We had a situation last year with the Spittle and Matthews properties. What happened with those properties? The reason it was changed was because it was next to commercial.

Town Planner Cook – The Land Use Plan was changed with those properties and they wanted future commercial.

Mayor Davidson - If we do this could that same argument be made for the adjacent properties because it is next to commercial?

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - According to our attorney, we have not set a precedent.

Attorney Fox - The reality is that a precedent does not bind this Council from future action. It does not require you or restrict you of your power.

Town Planner Cook - That property is currently designated business in our Land Use Plan. Those adjacent property owners have been beside business since 2002.

Mayor Davidson voted against the motion; therefore, the motion failed. Mayor Davidson cited that he was taking the advice of the Planning Board.

C. Public Hearing to Review Luminous/Lighted Signs Text Amendment. Mayor Davidson opened the public hearing to review the luminous/lighted signs text amendment. Town Planner Cook reviewed the proposed amendment with the Town Council:

Sec. 58-146. - Prohibited signs.

The following signs are expressly prohibited within all zoning districts, unless as otherwise specified in this chapter:

- (1) All off-premises signs, including directional signs and billboards. Such prohibition, however, shall not be applicable to temporary signs permitted by section 58-151
- (2) All portable signs, except as may otherwise be allowed by this chapter.
- (3) Flashing light signs (~~except signs which give time and temperature and other public information messages~~).
- (4) Any sign which the zoning administrator determines obstructs the view of bicyclists or motorists using any street, private driveway, approach to any street intersection, or which interferes with the effectiveness of or obscures any traffic sign, device or signal.
- (5) Luminous signs.
- (6) Any sign placed upon a traffic control sign, tree, or utility pole for any reason whatsoever.

Sec. 58-147. - General requirements.

- (a) Any lighted sign or lighting device shall be so oriented as not to cast light upon a public right-of-way so as to cause glare, intensity or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or a nuisance, or cast light upon adjacent property that may constitute a nuisance.
- (b) Lighted signs shall employ only devices emitting a light of constant intensity **and white color**, and no signs shall be illuminated by a flashing, intermittent, rotating or moving light.
- (c) No electric sign shall be so located with relation to pedestrian traffic as to permit such sign to be easily reached by any person. The bottom of such sign shall be located a minimum of ten feet above the grade immediately under said sign, if the sign is within 15 feet of the edge of the street right-of-way.
- (d) The area of a sign shall be measured by measuring one face of the entire sign including any border or trim and all of the elements of the matter displayed, but not including the base or apron, supports or other structural members. The area of a double face sign shall be the area of one face of the sign.
- (e) Nonconforming signs shall be subject to the provisions contained in section 58-112
- (f) Fencing, scoreboards, and structures in the athletic fields may be utilized for customary signs, and all such signs shall be directed solely towards users of the facility. Such individual signs, whether temporary or permanent, shall not exceed 32 square feet in size and shall be permitted by the zoning administrator in the manner of other permanent, attached (on-structure) signs under section 58-148, or temporary signs under section 58-151, without amendment to the conditional use permit or conditional zoning permit so long as compliance with all standards in this chapter are met

No one wished to speak in favor or against; therefore, Mayor Davidson closed the public hearing.

D. Consideration of Ordinance to Adopt Luminous/Lighted Signs Text Amendment. Councilwoman Harrison moved to adopt Ordinance O-2012-03:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 58-146 AND 58-147
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
O-2012-03**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON THAT SECTIONS 58-146 AND 58-147 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 58-146. - Prohibited signs.

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Adopted this 12th day of March, 2012.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

E. Public Hearing to Review Freestanding Ground Signs Height Text Amendment. Mayor Davidson opened the public hearing to review the freestanding ground signs height text amendment. Town Planner Cook reviewed the amendment with the Town Council:

Sec. 58-149. - Freestanding ground signs.

- (a) No **portion of any** freestanding ground sign shall be higher than 7 feet above grade as measured to the top of the sign.
- (b) No part of the sign including projections shall be located closer than 15 feet to any adjacent side lot line and shall not be located within five feet of the edge of the street right-of-way line.
- (c) All freestanding ground sign structures or poles shall be self-supporting structures erected on or set into and permanently attached to concrete foundations. Such structures or poles shall comply with the building codes of Union County and be affixed as not to create a public safety hazard.
- (d) The sign shall be located in a manner that does not impair traffic visibility.
- (e) Freestanding ground signs are permitted as long as the building or structure in which the activity is conducted is set back at least 30 feet from the street right-of-way.
- (f) The maximum sign area varies by type and use. Unless otherwise specified in the Ordinance, the maximum total sign area per side shall be 50 square feet and the total text area per side (including logos) shall be no greater than 20 square feet.

With there being no one wishing to speak regarding the text amendment, Mayor Davidson closed the public hearing.

F. Consideration of Ordinance to Adopt Freestanding Ground Signs Height Text Amendment. Councilwoman Hadley moved to adopt Ordinance O-2012-04:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 58-149
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
O-2012-04**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON THAT SECTION 58-149 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 58-149. - Freestanding ground signs.

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- (f) The maximum sign area varies by type and use. Unless otherwise specified in the Ordinance, the maximum total sign area per side shall be 50 square feet and the total text area per side (including logos) shall be no greater than 20 square feet.

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2012.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Council took a brief recess.

Item No. 9. Old Business.

A. Discussion and Possible Consideration of Fire Service in the Town of Weddington. Mayor Davidson – At the last Town Council meeting, we were told to go forward with investigating the Municipal Fire District. We had presentations from two different sides tonight. I talked with Kara Millonzi from the School of Government and the Town cannot create a Municipal Fire District. What we are allowed to do is municipal fire service. We have the authority to pull out of the fire districts that currently exist. The County would stop pulling the fire tax and fire fee from those houses. Then the Town has the authority to increase its general tax rate to cover the costs for fire service and make contracts with the provider for fire services.

Councilwoman Hadley - I think we have heard from both sides. I would like to assure everyone that we have been doing our due diligence and we have been involved. I have been peeling back the layers since last July. Having heard the two opposing sides, I think it is now time for the Town Council to put together what we know and what we have been working so hard on. I would like to see our Mayor put together bullet points on what we have found out and the direction we intend on going and put that information out to give to the people that think we are not doing our due diligence.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - At one time we discussed having a public forum. Is that what you are talking about?

Councilwoman Harrison - We have had our public forum and that is what we have done tonight. I am disappointed that there are people who think we have not done our job. I have read that fire study twice. I talked with seven fire chiefs and went to six stations and I have spent hours.

Councilmember Thomisser - It is my understanding that the Union County Fire Commission has intentions to have a public forum at Weddington High School to do exactly what you were talking about.

Councilwoman Harrison - I cannot force anyone to merge. What clout does the Fire Commission have? Can the fire commission force a merger? What new information are we going to be told?

Councilmember Thomisser - This is evolving. I feel that there is still more information to come. I have talked with the folks at Wesley Chapel VFD and they have said 3.2 cents is what it would take. I still do not have a tax number from Providence. I still do not know what the tax implications are if we went to a municipal fire department and that troubles me.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - Let me jump on that grenade. Two years ago I ran for the Weddington Town Council. The reality is at the end of the day elections have consequences. We are elected to lead. There is an absolute abject failure whether it is in the Town Hall or in Town Halls all over the country, county

courthouses and you can take it the rest of the way to Washington, DC for people to stand up and be accountable. I took the time today to run the math to get you your answer and played worst case scenario and it is 6 cents. That is 8 basis points more than you pay today if you are in the Wesley Chapel district and live in the Town of Weddington. On a \$400,000 house that is \$32.00. That means that this Town Council has been distracted for 14 months because the County Commission refuses to deal with this to talk about \$32.00. I think everybody in this room can agree that in the hundreds of thousands of dollars that we spend in time, and legal work, combined with the other resources we have allocated to that it is \$32.00. At the end of the day for a year every time I pick up the phone with somebody I go back to the conversation that I had when I flew back from a meeting in Washington, DC for the first merger discussions that happened in this room. I said, "Look guys, all I want to know is that you have three fire stations with apparatus and volunteers and you have 12,000 people that do not care as long as when they dial 911 a truck shows up – just figure it out." Well those two groups of people could not figure it out. The Town Council went back to the County Commission repeatedly to ask for their help and did not receive direction from the County any where on this. All of a sudden the municipal government says we are going to stand up and take control of the situation and the County Commission says, "Oh, no we want the ball back now." You forfeited the right. It is time for us to move on. I got the numbers and we are not going to get into it tonight. If you throw in the 2.2 cents on top of the 3 cents, we already collect in property taxes, we can pay the fees and it does not include the capital. I talked with Jack Parks today to talk about what it will cost to renovate or add on to that building and amortize it over 20 or 30 years at 5%. It is a nominal increase to the tax rate - 8 basis points - \$32.00. This goes away for \$32.00. With all due respect for the former State house member and talking about that \$32.00 is going to break the bank from somebody living in unincorporated Union County when we create a municipal fire district that is somebody else's problem. My problem is the 12,000 people that elected me or the 600 of the 12,000 that actually voted. As Greg Wyant said when he lost the race – I have a responsibility and obligation to represent all of those 12,000 people and all of their interests and I am going to make a lot of people mad tonight because I am not supportive of the merger because it is time for all of us together to recognize that we have to drill out the solution because the folks that were elected have failed to do it. The Town rates are currently being collected by the County through a variety of boards or fees from those boards and they are not subject to the public. I stand for election every four years. The majority of this board stands for election every two years on a rotating basis. You have the ability to cast a ballot and take control over the Town Council and set the direction and the tax policy of this Town. We have no ability to control what happens in your volunteer fire departments and I will debate that. I am a member of the Wesley Chapel District. I have never been notified as to when their meetings are and when they decided to build the new fire department I do not recall ever receiving communication about the fire department being built and being able to participate as a participant of the district in voting for my tax dollars to be used in that way. You as a citizen every other November get to go to the poles and decide how your tax policy in the Town is going to be determined and that is why I am making the decision that I make.

Mayor Davidson – You are suggesting the meeting tonight being our public forum. We had this mailer that went out. The presentation had a different tone than the mailer. This mailer is meant to get people out and active. They probably got the same yield as we did during the campaign. It is sort of frustrating. It says why you should support a merger and why you should oppose a municipal fire district. That is slanted in one way. At the bottom for the merger it says the estimated tax increase is negligible. It says the estimated tax increase for the municipal is unlimited. I can tell you that I can write something too and send it to everyone in Weddington and I can generate interest too. That is what I would like to do. We have been doing a lot of research. Werner wants a number and the public wants a number. What this thing is saying is I am scared of a horrible tax increase. How many of you showed up in 2008? There was a revaluation on the properties. The Town had a 3 cent tax rate. After the revaluation they could have done a revenue neutral rate of 1.9 cents. They did not. They kept it at 3 cents. That tax increase already took place and you never came. I would like to communicate with the public and we talked about a letter. How many newsletters do we have left to do? We could not do a newsletter format. Take the money that

we budgeted with that and do some type of communication with the public. I think this is more important than the newsletter. I want to go to the church at our next meeting and have this on the agenda as Discussion and Possible Consideration of Municipal Fire Service and let's talk about both sides and put the letter out before the next meeting.

Councilmember Thomisser – There is no question that fire service and medical services are important. I ran on a platform two years ago and I said that I would not raise taxes. Now all of a sudden this fire thing has been cast upon us and what I am trying to do is to have the best possible fire and medical service and coverage at the most cost effective price. I shudder when I see in the Charlotte Observer on January 9 the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville and Mint Hill – Mecklenburg County said that they are not going to subsidize these municipalities any more. They are going to make a decision by July 1 on what the tax will be and in the case of Cornelius it could be 4 ½ cents, Davidson could be 4 ½ cents, Huntersville could be 5 cents and Mint Hill could be 7 cents. We are already paying 3 cents property tax and do you want to add another 4 ½ cents to that or another 7 cents to that? I cannot justify that based on what I told the voters when I ran for office.

Councilwoman Harrison - I am not hearing those types of numbers. We have spent a lot of time looking at things. The only thing I think those fire stations had in common was they have paid full-time part-time firefighters during the day. Every one of them runs their station differently and not one would I say has a fault. I have seen men sleep on the floor and men who have a nice bed. I have seen where volunteers are paid something and some are paid nothing. When we talk about public safety that is what I am talking about. I want the best public safety that we can have. If it costs a little bit more - it costs a little bit more. Werner, you also ran that you would do no more new commercial yet you voted for 200 acres to go to commercial. I am not saying raise the tax rate to 10 cents. I think we have all looked at the numbers and know what we can live with. We will come up with something that we can make work for this Town and have the best service for this Town.

Councilmember Thomisser – We had an opportunity to bring a full service YMCA to Weddington which I felt was a quality of life issue. We had an opportunity to get land for a library. Close to 70% of people in Weddington said that they wanted a library. We had an opportunity get a park and walking trails for Weddington. You have to weigh that against what you are going to give up.

Councilwoman Hadley - I would not blink at going from 5.2 cents to 6 cents because of exactly just that. I do not want to give up 24/7 coverage and I would like to see Weddington come together for Weddington. I make a motion to have our Mayor put together a brochure/letter of information to share with the public and to put it together in a concise way to share.

Councilmember Thomisser – I think that is not a bad idea but I would like to do that after the meeting at the high school by the Fire Commission. These are the experts.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry volunteered to help Mayor Davidson with the letter.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Hadley and Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS:	Councilmember Thomisser

The next Town Council Meeting will be held April 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Weddington United Methodist Church.

Item No. 10. New Business.

A. Preliminary Discussions Regarding Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget. Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord reviewed the proposed budget with the Town Council. She stated, “If anyone wants different budget scenarios based on discussions that we have had tonight, I can prepare them. If you have any non-recurring one-time line items you would like to be included in the budget, we can add to the sheet. We will also have a budget training session at the retreat.”

Item No. 11. Update from Town Planner. The Town Council received the following update from Town Planner Cook:

- Construction of the NC 84 Weddington-Matthews Road Dual Lane Roundabout should begin this summer. NCDOT plans to begin construction as soon as schools are out. The Town will pay \$9,000 for conduit for irrigation and/or lighting and fill dirt in the roundabout. Sidewalks along Weddington Road, upgraded crosswalks and sign posts will not be upgraded by the Town. NCDOT has agreed to install dark (almost black) tint to the inside of the circle and a terra cotta color tint for the larger islands leading into and out of the circle.
- NCDOT plans to start construction of the Weddington Church Road relocation in March. All environmental permits have been approved and the construction contract will soon be awarded.
- The Town has received a petition for voluntary annexation of 6.177 acres located at the northwest corner of Providence Road and New Town Road. This area includes three commercial parcels with existing commercial uses. The Planning Board gave this annexation a unanimous unfavorable recommendation for a myriad of reasons highlighted in a separate memo.
- At their February 13th meeting the Town Council approved \$35,000 for additional median landscaping along Providence Road, Hemby Road and Rea Road. Councilman Thomisser, Councilwoman Harrison and I met with Union County Urban Forester David Grant on February 22nd to develop a plan. David Grant is currently working on a plan and would like to have the plants in the ground by May 15th at the latest.
- The following text amendments were on the February 27th Planning Board agenda. These text amendments may be on the April Town Council agenda. Town staff wishes to discuss these with the Town Attorney before proceeding.
 - Agritourism Definition
 - Agricultural Uses Definition
- The following items may be on the March 26th Planning Board agenda for discussion:
 - Shopping Center Signs Text Amendment
 - Produce Stand Definition
 - Farmers Market Definition
 - Any items discussed at the March 23rd Planning Retreat

Item No. 12. Update from Town Administrator/Clerk. The Town Council received the following update from Town Administrator/Clerk Amy McCollum:

The Weddington 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 31, 2012 from 2 to 4 p.m. here at the Town Hall. The rain date is April 1, 2012. Councilwoman Barbara Harrison and several members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have worked to receive numerous sponsors for this event.

We should receive copies of the 2012 Welcome Magazine by the end of the month.

The next Historic Tea is scheduled for May.

A Weddington Facebook page has been set up for the Town.

We are working on a letter to be sent to the USPS requesting a Weddington Zip Code.

The Weddington Spring Litter Sweep will be held April 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. here at the Town Hall.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- March 23, 2012 - Retreat at Firethorne Country Club beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Meet and Greet Reception Immediately Following Retreat
- March 26, 2012 - Planning Board Meeting
- March 29, 2012 - Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
- April 2, 2012 - Regular Town Council Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. (Moved from April 9)
- April 3, 2012 - Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting
- April 6, 2012 - Closed for Good Friday

Item No. 13. Public Safety Report.

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Providence VFD - The Town Council received the Income and Expense Budget Performance and Balance Sheet for February 2012.

Item No. 14. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector.

A. Finance Officer’s Report. The Town Council received the Revenue and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for 2/1/12 to 2/29/12.

B. Tax Collector’s Report.

Monthly Report – February 2012

Transactions:	
<\$5.00 Adjustments	\$(116.53)
2011 Interest Charges	\$348.24
Penalty and Interest Payments	\$(565.36)
Refunds	\$264.74
Releases	\$(1,545.29)
Overpayments	\$(104.62)
Taxes Collected:	
2011	\$(17,346.52)
2010	\$(608.86)
2009	\$(383.09)
2008	\$(376.27)
As of February 29, 2012; the following taxes remain Outstanding:	
2002	\$82.07
2003	\$160.16
2004	\$159.59
2005	\$291.65
2006	\$180.70

2007	\$200.32
2008	\$2,517.65
2009	\$3,291.45
2010	\$5,674.59
2011	\$28,366.54
Total Outstanding:	\$40,924.72

Item No. 15. Transportation Report. There was not a Transportation Report.

Item No. 16. Council Comments. There were no Council Comments.

Item No. 17. Adjournment. Councilwoman Harrison moved to adjourn the March 12, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting. 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 10:09 p.m.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The Town Council of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Regular Session at the Weddington UMC Helms Hall, 13901 Providence Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on April 2, 2012, with Mayor Walker F. Davidson presiding.

Present: Mayor Walker F. Davidson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry, Councilmembers Werner Thomisser, Pamela Hadley and Barbara Harrison, Town Attorney Anthony Fox, Town Planner Jordan Cook, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord and Town Administrator/Clerk Amy S. McCollum

Absent: None

Visitors: Judy Johnston, Bill Price, Bob Rapp, Bruce Johnston, Richard Sahlie, Genny Reid, Dave Ruths, David Basri, John Hatton, Andy Stallings, Elizabeth Johnson, Walt Hogan, Mike W., Silvano Ferrazzo, Anthony Burman, Samuel Elzie, James Searle, Richard Helms, Jerry Kocsis, Robert Wilbur, Ken Evans, Jack Parks, Jerry Fitzgerald, Jim Reichenbach, Margie Timmons, Nick Moore, Garrett Hamilton, John Houston, Scott Robinson, Curtis Blackwood, Matthew Delk, Jim Rushton, Joan Kocsis, Jan Sloop and J. David Sloop, Jr.

The meeting date for this meeting was changed from April 9, 2012 to April 2, 2012.

Councilwoman Barbara Harrison offered the Invocation prior to the opening of the Town Council Meeting.

Item No. 1. Call to Order. Mayor Walker F. Davidson called the April 2, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Davidson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item No. 3. Determination of Quorum. There was a quorum.

Item No. 4. Consider Setting Meeting End Time for 9:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry advised that at his request the Council originally voted to have a hard stop of 9:00 p.m. for tonight's meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Barry asked to remove this request to allow the Town Council to finish business tonight. By consensus, the Council agreed.

Item No. 5. Presentation from the Union County Fire Commission. Councilmember Werner Thomisser stated, "I put this on the agenda as a placeholder. I have received information that the Union County Fire Commission plans to meet on April 5 at the Weddington High School so I withdraw this agenda item."

Item No. 6. Public Comments. Mayor Davidson reviewed a fire district map that was shown on the screen. He stated, "This map is the fire district map that has been proposed. Area 1 is the area that is covered within Weddington by the Stallings VFD. Area 2 is currently covered by the Providence VFD. Area 3 is currently being covered by the Wesley Chapel VFD and is being proposed to be covered by Providence VFD. Area 4 is currently Wesley Chapel VFD and would remain Wesley Chapel VFD in this

plan and all four of those are in the Town of Weddington. Area 5 is the Wesley Chapel VFD area outside of Weddington.”

Mr. Jerry Kocsis – I live in Weddington. I am the President of the Wellington Woods II and III Homeowners’ Association which has 74 homeowners. I am also speaking on the authority as President of Wellington Woods I which has approximately 30 homeowners. I am from Area 1 and we are covered by Stallings VFD. I have lived at the same address since 1980. I am here to speak on the fire coverage issue. Obviously, the Providence VFD has been headed for financial trouble for several years. Part of the problem is associated with the fact that the fire department was committed to giving coverage for Mecklenburg County and a large portion of their revenue flow came from Mecklenburg County. As Charlotte grew they took over property and provided fire protection to that area and therefore Providence began to lose revenue. As a basis for that, I think actions should have been taken a long time ago by that fire department and Union County. The drop in revenue is a serious consideration for that fire department. They are looking for Weddington to make up for that profit and everything that I know about the process to date and the current plan being considered, I believe the tail is wagging the dog. I believe this decision can be a political decision based on promises made in elections. Your decision should be based upon what is the best for Weddington and not what is best for the Providence Fire Department and not by those people that are covered by the Providence VFD but what is best for all of Weddington.

Mr. Jerry Fitzgerald – I live in Area 3. I have been empowered tonight by my HOA in the absence of our President to speak for our HOA. First of all we would like to thank this Council for their sincere effort to be objective to fact find to support the wishes of this constituency. Ms. Hadley and Ms. Harrison - you have done a terrific job in looking at all of the facts and gathering all of the information. You have spent hundreds of hours analyzing the information and we are grateful. Councilmember Barry I have to say you have been the numbers checker. You have done the analysis on it and you will see the wishes of the constituency and the justification of the municipal fire district is the direction to go. Mayor, I have to commend you on the letter that was sent out to the residents of Weddington. You did an outstanding job of explaining where we are, what the costs are and you obviously have done a lot of research and are well qualified to make this assessment. Thank you for your effort. We support the establishment of a municipal fire district and I trust that is where we will go.

Ms. Margie Timmons – I appreciate the dilemma that you have. We are currently in the Wesley Chapel VFD area and we have been very pleased with them. My husband was one of the people instrumental in initiating that fire department many years ago. He never was a fireman. He served on the board and he did the electrical work in their first building. They have fundraisers to raise more money, they have two new buildings there now and they continue to do a good job. My husband and I are opposed to the formation of a municipal fire department and I saw your figures on the taxes. I feel sure it is going to be a whole lot more than that. You are going to have to hire people. You are going to have liability issues. I think this is going to be a very big burden on the people of Weddington and I think it is going to take a lot more tax money than what was listed in this letter. I also take issue with the paragraph where you say those who participated in the 2011 Weddington Election chose candidates who supported a move to a municipal fire service. That issue was not on the ballot. I disagree with some of my best friends. That does not mean just because they are my friend that I agree with everything they say and do.

Ms. Genny Reid – I am in favor of the fire district and I want to thank the Mayor for spending the time that he has and the interest that he has put in it as well as Councilwomen Hadley and Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry. I have some petitions (*Attached as an Exhibit*) that I have gathered from people that want a fire district and I want to give that to you.

Mr. David Basri – I live in the Lake Providence Subdivision in Area 3. My position is well known and documented but Mayor your letter was well written and I want to thank you for putting it out. It probably

should have happened in February but thank you for putting it out. I think the 5.2 cents may be a little optimistic but I would not disagree with it on the other side.

Mr. Curtis Blackwood – I have several pieces of property that were forced into Weddington several years ago. I get to pay twice for the services that I was getting in the County and again for what was put on me from Weddington. I have been in the Wesley Chapel VFD area for 20 to 25 years and I have been very satisfied with what they have done. They have delivered an excellent product at an extremely reasonable rate. You have different levels of government and different government entities and the volunteer fire departments are a separate entity of government. Quite frankly without the gracious consent to do a contract with Weddington, the town would not have existed because they had to go to the volunteer fire departments to get them to provide service. The Town was started to keep Charlotte from coming over here and forcibly taking this area into Charlotte. I would hope that you would back off and look at this because Providence VFD has another option that is extremely viable. My personal opinion has long been to have a tax. That was wiped out this year after I negotiated and got it into State law a couple of years ago. The people at the Providence VFD are perfectly capable of having the fire department write a letter requesting contributions from the people in addition to that money. A \$100 fee is very low for some of the houses in there that are being covered. When we were forced in, I understand that 60% of our property tax went to pay for services that went to Providence VFD and not to the people that had been put in Weddington. I have a real problem with the cost shifting that has gone on. I hope that you will go back and look and let the volunteer fire departments work this out rather than inserting Weddington into the middle of a volunteer fire department problem. Providence has known for years that this was coming.

Mr. Andy Stallings – I live in Lake Providence. What I am concerned about more than anything is the cost. You talk about \$600,000 in improvements and a fire truck alone is \$1,000,000 for a full service rescue truck. I know that it costs \$2,500 a piece to outfit a fireman. It is a ton of money. That is my main concern. Wesley Chapel VFD is going to have to be paid in addition to this to cover the areas that we need and Stallings still at a rate that they want to charge. I do not think you have any control over that. Another issue that has been a big point is the 24/7 coverage that Providence is providing and that is fine but I do not think it has been discussed why they have to have 24/7 coverage there. It is because there are no firemen in the district. We have not seen a map where the firemen live. I know there was a call the other night - they had two calls in a row and Wesley Chapel VFD had to cover one of them because there are only three people. Those are my concerns.

Ms. Judy Johnston – I live in Area 2 and I have been heavily involved with this issue since June 13, 2011 when the former Council declined to include money in the budget for expansion for Providence and renovations to that building as well as some money to go toward the employee salaries that were needed to continue operations. Since then a lot has happened and what I sense here is there is a lot of miscommunication about terminology despite all of the information that has been put in the papers, put in the press and put out to the public in all kinds of different ways and presented here for 14 months. We have gone around and around for 14 months and I want to thank each one of you for the due diligence and hard work and all of the exploration that you have done in so many various ways. You bring to the table individual talents that I am just so impressed with and I think that we have a brilliant team on the Council and I respect whatever vote you come up with tonight. It is time right now to take action and I hope that you will take advantage of that and do something tonight.

Ms. Elizabeth Johnson – I understand that this was an area that was annexed into the Town of Weddington just a few months before we purchased our home. We had an occasion to have the services from the fire departments and Providence VFD and Wesley Chapel VFD arrived at our driveway at the same time. In May of last year we had a lighting strike. They both arrived at the same time. Wesley Chapel VFD took care of our fire and Providence responded to another one at the same time. They were lightning fires. They did a fantastic job and they knocked down the fire in seven minutes with a lot of gallons of water.

Those guys were our heroes. I would like to echo the concerns already expressed this evening regarding the costs. It seems inevitable that the costs will increase. I think the fire departments do a good job of managing themselves and in the County the way that they are now. I am looking forward to hearing from the fire fighters themselves on the issue. We have a system that is not broke and we should not fix it.

Mr. Walt Hogan – I have still not heard a business case for doing this. I have heard that this is going to cost \$37.00 but I have not heard anything beyond that. For instance, this will be a contract with the Town and each department would have to be contracted. Will the people that will be working the fire department, are they going to be employees of the Town and has the cost with all that been assessed? Who is going to provide the financial oversight of this department and cost control methodologies? I believe there is a path to do this legally but I do know that anyone has been shown that path or the timeline with creating this district. If this is done, at the end of the day effectively there is no difference in the fire coverage. We have heard from many people that say all three fire houses are identical in their response and their capabilities. I believe that Providence VFD needs a few EMTs. We are going to end up paying a lot of money and we would not have changed anything as far as coverage and public safety.

Mr. Silvano Ferrazzo - I live in Area 2. First of all I would like to thank the Council for the excellent work and the Mayor for the letter that was sent. It was the first piece of rational information that we have seen that has not had a huge slant one way or the other. It is not perfect and nothing is but it was nice to see a piece of information to figure out what we are looking at. Yes, costs are probably going to go up. What has not been discussed is that Wesley Chapel VFD has a brand new fire house that needs to be paid for and those costs are going to be put on the citizens of the community. Inevitably no matter what we do costs are going to go up. If we do nothing, Providence VFD as it stands will possibly close. If we do nothing, coverage will change and our safety will change. I love having 24/7 coverage and if we do nothing that coverage could potentially go away. I think the establishment of the Municipal Fire District would increase service. Thank you for all your diligence. The letter and work that has been done have helped to restore the entire outlook of Council.

Mr. Mike W. – I live in Lake Providence. We have three fire departments that service the Town of Weddington and have backup coverage in case there are multiple incidences. I do not see why we would need to go to one municipal fire department. There are a lot of unexpected costs such as the updating of the fire department and replacing equipment. I think it is better handled at the county level where it is all combined.

Item No. 7. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda. Councilmember Thomisser – I would like a clarification from Attorney Fox on Agenda Item 10A. On March 5, the Union County Board of Commissioners Agenda Item #5 addressed Weddington’s fire service. They voted unanimously 5 to 0 to direct staff to work with the Fire Commission and to provide information and to obtain public input regarding fire service in Weddington. I would like to think that the Union County Board of Commissioners are a higher authority than the municipality. Subsequent to that the Union County Fire Commission met on March 12 and part of their agenda was to discuss a motion from the Board of Commissioners regarding Weddington’s fire service. On Thursday of this week at the Weddington High School, the Union County Fire Commission is meeting to discuss fire service in Weddington and to gather public comment. How can we vote on something when a higher authority in the County has directed the Fire Commission to gather information on Thursday?

Attorney Fox – The County like the Town is a political subdivision of the State. The County does not enjoy power over the Town. Even though the County may have taken one position, it does not require adherence to by this body. The second issue is that you have not gotten to a vote yet. You do not know if there is going to be a vote to arise out of the meeting. The County does not have superiority over this

board so it does not dictate what this board can or cannot do. The agenda item is an appropriate item on this agenda and the item can stay on the agenda.

Councilmember Thomisser asked to eliminate the words “possible consideration” under that agenda item.

Mayor Davidson asked for any deletions or additions to the agenda.

Councilwoman Pam Hadley moved to delete the following item from the agenda:

Item No. 11.A. Discuss and Consider Calling for a Referendum Regarding Municipal Fire Service in Weddington – Councilmember Werner Thomisser.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: Councilmember Thomisser

Councilwoman Hadley moved to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS: Councilmember Thomisser

Item No. 8. Approval of Minutes.

A. March 8, 2012 Special Town Council Work Session. Councilwoman Barbara Harrison moved to approve the March 8, 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. March 23, 2012 Special Town Council Retreat. Councilwoman Harrison moved to approve the March 23, 2012 Special Town Council Retreat minutes. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Item No. 9. Consent Agenda.

A. Consideration of Proclamation Proclaiming April as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to approve Proclamation P-2012-02:

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
APRIL 2012
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION &
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION
P-2012-02**

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect, and sexual violence is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life of our community;

WHEREAS, Union County Department of Social Services accepted 1,441 reports of child abuse representing over 4,275 children in 2011;

WHEREAS, more than 800 victims and family members were served through United Family Services' Victim Advocacy and Clinical Services during FY2011;

WHEREAS, 97% of the children served by the Tree House Children's Advocacy Center were sexually abused by a trusted relative or other known person and 24% of the children served were sexually abused by other children in FY2011;

WHEREAS, 87% of sexual assault victims were under the age of 19; 68% of children served were under the age of 13; 26% were under the age of 5.

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only cause immediate harm to children, but are also proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems, and risky behavior thereby increasing the cost of community support services;

WHEREAS, all citizens should be protected from sexual and physical violence;

WHEREAS, United Family Services' Victim Advocacy and Clinical Services programs exists because of partnerships created among social service and healthcare agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and supportive members of Union County;

THEREFORE, I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM April as Child Abuse Prevention & Sexual Assault Awareness Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing & reporting child abuse and sexual violence thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2012.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

B. Call for Public Hearing to Review and Consider Shopping Center Signs Text Amendment (Public Hearing to be Held May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall). The Town Council received a copy of the proposed text amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to call for a public hearing to review and consider shopping center signs text amendment. The public hearing is to be held May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

C. Call for Public Hearing to Review and Consider Temporary Use Permit Banners Text Amendment (Public Hearing to be Held May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall). The Town Council received a copy of the proposed text amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to call for a public hearing to review and consider the temporary use permit banners text amendment. The public

hearing is to be held May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

D. Consideration of Release of Road Maintenance Money for Gardens on Providence. The Town Council received a copy of the following memo from Town Administrator/Clerk Amy McCollum and a copy of the letter from NCDOT:

The Town is currently holding \$1,608.75 in road maintenance money for Blickling Drive in the Gardens on Providence Subdivision. Attached is a letter from NCDOT stating that Blickling Drive has been added to the State Maintained System. Please consider releasing the road maintenance bond for Blickling Drive in the Gardens on Providence Subdivision.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to release the road maintenance money for Gardens on Providence. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

E. Consideration of Release of Road Maintenance Bond for Lake Forest Preserve – Phase IA and IB. The Town Council received a copy of the following memo from Town Administrator/Clerk McCollum and a copy of the letter from NCDOT:

The Town is currently holding a road maintenance bond in the amount of \$42,819.36 for the Lake Forest Preserve Subdivision – Phases IA and IB. Please see the attached letter from NCDOT advising that these roads have been added to the State maintained road system. Please consider releasing the road maintenance bond for the Lake Forest Preserve Subdivision, Phases IA and IB.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Item No. 10. Old Business.

A. Discussion and Possible Consideration of a Municipal Fire Service Model in the Town of Weddington. Mayor Davidson – We have talked about fire service since January and it was talked about before then. The most recent action that we took was to send a letter to clarify and give a better description of the process. I do agree that sending out the letter earlier would have been better. The first action the prior Council took was to ask the County Commission to move the lines to include Area 2 and 3 together. That was given to the Fire Commission with no answer. I think a letter was sent to the County Commission from the Town and there was never an answer. A timeline was given by one of the County Commissioners a couple of meetings ago of 13 months of trying to get something done and if anything we have gotten some people’s attention. Nothing was done. We are looking at this municipal fire service model. Those of you that believe that the municipal fire service model is a good way to go, I want to tell you that it is not that easy. You just do not go and do it and for those of you that think we are going to do a municipal fire service model at any cost, we are not going to do that either. There are different levels that we are looking at – Plans A, B and C. I would like to try Plan A. It is cost effective. The service works, the maps looks good but it is still not easy to do. We have heard some concerns about the costs and the service level. This is not a municipal fire department. It is not Town employees. We would simply

take the role that the County has right now to be able to redraw lines in the Town of Weddington and contract with the fire departments in that service area. The fire departments are independent entities. They are not government agencies. To me they are more like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. They can do what they want to do and they have a monopoly on the territory and you have to deal with them. This is not new to Weddington and not new to North Carolina. This is a problem in a lot of communities. When you pick up the headlines one of the outcomes that you see frequently is fire stations going out of business.

Councilmember Thomisser - For those of you in the audience that are in the Wesley Chapel VFD Fire District - my question is are you happy with the Wesley Chapel VFD and the EMT services? This map over here shows that there are 38 EMT people either living in Weddington or are on the outskirts of Weddington. If you look at the green area, there is no red circle so one would have to surmise that at any given time there is only one EMT or possibly two EMTs that are paid that are in the Providence VFD Fire Department. The Wesley Chapel VFD has said 3.1 cents per \$100. We have not gotten a definite number although you did a great job on that letter Mayor, is it 2.2 cents or 5.2 cents? My point is you can take 3.1 cents to the bank. Mecklenburg County is proposing to establish five fire districts. The fire tax is going to run anywhere from 4.5 cents to 7 cents. Are you willing to pay 7 cents a \$100 for fire service when we have a fire department that covers 75% of Weddington that has said we will cover it for 3.1 cents? We still have not received a number. It ranges from 2.2 cents to 4 cents, to 5 cents. How can we vote on something that we do not know what the tax is going to be? In yesterday's Enquirer-Journal, the Monroe Fire Department is going to reduce their budget by 17%. Monroe has a population of 30,000 and Weddington has a population of 10,000. The budget this year for Monroe was 7 million dollars. If you want to do the math the budget for Weddington would be 2.5 million dollars. In 2013 if they did reduce it by 17% in their proposed budget it would be 2 million dollars. Are the people of Weddington ready to spend that kind of money for fire coverage? I do not think so. There has been a lot of talk about response times. In the event of a structural fire, we all know that both departments are called. Let's just assume that Providence gets there first. They have three people on duty. They get to the fire and they cannot go in the house to save somebody because the National Fire Association has a rule of two men in and two men out. Providence has to wait for Wesley Chapel VFD to come to the fire. Let's talk about the 2011 total number of calls - structural fires, medical calls - the response time for Providence was 8 minutes and 27 seconds. If you are going to double the size of the Providence VFD area, what kind of response time are you going to have? It is not going to be 8 minutes and 27 seconds because you have to go a further distance to get there. Talking about the Mayor's letter - it was based on a tax valuation of a \$400,000 house. Forty-three percent of the houses in Weddington are over \$400,000. Were the numbers in that letter overly optimistic? It is going to cost a lot more because we have more expensive houses in Weddington. What will it cost to run the fire department for a whole year? I am looking at numbers here close to \$900,000 paying Providence, Stallings and Wesley Chapel VFD. Is this a good way to go about it? I do not think so. Finally, we have a fire department that is covering 75% of the Town. It is the most cost effective way. They have 38 EMT people, they have a model set up where they have daily coverage. They have EMT people living in Weddington and its gets Weddington out of funding the emergency services business. As I stated before, if you want your taxes to go up to 7 cents per \$100 or even 5 cents per \$100 - then think twice. A merger is the most effective way to go.

Councilwoman Harrison - I have gone to multiple fire companies and every one of them has volunteers. When I look at how volunteers are recruited - I really like Waxhaw's process. Two years ago the Weddington Town Council had a presentation from the Council on Aging in Monroe. I was sitting in the audience and I was very interested in that presentation because it talked about 41% of Weddington is over the age of 60. Waxhaw has a mean average age of 32, Wesley Chapel - 33 and Stallings has a younger age where you can get volunteers. Look around and look at the people in this room. How many of us over the age of 60 could don all of the outfits and be effective? There are many people that are EMTs in every fire department. To say that only three people show up is really a false statement. I got to see a schedule for Wesley Chapel VFD and it was in November and their driver was 80 years old. I am not sure how

much he would do other than drive. There are a lot of grants out there and a lot of grants that help firefighters. It is not easy to write a grant. I am now signed up to be on several of these websites. There are grants out there that help every fire company. Most of the trucks at the Beaver Lane VFD were gotten by grants. We know that can happen. Not easy but it can happen. I want to clarify that we have volunteers in all of the stations. I never heard from one fire chief that said they did not have volunteers. It does not mean that they all going to be at one given area. I do not want people to think that if you are in the Providence District you are only going to have three people showing up. That is not true. I think that every fire company makes an effort to have many people show up whether it is fire or medical call.

Councilwoman Hadley – I wanted to speak regarding the volunteer issues as well. I told Wesley Chapel VFD that their model worked wonderfully because they are fortunate to have the volunteers that they have. Unfortunately for Weddington, firemen cannot afford to live here. Their model works well for them but it does not work well for us in my opinion. I would also like to ask if you are aware that there are two lots in Steeplechase that are part of the Wesley Chapel VFD and they are paying 2.2 cents and the other homes are paying the \$100 fee. Wesley Chapel VFD has to drive through Providence's district to get to those two lots. The back end of Highgate is in Wesley Chapel VFD's district. Once again Wesley Chapel has to come through Providence's District to get to those homes. Those homes are paying 2.2 cents and the other homes are paying \$100 per household. Multi-million dollar homes are paying \$100 and a home worth half of that is paying almost twice that. That is not fair. Tell me why the fire study suggested that the Providence area be expanded 1.5 miles in all directions from the station. That was two years ago. It has not been done. It is not Wesley Chapel VFD's fault they cannot get there soon enough but they are the only ones called for a medical call for homes that are a quarter of a mile away from Providence. That is not fair. The response times are not fair. The difference in the tax rates is not fair. We have gone from one step to another. In my opinion the best step for all the citizens of Weddington is to do a Municipal Fire Service area – not a district.

Mayor Davidson – A municipal fire district cannot be created by the Town. What that would mean is you would actually have a fire tax within the Town. This model simply says that we are within three fire districts and we would remove ourselves from those districts and would apply to the Department of Insurance for a rating for the whole Town. We would have a primary area/central location which would be Providence and we would contract for those areas with the other fire stations that Providence cannot meet the five mile rule or more preferably we would try to keep the houses that are closest to the fire stations serviced by those fire stations. This is what this map was drawn up for. That is the difference and the distinction here. There are no absolute statements in this process. It is confusing – you have tax districts, fee districts, there are a lot of rules with the Department of Insurance and we have done everything that we can to understand how to do this without jeopardizing insurance rates and keeping the taxes low and to try to simply do this map that we asked the County to do about a year ago.

Councilwoman Hadley - With a district you set up a department to where you are paying the salaries and you are responsible for the worker's compensation and you are responsible for the 401K and all of the personnel. That is not what we are talking about. The only difference is that the money would go to the fire departments from the Town of Weddington as opposed to from the County. We presently have a 3 cents tax rate for Weddington. That is what you pay for your personal property tax for Weddington. We pay three cents for Weddington taxes and 2.2 cents for fire service because most of us are currently in the Wesley Chapel district. We are paying a total of 5.2 cents with our Weddington taxes and our fire tax combined. I want to read to you the tax rates for other areas: Fairview – 4.76 cents, Hemby Bridge - 4.7 cents, Indian Trail - 4.28 cents, Lake Park – 4.7 cents, Stallings - 4.28 cents and Mineral Springs - 3 cents. We are the second highest income per capita in Union County. I did the math on my home today and if I went from 5.2 cents total Town and fire to 6 cents it would be \$3.67 a month. We have been underpaying for our service. The fire departments have had to increase the type of apparatus that they have to cover the 10,000 square foot, three story homes that we are building in Weddington. They have had to get bigger

trucks with taller ladders and they have been spending all this money while we have been paying our little 2.2 cents. When you look across the State, this makes you appreciate what you have and what good fire departments we do have surrounding us. I want you to take that into consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - Walker and I spent a couple of days yelling at each other with a 12 key calculator as we worked on these numbers. It was interesting to me as we were creating a fire service model the impact that it would have on the budget. Because I believed that it was going to be much more substantial than it turned out to actually be. Werner mentioned the 3.1 cent tax rate and 2 million dollars. The Town is not spending 2 million dollars on fire service and I do not know where this 3.1 cents tax rate is coming from. I asked to prepare a budget that included paying what I considered the worst case scenario – operating costs for the current fire delivery system based on the residents of Weddington. That would be the \$240,000 that Wesley Chapel taxes inside the Town of Weddington, the compensation that Stallings receives from inside the Town and Providence’s stipends plus their operating costs in the Town of Weddington. When you add all of that up it was within \$19,000 of 5.2 cents – the current property tax of 3 cents plus 2.2 cents which was being charged to the clear majority of the households in Weddington. I found out over the weekend that Wesley Chapel VFD is working on their budget right now at 2.4 cents. In addition they are asking each municipality for \$40,000 to supplement their budget which is an additional \$120,000. The costs for Wesley Chapel VFD are going up and would be subsidized by Marvin, Wesley Chapel and Weddington, if we agree to participate, by another \$120,000. By creating a municipal service district like we are talking about doing we are allowing the citizens to make that determination. How many folks in this room showed up this year to elect the officers at their volunteer fire department? Only three people raised their hands. What happens in a volunteer fire department model, they take your money, they tax you and they deliver a service and buy equipment and property. But once they own that property, they do not turn it back over to you when they are done with it. There are restrictions on that property. It can only be used by other charities or other fire companies. We are giving the authority to somebody else to tax, to take your property and then you have no recourse. There were only three people in this room that participated in that process. When we create a municipal fire district, you get to participate in that process every two years because a majority of this board is up for reelection and you will determine the fire service model in this Town and what is going to be delivered and what the expectations are. We will contract with the service provider and the service providers are still Stallings, Wesley Chapel and Providence VFD as long as they are within those five mile loops and that is the big key to all this. I move the following:

The Town Council move forward with the implementation of a Municipal Fire Service model contingent upon the following:

- The Town has service contracts in place with the necessary fire service providers required to meet the 5-mile rule for insurance purposes.
- The Town Attorney can verify that the automatic aid portion of the Union County contracts is not voided by the implementation of a Municipal Fire Service model.

Upon the completion of these two tasks the Town will:

- Submit to Union County the Joint Resolution between the Town of Weddington and Union County to withdraw the Town of Weddington’s consent to the inclusion of its incorporated territory with the Providence, Stallings, and Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department districts.
- Submit a Resolution for approval of municipal insurance district boundaries to the North Carolina Department of Insurance

Councilmember Thomisser - With all due respect to Councilwoman Hadley, Hemby Bridge has a zero property tax rate - she used 4.6 cents which is a fire tax for Hemby Bridge. That gives you some idea of

what we were talking about. You pointed out that part of Highgate pays \$100 and the other part pays 2.2 cents but as far as I know everyone is happy with their fire service and that is exactly why we should merge and have 3.1 cents for the entire Town. I want to make it clear that I am aware that we have a 3 cent property tax but what I am talking about is beyond the 3 cents. If it takes 4.6 cents in Hemby Bridge, the people in Weddington are going to be paying 7.6 cents. You add the property tax to the fire tax. It is going to be expensive. The numbers that the Mayor put together only cover the operating costs. Nothing has been said about the capital improvements. Providence has said it is going to cost them 1 million dollars to renovate their fire house and possibly the purchase of a fire truck in 2014 for \$400,000. They are not telling you that. They should be telling the citizens of Weddington that it is not 5.2 cents or whatever the number is, it is a 3 cents property tax and it is 4.5 cents fire tax or 7 cents fire tax. You are going to be paying a whole lot more tax and you do not have to do that if these two departments merge and you would be paying 3.1 cents.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - You are saying the merged fire company is going to charge a fire tax of 3.1 cents on top of the 3 cents residents pay for property tax. A merged fire company is going to cost 6.1 cents. A municipal fire district is going to cost, based on my numbers, 5.2 cents. He is absolutely correct about capital expenses. Wesley Chapel VFD built a new fire station and that station is going to have to be paid for. If the number is right, they are going to be increasing their tax rate to 2.4 cents this year and that number will continue to go up as the operating costs of having a building of that size comes on line. It is just a matter of fact. I had a conversation with Jack Parks a year ago when they showed up and they needed to renovate the building – the reason they were coming to Weddington was they did not have the revenue that they could borrow against so they could do it themselves. Then they enter into a contract with the Town of Weddington that we will be paying for their service which is more than \$100 per house and they will have a revenue stream that they then can borrow against. Wesley Chapel's is going to go up too because all of this structure and equipment. We have underpaid in Western Union County for fire service for years. What we are trying to do is have the elected officials regularly make that decision and you get to go to the ballot box and make that decision.

Councilmember Thomisser – What about the revaluation? We could not sell the houses for what it is assessed at?

Mayor Pro Tem Barry – The Mayor knows what we are overvalued at right now.

Mayor Davidson – I would estimate \$600,000 in property taxes.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - So our houses are overvalued by 20%.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Hadley, Harrison and Mayor Pro Tem Barry
NAYS:	Councilmember Thomisser

The Council took a brief recess.

Item No. 11. New Business.

A. Discuss and Consider Calling for a Referendum Regarding Municipal Fire Service in Weddington – Councilmember Werner Thomisser. This item was removed from the agenda.

Item No. 12. Update from Town Planner. The Town Council received the following update memo from Town Planner Jordan Cook and a copy of the NCDOT Right-of-Way Map:

- Construction of the NC 84 Weddington-Matthews Road Dual Lane Roundabout should begin this summer. NCDOT plans to begin construction as soon as schools are out. NCDOT has asked the Town to donate approximately 8,080 square feet (0.18 acres) for the roundabout. 6,485 square feet of that will be utility right-of-way while 1,595 square feet will be road right-of-way along Weddington-Matthews Road. NCDOT will also need 7,020 square feet of right-of-way for a temporary construction easement. This land will not need to be donated. The right-of-way map with figures is attached.
- NCDOT plans to start construction of the Weddington Church Road relocation in March. All environmental permits have been approved and the construction contract will soon be awarded. I will have an update on this project next week.
- At their February 13th meeting the Town Council approved \$35,000 for additional median landscaping along Providence Road, Hemby Road and Rea Road. Councilman Thomisser, Councilwoman Harrison and I met with Union County Urban Forester David Grant on February 22nd to develop a plan. Councilman Thomisser, Councilwoman Harrison and I plan to meet next week to discuss the landscaping plan that David has prepared.
- The Agritourism and Agricultural Use Definition text amendments were on the February 27th Planning Board agenda (both received a favorable recommendation). These text amendments may be on the May 14th Town Council agenda. Town staff wishes to discuss these with the Town Attorney before proceeding.
- I will be sending the Town Council the 2002, 2006 and 2007 Town surveys. This was discussed at the Planning Retreat during the Land Use Plan update conversation.
- The following items were on the March 26th Planning Board agenda:
 - Shopping Center Signs Text Amendment
 - Temporary Use Banners Text Amendment
 - Both items received a unanimous favorable recommendation
- The following items will be on the April 23rd Planning Board agenda for discussion:
 - DrumStrong Temporary Use Permit for the May 19-20 event-Planning Board makes final determination of Temporary Use Permits.
 - Subdivision Construction Sales Signs

Mayor Pro Tem Barry asked Town Planner Cook to receive a status update on the environmental study for Rea Road.

Item No. 13. Update from Town Administrator/Clerk. The Town Council received a copy of the following memo from Town Administrator/Clerk McCollum:

The Weddington 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday. A report on this event will be given at the May Town Council Meeting.

We have received the 2012 Welcome Magazine and copies are available at the Town Hall and on the website.

I have provided a list of ordinances to Captain Cody Luke with the Union County Sheriff's Office for their review. These are the ordinances that the Town expects the Town Deputies to enforce and also the zone deputies to be familiar with.

The Town of Weddington Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is seeking volunteers to participate in The Spring 2012 Litter Sweep Campaign. Litter Sweep is a statewide roadside litter cleanup drive sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). This local effort is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Interested volunteers and community groups are asked to meet at

the Weddington Town Hall, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104. Trash bags and orange safety vests will be provided. Bring your own gloves.

The Town called a letter of credit in the amount of \$149,155.40 for the Devonridge Subdivision. Staff will work with Union County Public Works and the Town’s engineer on the remaining items that need to be completed.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- April 3, 2012 - Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- April 5, 2012 - Possible Quorum of the Town Council/UC Fire Commission Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- April 6, 2012 - Closed for Good Friday
- April 16, 2012 - Special Meeting of the Town Council at 5:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall
- April 23, 2012 - Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
- May 17, 2012 - Historic Tea

Item No. 14. Public Safety Report.

Weddington Deputies – 33 Incident Reports and 566 Calls

Wesley Chapel VFD (Partial List) – 69 calls

Providence VFD – The Town Council received the Income and Expense Budget Performance and Balance Sheet for March 2012.

Item No. 15. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector.

A. Finance Officer’s Report. The Town Council received a copy of the following: Revenue and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for 3/1/2012 to 3/31/2012, the Preliminary Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 showing different tax rate scenarios and a worksheet showing potential non-operating expenditures.

B. Tax Collector’s Report. Monthly Report – March 2012

Transactions:	
<\$5.00 Adjustments	\$(23.36)
2011 Interest Charges	\$212.66
Penalty and Interest Payments	\$(202.22)
Releases	\$(304.42)
Overpayments	\$(.30)
Taxes Collected:	
2011	\$(8,259.39)
2010	\$(12.74)
2009	\$(8.31)
As of March 31, 2012; the following taxes remain Outstanding:	
2002	\$82.07
2003	\$160.16
2004	\$159.59

2005	\$291.65
2006	\$169.79
2007	\$188.41
2008	\$2,311.99
2009	\$3,262.45
2010	\$5,630.01
2011	\$20,070.52
Total Outstanding:	\$32,326.64

Item No. 16. Transportation Report. There was no Transportation Report.

Item No. 17. Council Comments. Councilmember Thomisser thanked Councilwoman Harrison on her hard work for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry advised the Council of an upcoming meeting he has scheduled with the YMCA.

Councilwoman Harrison – I want to thank the 19 vendors that sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt. It enabled us to have a wonderful event for a minimal amount of money being spent. We will be sending a letter to the newspapers identifying all of the sponsors.

Councilwoman Hadley – I wanted to thank you as well for your work. You can go to my Facebook page to see the pictures from the event. Thank you for a job well done. The support from the vendors and businesses was incredible.

Mayor Davidson thanked Councilwoman Harrison and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their hard work on the event.

Item No. 18. Adjournment. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to adjourn the April 2, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting. 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 7:45 p.m.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012 - 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The Town Council of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Special Session at the Town Hall Council Chambers, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on April 16, 2012, with Mayor Walker F. Davidson presiding.

Present: Mayor Walker F. Davidson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry (Arrived at 5:12 p.m.), Councilmembers Pamela Hadley and Barbara Harrison, Town Attorney Anthony Fox, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord and Town Administrator/Clerk Amy S. McCollum

Absent: Councilmember Werner Thomisser

Visitors: James Rushton, Bill Price, Genny Reid, James Kubach, Judy Johnston, Ken Evans, Richard Sahlie, Dave Ruths and Bob Rapp

Item No. 1. Call to Order. Mayor Walker F. Davidson called the April 16, 2012 Special Town Council Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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

Item No. 3. Discussion and Possible Consideration of Next Steps regarding the Municipal Fire Service Model in the Town of Weddington. Mayor Davidson - I would like to look at our motion that we made at the last meeting, give an update on the progress of that motion and then I have a suggestion to amend the motion. The motion was to move forward with a municipal fire service model contingent upon two items. The first one is that the Town has service contracts in place with the necessary fire service providers required to meet the five-mile rule for insurance purposes. We have a letter of intent from the Providence VFD. I need to get some clarification from the Department of Insurance on the five-mile rule and how these maps are laid out before we can work on a contract with them. We have a letter of intent saying that they are agreeing to work with us. We do have a contract accepted by the Stallings VFD to continue to service the area that they currently have. We had a phone call from Wesley Chapel VFD declining the contract that we put in front of them. We have an email verifying that it was a unanimous decision from their Board to turn it down and then we have communication from an attorney representing Wesley Chapel VFD.

Attorney Fox - I received a call from a Raleigh attorney that has been retained by the Wesley Chapel VFD to advise them on the fire service model. He reiterated several times that his retention by Wesley Chapel VFD was not to be viewed as adversarial. That he understands that there are a couple of important factors one of which is time. He has committed to meet with them this coming Friday and they indicated that they could not sign the fire services contract in its current form and he would get back with me as soon as possible. He wanted me to make sure it was clear that he does not view the engagement as adversarial.

Mayor Davidson - The second item is that the Town Attorney can verify that the Union County automatic aid contracts are not voided by the implementation of the municipal fire service model. At this point we have given the attorney this information for his review. We have made some progress on these two points but we have not met these two points. In our motion we put in there to do a joint resolution between the Town of Weddington and Union County. It is my understanding that we are going to be better off not making it joint. We just declare it and give it to Union County to execute.

Councilwoman Barbara Harrison questioned why that needed to be changed.

Mayor Davidson - I have been told if you can do it, just do it. If they have to approve it, it makes it look like the County approved it and supported it. We just want to take the word "joint" out.

Attorney Fox - To allow these volunteer fire departments to service these areas and districts it required the consent and approval of the municipality. There is nothing in the legislation that limits the ability of the municipality to withdraw. Kara Millonzi with the Institute of Government has opined that there is no right to this district by any volunteer fire department and a town could withdraw their consent and move forward.

Councilwoman Hadley - We basically had to consent to be put into the district and therefore we have the right to withdraw that consent.

Attorney Fox - That is by interpretation and deductive reasoning that if they have to gain your consent to be in then you should have the right to withdraw that consent and especially given the fact that no volunteer fire department owns the right to the continuation of the district and residents to be serviced within that district. All you are doing is recognizing that your motion still stands except for a slight amendment to remove the word "joint" from it to mean that the Town is comfortable moving forward with a unilateral withdrawal.

Councilwoman Hadley moved to amend the April 2 motion to remove the word "joint" from the resolution. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Harrison and Hadley
NAYS:	None

Mayor Davidson - The next piece was to submit a resolution for approval of the municipal insurance district boundaries to the North Carolina Department of Insurance. We are still in the process on this issue and I hope to talk with Chett Hill later in the week.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Item No. 4. Discussion of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget. The Town Council received a copy of the Preliminary Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and a list of potential non-operating expenditures.

Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord - We can bring both budgets (3 cents and 5.2 cents) to the May Meeting and the Council can then choose which one to call for the public hearing on. I did make a couple of updates. We got new tax estimates from the County so I adjusted the ad valorem numbers. You have received a copy of the Union County Sheriff's contract. I have shown the increase in the cost of the deputies on the non-operating page to be discussed. I decreased the audit fees after speaking with our auditor and finding out what they would charge us. That is just the cost to us for including them in our audit if we increase our tax rate to pay for their funding. We would essentially be in control of them so we would have to show them as a component unit in our financial statements. They would have their own audit.

Mayor Davidson - We took control when we reached more than 50% of their operating budget.

Finance Officer Gaylord – Right - there are multiple things such as if we were on their board or had influence over them in that way. In this case it would be financial. There are different ways to trigger it.

Also I added in money because the Public Safety Advisory Committee had requested money for a defibrillator for Town Hall.

Finance Officer Gaylord and Mayor Davidson discussed that the sales tax revenue would increase with a higher tax rate. Finance Officer Gaylord stated, “They adjust the numbers in April so we would only get three months of that increase in the first year and the following year we would see it all come in.”

Councilwoman Hadley discussed a quote she received to install new roofing for the Town Hall and garage at a cost of approximately \$16,500. She stated, “The inspection showed that the roof has been patched quite a few times and that there was an issue with the siding coming up to the roof line and that needed to be addressed and the gutters were in total disarray. Obviously before I would bring anything to Council I would receive several estimates.”

Councilwoman Hadley moved to include \$16,500 in the budget to fix the roof. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Davidson asked that she check to see if the Town would be eligible for a new roof due to hail damage.

The Council did not vote to proceed in adding the purchase of a defibrillator to the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - I think we need to have a serious conversation about whether we want to continue paying for extra deputy service. I took the tour of the Wesley Chapel VFD and they have 1,500 to 2,000 square feet that the County is now leasing from them to move a substation over here and my first reaction is why are we paying to subsidize coverage in Weddington if the County now is doing that for us in Wesley Chapel? Originally it was because response times were so poor out here because there were no cars out here on this side of the county. Now they have a substation and that should not be an issue.

Councilwoman Harrison - That substation is not up and fully functional yet and I would not want to do anything until it is. Public safety is important to me and it is not just fire. It is having deputies. Mr. Price called me a month ago and it was after hours and it took 40 minutes for the zone deputy to get to his place. We are having more incidents of different things happening this year and 40 minutes is not acceptable.

Attorney Fox – In the days when the Council was engaging in involuntary annexations, the element of providing one of the major services under the annexation statutes and the concept of having contracted deputies met the major services. As a matter of fact it was one of the issues that was challenged in the involuntary annexation. We were able to demonstrate that having enhanced deputy service was a meaningful benefit and a major service sufficient to satisfy the annexation statutes.

Councilwoman Hadley - It is my understanding that they are trying to change the dispatch service into four zones. They think that it will take the better part of a year to get that implemented.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - I thought they were farther down the road. If that was a staffed police station there would be no reason for us to be spending that amount of money for contracted deputies.

Councilwoman Hadley - After it is staffed, I think the conversation should be do we go from three deputies to two.

Councilwoman Harrison - After asking the question, you will find out that the zone deputy has 150 miles that they are touring. I appreciate the fact that they come through our neighborhood. I would like to wait and see where they are in the process. I move that we include the increased costs in the proposed budget for the contract deputies.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Finance Officer Gaylord - If we take the fire departments in, would we still need a fund balance assignment for the fire department at that point?

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - That was only for this year and that should come out. That assignment would go away once the budget is approved.

Council agreed to allow Finance Officer Gaylord to bring forward a 3 cent and 5.2 cent budget to the May Meeting for the Council to decide on which one to call for a public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Barry expressed concern that he did not think the Town would be ready to implement the fire service model and to proceed with a 5.2 cent budget.

Councilwoman Harrison moved to include 3 percent in the budget for a COLA increase for staff. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Item No. 5. Discussion and Consideration of Right-of-Way for Roundabout. The Town Council received a copy of the following memo from Town Planner Jordan Cook and a copy of a map showing the pavement marking detail and the preliminary plans for the roundabout:

- Construction of the NC 84 Weddington-Matthews Road Dual Lane Roundabout should begin this summer. NCDOT plans to begin construction as soon as schools are out. NCDOT is currently obtaining right-of-way from several property owners. I have attached a spreadsheet showing what properties will be impacted by the roundabout.
- NCDOT has asked the Town to donate approximately 8,080 square feet (0.18 acres) for the roundabout. 6,485 square feet of that will be utility right-of-way while 1,595 square feet will be road right-of-way along Weddington-Matthews Road. NCDOT will also need 7,020 square feet of right-of-way for a temporary construction easement. This land will not need to be donated. The right-of-way map with figures is attached.
- Based on recent appraisals and property sales, NCDOT has determined that permanent right-of-way is worth \$5.75 per square foot and that the temporary easement is worth \$1.75 per square foot. Based on these numbers the permanent right-of-way (8,080 square feet) is worth \$46,460 and the temporary easement (7,020 square feet) is worth \$12,285 for a total of \$58,745. NCDOT only has around \$60,000 budgeted in right-of-way funds for the entire project and would like to ask the Town of Weddington to donate their portion of right-of-way for the project.

Council expressed that they were not interested in donating the right-of-way for the roundabout. Council discussed that the Town will owe in next year's budget approximately \$13,000 for the sidewalks on Highway 16 and that they would be willing to not pay that and NCDOT would pay them the difference in what is owed for the right-of-way. Mayor Pro Tem Barry and Councilwoman Harrison discussed that the

sidewalk money and right-of-way money probably come out of two different budgets/accounts with NCDOT.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to not donate the right-of-way for the roundabout project and for NCDOT to determine how they want to pay the Town based on the above discussion. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Item No. 6. Discussion and Consideration of Amendment to the Town Council Rules of Procedures.

Mayor Davidson reviewed the following proposed amendment to the Town Council Rules of Procedures:

RULE 9. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Items shall be placed on the agenda according to order of business. The order of business for each regular meeting shall be as follows:

- Open Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Determination of Quorum
- Special Recognitions/~~Presentations~~
- Public Comments
- Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes
- Consent Agenda
- Public Hearings
- Consideration of Public Hearings
- Old Business*
- New Business*
- Reports and Updates
- Comments from the Council Members
- Adjournment

Note: Where there are multiple public hearings, the consideration of the public hearing shall follow each specific hearing.

*** Presentations will be listed either under Old Business or New Business depending on the topic discussed.**

By general consent of the council, items may be considered out of order.

Mayor Davidson advised that he put this item on the agenda and discussed that presentations now are done before the additions, deletions and adoption of the agenda and the change would fall under being approved by the majority of the Town Council.

Councilwoman Harrison moved to approve the amendment to the Rules of Procedures.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - You are diluting the minority interest on the Council by doing this amendment. In the small government rules of procedure they really try to protect that. I do not like the idea. All of us

were elected by the community and have a right to have our positions and opinions heard. We have tinkered around the edges a lot in order to streamline the agenda but you get to a point where you begin to inhibit their objectives.

Councilwoman Harrison - Prior to being elected I had to get 60 people to sign to give me their minutes so that I could do a 30-minute presentation regarding the water tower. At no point was I told I had the ability to talk with a council person and get on before the agenda. It seems like these presentations have happened this year. I do not remember in the five years that I came that there were people that were allowed to present prior to the additions and deletions to the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry – The Principal at the High School, the Council on Aging – they have presented at the beginning of the meeting. The issue on the water tower was deliberate in the debate of the day on actions that the Council was taking and I look at those as two different things.

Councilwoman Harrison – I understand that. The last couple of presentations that we had though were not like the Council on Aging or the other informative type presentations.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry - Werner wanted someone to come and talk and he used his right as an elected official to allow the group to come and address this Council. Just like when last year elected officials used their right and allowed Judy Johnston to come and present on behalf of the Providence VFD. When you begin to cast that so that a vote is taken before someone is allowed to address the Council then I think you begin to squelch speech. By being elected, you have the right to have your interests heard.

Mayor Davidson - What is your distinction of what a group is? There was concern about what about all the people that have gone in the past that did the three minutes and did not know that they could have gone to a Councilmember and been identified as a group. We do not have any parameters. I understand your concern and recognize it. I do not think we are thwarting minority interest because you still have three minutes during public comment and you can get 10 people up there that can speak. If you have 10 people you have a show of support. If you have one person they may be the only guy in Town that is interested in that issue.

Councilwoman Harrison rescinded her motion. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to table consideration of this item until the next Town Council Meeting. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Item No. 7. Consideration of 2012 National Day of Prayer Proclamation. Councilwoman Harrison moved to approve the National Day of Prayer Proclamation:

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 3, 2012
P-2012-05**

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer dates back to February 19, 1795 when President George Washington issued a Proclamation setting aside a day of public thanksgiving; and an annual day of prayer was established by Congress in 1952 and specifically designated in 1988 as the first Thursday in May; and

WHEREAS, May 3, 2012 has been officially designated as America's 61st Annual National Day of Prayer, to pray for our nation, its people, and its leaders; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation and enables us to recall the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer has become a national annual observance which belongs to all Americans as a day that transcends different cultures and brings together all citizens from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2012 National Day of Prayer is One Nation Under God.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WALKER F. DAVIDSON, MAYOR of the Town of Weddington, hereby proclaim May 3, 2012 as the National Day of Prayer in the Town of Weddington, and urge all citizens to observe this day by joining members of all faiths and creeds all over our community and nation in seeking divine guidance for ourselves, our leaders, and our country.

PROCLAIMED this 16th day of April, 2012.

Councilwoman Hadley moved to authorize staff to proceed in organizing a Weddington Day of Prayer event to be held on May 3, 2012 at the Weddington Town Hall. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

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

Item No. 8. Adjournment. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to adjourn the April 16, 2012 Special Town Council Meeting. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers 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

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 15 AS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY
AND MAY 13 - 19 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
P-2012-04**

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of Union County and the Town of Weddington play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Weddington; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of Union County and Weddington unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Walker F. Davidson of the Town of Weddington, call upon all citizens of Weddington and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13 – 19, 2012, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Weddington to observe May 15, 2012, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Weddington to be affixed this 14th day of May, 2012.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Attest:

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

Sec. 58-233. - Variances.

- (a) Under no circumstances shall the board of adjustment grant a variance to allow a use of land or structures not permitted under the terms of this chapter in the district involved or for a use expressly, or by inference, prohibited in said district. No variances shall be granted by the board of adjustment for the following:
- (1) Setbacks for signs and areas and/or height of signs.
 - (2) Setbacks for essential services, class III.
 - (3) To change the uses that are permitted on the property in question. No variance for setbacks shall be granted which allows the applicant to reduce the applicable setback by more than 50 percent.
- (b) The board of adjustment, before granting a variance, shall make the following findings based on substantial, competent and material evidence in the record before them:
- (1) That there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in the way of carrying out the strict letter of this chapter. This shall be construed to mean:
 - a. If the property owner complies with the provision of this chapter, he can secure no reasonable return from, or make any reasonable use of his property;
 - b. The hardship results from the application of this chapter;
 - c. The hardship is suffered by the applicant's property;
 - d. The hardship is not the result of the applicant's own action; and
 - e. The hardship is peculiar to the applicant's property.
 - (2) That the variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter and preserves its spirit.
 - (3) That in the granting of the variance, the public safety and welfare have been assured and substantial justice has been done.
 - (4) That the reasons set forth in the application and the hearing justify the granting of a variance, and that the variance is a minimum one that will make possible the reasonable use of land or structures.
- (c) Any order of the board of adjustment in granting a variance shall expire if a zoning permit, or certificate of occupancy for such use if a zoning permit is not required, has not been obtained within one year from the date of the decision.

(Ord. No. O-2010-08, 6-14-2010)

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
MUNICIPAL DECLARATION TO ENACT SPEED LIMITS
AND REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE
O-2012-08**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Weddington Town Council that the speed limit modification on the following described portion of the State Highway System Street be adopted:

SPEED LIMIT	ROUTE	DESCRIPTION
25	SR 1318	(Lochaven) from NC 16 to a point 1.787 miles east of NC 16

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2012.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Attest:

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

APRIL 16, 2012

EUGENE A. CONTI, JR.
SECRETARY

Ms. Amy McCollum, Town Clerk
The Town of Weddington
1924 Weddington Road
Weddington, NC 28104

Dear Ms McCollum:

Attached are Municipal Speed Limit Ordinances enacting speed zones on SR 1318 (Lochaven Road) within the Town of Weddington.

If you are in agreement please sign the ordinance, affix the town seal, and return to this office for further handling. PLEASE DO NOT ALTER OR ADD TO THIS ORDINANCE.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Sean Epperson at 704-983-4400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Barry S. Moose" with a small "utj" written below the name.

Barry S. Moose, PE
Division Engineer

BSM/lhj

Cc: John Underwood, District Engineer

File

Attachment

**Certification of Municipal Declaration
To Enact Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence**

Concurring State Ordinance Number: 1064526

Division: 10 County: UNION

Municipality: WEDDINGTON

Type: Municipal Speed Zones

Road: SR 1318

Car: 25 MPH

Truck: 25 MPH

Description: (Lochaven) from NC 16 to a point 1.787 miles east of NC 16.

Municipal Certification

I, _____, Clerk of _____, do hereby certify that the municipal governing body, pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-141(f), determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and duly declared, on the _____ day of _____, 20____, the speed limits as set forth above on the designated portion of the State Highway System, which shall become effective when the Department of Transportation has passed a concurring ordinance and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

The said municipal declaration is recorded as follows:

Minute Book: _____ Page: _____ Ordinance/Resolution Number: _____

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the municipal seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(signature)

(municipal seal)

Department of Transportation Approval

Division: *J. Scott Cole* Title: *DTE* Date: *4/12/12*
Region: *Paul Form* Title: *RTE* Date: *4/12/12*



Existing: 35 mph
Proposed: 25 mph

**Not State
Maintained**



**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STAFF AND STUDENTS
AT THE WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
P-2012-06**

WHEREAS, the NCHSAA has awarded Weddington High School with the Exemplary School Award for the entire state; and,

WHEREAS, the State only gives out one Exemplary School Award no matter what the classification of the school is (i.e. 1A, 2A, 3A, or 4A); and,

WHEREAS, this award recognizes the total school environment including academic success, community service, clubs, facilities, athletic opportunities for students, and overall athletic success; and

WHEREAS, the students at Weddington High School consistently strive at achieving success; and,

WHEREAS, the Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Counselors, Principal, Assistant Principals, Office Staff, Custodial Staff, Cafeteria Staff and its students are the reason why Weddington High School is Number 1; and,

WHEREAS, in a State and County with outstanding schools, Weddington High School stands above all others and makes the Town of Weddington extremely proud, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Weddington congratulates the Weddington High School for being awarded the NCHSAA Exemplary School for the entire State of North Carolina.

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2012.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Attest:

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

Sec. 58-153. – Signs permitted in B-1, B-1 (CD), B-2 and B-2(CD) business districts.

b. Shopping center identification signs shall be regulated as follows:

(1)	Types of signs permitted:	Shopping center identification.
(2)	Permitted number of signs:	A shopping center containing three or more businesses with separate entrances shall <u>may</u> have one freestanding identification sign giving the names of the businesses located in the shopping center. No other freestanding signs shall be allowed. Such sign shall be in accordance with section 58-149.
(3)	Maximum area of signs:	<u>The maximum total sign area per side shall be no greater than 100 square feet and the total text area per side (including logos) shall be no greater than 50 square feet</u> , provided that no portion of the sign advertising a particular business shall be in excess of 20 square feet.
(4)	Permitted location:	The maximum height of said <u>any portion of the</u> sign shall be <u>no greater than 1220</u> feet <u>from grade</u> and shall be located behind the right-of-way line.

(Ord. No. 87-04-08, § 8.10, 4-8-1987)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 58-153
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
O-2012-06**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON THAT SECTION 58-153 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 58-153. – Signs permitted in B-1, B-1 (CD), B-2 and B-2(CD) business districts.

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(4)	Permitted location:	The maximum height of said any portion of the sign shall be <u>no greater than 12</u> 20 feet <u>from grade</u> and shall be located behind the right-of-way line.

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2012.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Attest:

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

Sec. 58-151. - Temporary signs.

(a) *Banners, pennants and temporary signs.* The following temporary signs are permitted after the zoning administrator has issued a temporary sign permit, for a total period not to exceed 30 days:

(1) Except for temporary off-premises signs authorized under subsection (a)(3) of this section, special event signs set out below, unlighted portable signs, banners and wind-blown signs such as pennants, spinners, flags and streamers for special events, grand openings and store closings. Any such sign shall be no greater than 20 square feet and shall be limited to one sign per address. For the purposes of this section, special event shall mean any festive, educational, sporting or artistic event or activity for a limited period of time, which is not considered as part of the normal day-to-day operations of the group, organization or entity.

(2) Temporary banner-type signs customarily located at athletic fields containing signs shall be directed solely towards users of the athletic field. Fencing, scoreboards and structures in the athletic fields may be utilized for customary signs in order to raise funds for these same facilities. Such individual temporary signs shall not exceed 20 square feet in size, may be permitted for a period not to exceed one year, and may be renewed so long as the sign remains in compliance with the requirements of this article.

(3) A maximum of two off-premises signs shall be allowed per event, provided one temporary off-premises special event sign shall be allowed, per parcel fronting on a public road upon the issuance of a temporary use permit, subject to the following restrictions:

- a. Each temporary off-premises special event sign shall be on private property, outside the road right-of-way and subject to permission of the property owner;
- b. A temporary off-premises special event sign can only be placed seven days before the special event and must be removed 48 hours after the special event;
- c. A separate permit must be issued for each temporary off-premises special event sign;
- d. No parcel may be issued more than four temporary off-premises special event sign permits during any 12-month period;
- e. Temporary off-premises special event signs shall be limited to four times per year, per group/organization;

~~f. After a temporary use permit has been approved by the planning board, the planning board may allow the replacement of town street banners with banners promoting the special event. The design, number and location of these banners must be approved by the planning board. These banners can only be placed seven days before the special event and must be removed and the town banners rehung within 48 hours after the special event. All costs associated with these event banners, including manufacturing, installation and removal, will be at the expense of the group that received the temporary use permit. The group must also use the same company and same materials that the town uses for their banners.~~

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 58-151
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
O-2012-07**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON THAT SECTION 58-151 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 58-151. - Temporary signs.

- (a)** *Banners, pennants and temporary signs.* The following temporary signs are permitted after the zoning administrator has issued a temporary sign permit, for a total period not to exceed 30 days:
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Adopted this 14th day of May, 2012.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

Attest:

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON APPROVING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE MODEL PURSUANT TO G.S.
160A-209 TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF
WEDDINGTON AND AUTHORIZING NOTIFICATION TO UNION COUNTY OF THE
TOWN'S UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWN OF WEDDINGTON'S
CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF ITS INCORPORATED TERRITORY WITHIN
THE PROVIDENCE, STALLINGS, AND WESLEY CHAPEL VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT DISTRICTS
R-2012-06**

WHEREAS, fire protection services are currently provided to citizens of the Town of Weddington by the Providence Volunteer Fire Department, the Stallings Volunteer Fire Department and the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Providence Volunteer Fire Department and the Stallings Volunteer Departments are funded through a fire protection fee charged to residents located within their respective fire protection districts, which were established pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1150, Chapter 883; and

WHEREAS, the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department was originally funded through a fire protection district fee charged to residents located within a fire protection district established pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1150, Chapter 883, and the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department is currently funded through a fire service district tax charged to residents located within the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire service district that was established pursuant to G.S. 153A-300 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, when the Providence Volunteer Fire Department, the Stallings Volunteer Fire Department and the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire protection districts were established, Senate Bill No. 1150, Chapter 883 required the Weddington Town Council to enact a resolution consenting to the inclusion of incorporated territory of the Town of Weddington within those fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, when the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire protection district was converted to a fire service district, G.S. 153A-302 required the Weddington Town Council to enact a resolution consenting to the inclusion of incorporated territory of the Town of Weddington within the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire service district; and

WHEREAS, the Weddington Town Council enacted Resolution R32 on February 25, 1993, consenting to the inclusion of incorporated territory of the Town of Weddington within the Providence Volunteer Fire Department, the Stallings Volunteer Fire Department and the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, the Weddington Town Council enacted Resolution R-2003-07 on May 12, 2003, supporting the conversion of the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire protection district to a fire service district and the inclusion of incorporated territory of the Town of Weddington within that fire service district; and

WHEREAS, without the Town of Weddington's consent, incorporated territory of the Town of Weddington could not be included in the Providence Volunteer Fire Department, the Stallings Volunteer Fire Department or the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire protection and fire service districts; and

WHEREAS, the provision of fire protection services to the citizens of the Town of Weddington by three different volunteer fire departments funded through unequal fees and taxes results in inequities in the provision of fire protection services within the corporate limits of the Town of Weddington and inequities in the allocation of costs for fire service among the Town of Weddington's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Weddington desire for the Town of Weddington to oversee and fund the provision of fire protection services within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Weddington is authorized pursuant to G.S. 160A-209 (c)(13) to levy taxes on property located within the Town to provide fire protection services and fire prevention programs: and

WHEREAS, the Town of Weddington is also authorized pursuant to G.S. 160A-291 to appoint a fire chief, employ other firemen and organize, equip and maintain a municipal fire department; and

WHEREAS, the Weddington Town Council has carefully investigated and considered its ability to oversee and fund fire protection services within the corporate limits of the Town of Weddington and has determined that it has the ability to establish, oversee and fund those services effectively: and

WHEREAS, the Town of Weddington has sought Union County's approval to the Town's withdrawal of the inclusion of its incorporated territory within the Providence Volunteer Fire Department, the Stallings Volunteer Fire Department and the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire protection districts and the County has indicated that it did not believe that its approval was necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to G.S. 160A-209 (c)(13) the Town of Weddington shall levy taxes on property located within the Town to provide fire protection services and fire prevention programs to the residents within the incorporated limits of the Town of Weddington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Weddington hereby notifies Union County that the Town of Weddington withdraws its consent to the inclusion of its incorporated territory within the Providence Volunteer Fire Department and the Stallings Fire Department fire protection districts and the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department fire service district, effective on July 1, 2012 with the provision of fire protection services and fire prevention programs within the corporate limits of the Town of Weddington; and .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Weddington's withdrawal of its consent to the inclusion of its incorporated territory from the Providence Volunteer Fire Department and the Stallings Fire Department fire protection districts and the Wesley Chapel

Volunteer Fire Department fire service district shall become effective on July 1, 2012. Thereafter, all incorporated territory of the Town of Weddington shall be deemed withdrawn from those fire protection districts and fire service district and those districts' fire protection fees and fire service district taxes shall no longer be imposed on properties within the Town of Weddington's corporate limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT beginning on July 1, 2012, the Town of Weddington shall exercise its authority to oversee and fund the provision of fire protection services within its corporate limits for Fiscal Year 2012 and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Weddington shall demonstrate its ability to oversee and fund the provision of fire protection services within its corporate limits through the adoption of appropriate tax rates, entering into appropriate contracts with volunteer fire departments as needed and by performing any other actions necessary to ensure that appropriate oversight and funding are in place for the provision of fire protection services for the citizens of the Town of Weddington on or before July 1, 2012.

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2012.

Walker F. Davidson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

Adopted and agreed to by Union County North Carolina, this ____ day of _____, 2012.

For Union County:
By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
RESOLUTION
FOR APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
R-2012-07**

**NORTH CAROLINA
UNION COUNTY**

Upon motion by Councilmember _____, Resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Weddington approved the boundary lines of the _____ Municipal Fire Insurance District in accordance with the maps and description filed this date with the Town Clerk and recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Said _____ Municipal Fire Insurance District being described as follows:

Attach Map of City Limits

**NORTH CAROLINA
UNION COUNTY**

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of excerpt from the Minutes of the Town Council of the Town of Weddington, adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

(SEAL)


**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROPOSED BUDGET
FYE 6/30/2013**

	FY2012 YTD AS OF 4/30/12	PROJECTED FY2012 AS OF 6/30/12	FY 2012 PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET	\$0.03 Tax FY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$0.052 Tax FY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET
balance has changed					
REVENUE:					
10-3101-110 AD VALOREM TAX - CURRENT	553,269.96	555,000.00	552,000.00	555,000.00	960,000.00
10-3102-110 AD VALOREM TAX - 1ST PRIOR YR	7,961.05	8,000.00	7,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
10-3103-110 AD VALOREM TAX - NEXT 8 YRS PRIOR	2,581.69	2,750.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-3110-121 AD VALOREM TAX - MOTOR VEH CURRENT	25,249.68	32,750.00	32,500.00	30,000.00	52,000.00
10-3115-180 TAX INTEREST	1,429.94	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	2,250.00
10-3231-220 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REV - ART 39	94,995.38	134,995.38	132,500.00	120,000.00	157,700.00
10-3322-220 BEER & WINE TAX	0.00	45,000.00	48,750.00	48,750.00	48,750.00
10-3324-220 UTILITY FRANCHISE TAX	313,083.32	415,000.00	417,500.00	450,000.00	450,000.00
10-3340-400 ZONING & PERMIT FEES	10,505.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-3350-400 SUBDIVISION FEES	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	62,250.00	62,250.00
10-3830-891 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	13,951.65	13,900.00	13,500.00	500.00	1,500.00
10-3831-491 INVESTMENT INCOME	6,574.80	9,000.00	9,000.00	12,500.00	17,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	1,029,602.47	1,229,145.38	1,228,500.00	1,296,750.00	1,767,950.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE:					
10-4110-126 FIRE DEPT SUBSIDIES	164,652.25	268,000.00	268,000.00	300,000.00	893,000.00
10-4110-128 POLICE PROTECTION	216,609.00	216,609.00	217,000.00	232,000.00	232,000.00
10-4110-192 ATTORNEY FEES	71,069.48	105,069.48	110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00
10-4110-195 ELECTION EXPENSE	9,271.03	10,825.00	10,825.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-4110-340 EVENTS & PUBLICATIONS	27,539.15	27,539.15	27,750.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
10-4110-495 OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING	2,356.60	2,356.60	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT EXPENDITURE	491,497.51	630,399.23	636,075.00	660,500.00	1,253,500.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE:					
10-4120-121 SALARIES - CLERK	54,052.73	64,863.28	65,000.00	69,475.00	69,475.00
10-4120-123 SALARIES - TAX COLLECTOR	31,880.43	38,256.52	40,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00
10-4120-124 SALARIES - FINANCE OFFICER	6,670.92	8,075.32	8,000.00	10,850.00	10,850.00
10-4120-125 SALARIES - MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL	17,500.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
10-4120-181 FICA EXPENSE	8,323.10	9,987.72	10,400.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
10-4120-182 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	15,355.49	18,426.59	20,000.00	18,500.00	18,500.00
10-4120-183 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	14,711.05	17,653.26	18,000.00	18,500.00	18,500.00
10-4120-184 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	270.56	324.67	325.00	350.00	350.00
10-4120-185 EMPLOYEE S-T DISABILITY	238.80	286.56	300.00	325.00	325.00
10-4120-191 AUDIT FEES	7,800.00	7,800.00	8,100.00	8,100.00	8,900.00
10-4120-193 CONTRACT LABOR	999.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
10-4120-200 OFFICE SUPPLIES - ADMIN	15,323.41	17,500.00	17,500.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
10-4120-210 PLANNING CONFERENCE	933.12	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-4120-321 TELEPHONE - ADMIN	1,724.05	3,184.05	3,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
10-4120-325 POSTAGE - ADMIN	2,820.72	3,595.72	3,500.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
10-4120-331 UTILITIES - ADMIN	2,902.65	3,870.20	4,000.00	4,725.00	4,725.00
10-4120-351 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - BUILDING	6,968.30	8,668.30	8,500.00	35,000.00	35,000.00

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PROPOSED BUDGET
FYE 6/30/2013**

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balance has changed					
10-4120-352 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - EQUIPMENT	22,758.42	24,608.42	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
10-4120-354 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS	26,031.10	79,031.10	80,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
10-4120-355 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - PEST CONTRL	440.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
10-4120-356 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - CUSTODIAL	3,900.00	5,300.00	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
10-4120-370 ADVERTISING - ADMIN	508.37	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-4120-397 TAX LISTING & TAX COLLECTION FEES	203.94	650.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-4120-400 ADMINISTRATIVE:TRAINING	3,037.92	4,000.00	3,500.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
10-4120-410 ADMINISTRATIVE:TRAVEL	4,988.81	6,000.00	5,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
10-4120-450 INSURANCE	11,048.45	12,500.00	12,500.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
10-4120-491 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS MUMPO	13,071.00	17,071.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
10-4120-498 GIFTS & AWARDS	1,411.08	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
10-4120-499 MISCELLANEOUS	2,282.00	3,032.00	2,675.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE	278,155.42	382,334.70	388,300.00	414,125.00	414,925.00
PLANNING & ZONING EXPENDITURE:					
10-4130-121 SALARIES - ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	50,163.80	60,197.00	60,375.00	62,000.00	62,000.00
10-4130-122 SALARIES - ASST ZONING ADMINISTRATR	1,638.36	1,966.03	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-4130-123 SALARIES - RECEPTIONIST	15,748.67	18,898.40	19,250.00	22,910.00	22,910.00
10-4130-124 SALARIES - PLANNING BOARD	12,900.00	16,280.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
10-4130-125 SALARIES - SIGN REMOVAL	3,826.36	4,591.63	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
10-4130-181 FICA EXPENSE - P&Z	6,447.31	7,736.77	8,000.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
10-4130-182 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT - P&Z	9,897.46	11,876.95	12,500.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
10-4130-183 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	17,955.95	17,836.74	18,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00
10-4130-184 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	272.44	326.93	300.00	325.00	325.00
10-4130-185 EMPLOYEE S-T DISABILITY	121.20	145.44	200.00	215.00	215.00
10-4130-193 CONSULTING	17,514.62	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
10-4130-194 CONSULTING - COG	757.50	1,500.00	1,500.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-4130-200 OFFICE SUPPLIES - PLANNING & ZONING	6,235.38	7,647.17	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
10-4130-201 ZONING SPECIFIC OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-4130-215 HISTORIC PRESERVATION	0.00	100.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
10-4130-220 TRANSPORTATION & IMPROVEMENTS	15,764.59	18,524.59	19,000.00	23,750.00	23,750.00
10-4130-321 TELEPHONE - PLANNING & ZONING	1,841.85	3,184.05	3,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
10-4130-325 POSTAGE - PLANNING & ZONING	1,884.22	3,595.72	3,500.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
10-4130-331 UTILITIES - PLANNING & ZONING	2,902.74	3,870.20	4,000.00	4,725.00	4,725.00
10-4130-370 ADVERTISING - PLANNING & ZONING	428.63	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING EXPENDITURE	166,301.08	199,177.63	204,125.00	222,125.00	222,125.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	935,954.01	1,211,911.57	1,228,500.00	1,296,750.00	1,890,550.00
NET REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	93,648.46	17,233.81	0.00	0.00	-122,600.00

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROPOSED BUDGET
FYE 6/30/2013**

 balance has changed

FY2012 YTD
AS OF 4/30/12

PROJECTED
FY2012
AS OF 6/30/12

FY 2012
PROPOSED
AMENDED
BUDGET

\$0.03 Tax
FY 2013
PROPOSED
BUDGET

\$0.052 Tax
FY 2013
PROPOSED
BUDGET

APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE

0.00

122,600.00

1 cent tax = approximately \$185,000.00

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
POTENTIAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

		FY 2013 @ 3 cents	FY2013 @ 5.2 cents
Net Operating Revenues Over Expenditures		359,610.50	830,810.50
<u>Proposed non-recurring revenues</u>			
Subdivision Fees			
Anney	75 lots (sketch, preliminary plat)	26,250.00	26,250.00
New	100 lots (sketch, preliminary)	35,000.00	35,000.00
Bromley	??		
Adjusted Revenues Over Expenditures		420,860.50	892,060.50
<u>Proposed non-operating expenditures to be funded</u>			
PVFD	Paid staff/training	300,000.00	600,000.00
	Building upgrades		0.00
	Potential increase in audit fees		800.00
WCVFD			243,000.00
Stallings VFD			50,000.00
Police	Increase in contract price	15,000.00	15,000.00
Public Safety	Defibrillator		
Parks & Rec	Easter Egg Hunt	500.00	500.00
	Festival -- upfront money	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Holiday banners	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Tree - indoor	350.00	350.00
	Tree lighting - lights & installation	1,300.00	1,300.00
	Tree lighting - food/crafts/other	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Litter sweeps	250.00	250.00
	Meet and Greet local groups	1,200.00	1,200.00
Grounds maintenance	Medians maintenance		
	Medians landscaping	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Live tree		
Building Maint	Painting of Town Hall	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Roof	16,500.00	16,500.00
Council technology	VC3 - upfront	2,000.00	2,000.00
	VC3 - monthly fees	24,000.00	24,000.00
Transportation	Roundabout irrigation	9,000.00	9,000.00
	Sidewalks	13,425.50	13,425.50
	Rea Road		
Outside agency	Catawba Conservancy		
	Urban forester	3,000.00	3,000.00
Consulting	General consulting/ Land use survey	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salary adj	COLA/Merit/Taxes/Benefits	9,835.00	9,835.00
Total cost of non-operating expenditures		420,860.50	1,014,660.50

FUND BALANCE ASSIGNMENTS

Library	\$250,000	\$250,000
Rea Road Engineering	\$200,000	\$200,000
Capital Projects (Town Hall, sidewalks)	\$50,000	\$50,000

ADJUSTED UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE AS OF 6/30/11 \$1,704,202

APPROXIMATE MINIMUM FUND BALANCE REQUIRED #REF!
(Town Policy states not less than 50% of budgeted expenditures)

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Weddington Town Council

FROM: Amy S. McCollum, Town Administrator/Clerk

DATE: May 11, 2012

SUBJECT: Devonridge Subdivision Agreement

On March 15, 2012 the Town cashed in the Letter of Credit for the Devonridge Subdivision and is currently holding \$61,270.40 for work to satisfy Union County Public Works and \$87,885.00 for work recommended by our engineer US Infrastructure. The Town is also holding \$29,212.00 until the Homeowners Association is established and takes over the roads.

Devonridge obtained final plat approval from the Town on January 8, 2007 and as a condition of approval committed to complete certain infrastructure improvements including water and sewer installation and activation and road performance and maintenance. No home has yet been constructed in the Devonridge Subdivision. The current developer seeks to sell the property. The current developer and future buyer seek for the Town to retain the money held until such time as all improvements are completed and permits are acquired and the HOA assumes responsibility for the roads.

The term of this Agreement shall be until the project is completed to the satisfaction of UCPW and USI and the streets are accepted by the HOA. Upon all improvements being made, the Town would then transfer all moneys to the Buyer. The agreement would need to be signed by the current developer, the future buyer and the Town. The developer has paid the legal fees associated with the drafting of the agreement.

The agreement has been sent to all parties. I have not received confirmation from them that they are in agreement with this document.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is made this the _____ day of _____, 2012 (the “Effective Date”) by and between Pettus Properties, Incorporated, a North Carolina corporation (“Developer/Seller”), [Buyer], a North Carolina _____ (“Buyer”) and the Town of Weddington, an incorporated municipality of the State of North Carolina (“Town”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Developer/Seller is the developer and owner of a recorded subdivision in the Town known as Devonridge (formerly known as Falcon Place Subdivision); and

WHEREAS, Devonridge obtained final plat approval from the Town on January 8, 2007 and, as a condition of such approval, committed to complete certain infrastructure improvements including water and sewer installation and activation and road performance and maintenance, but no home has yet been constructed in the Devonridge Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, as a component of the final plat approval, the subdivision map was reviewed by Union County Public Works (“UCPW”) and the record map was determined to be satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, water and sewer plans for the subdivision were approved by both UCPW and the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources (“NCDNR”), and the water plans were approved under Serial Number 06-00466, dated April 19, 2006 and the sewer plans were approved under Permit Number WQ0030099 dated April 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the UCPW required the Town to retain a letter of credit in the amount of Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 40/100 Dollars (\$61,270.40) to cover activation, final as-builts and a one-year warranty repair guarantee of the Developer/Seller; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2010, the Town’s engineer, U.S. Infrastructure of Carolina, Inc. (“USI”), conducted a field review of the Devonridge Subdivision to verify the satisfactory completion of all construction activities for the purpose of reducing the Developer/Seller’s performance bond and such inspection found that nine erosion control sediment basins were still in place and the associated storm drainage pipe needed to be installed after the basins were removed; and

WHEREAS, based upon its inspection, USI recommended that the Devonridge Subdivision performance bond be held by the Town until the improvements were completed; and

WHEREAS, UCPW determined that: the Devonridge Subdivision had never been activated; the sewer main is plugged at MH #A1; the water main is shut off at the main valve; and that certain additional items needed to be addressed prior to activating the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2012 the Town called on the Letter of Credit for the Devonridge Subdivision and is currently holding Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 40/100 Dollars (\$61,270.40) for work to satisfy the UCPW and Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$87,885.00) for work recommended by USI; and

WHEREAS, the Town is also holding in cash Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 00/100 Dollars (\$29,212.00) that it will maintain until such time as the Devonridge Subdivision Homeowners Association (“HOA”) is established and takes over the roads within Devonridge Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Developer/Seller is the owner and original developer of the Devonridge Subdivision and seeks to sell, transfer and bargain away its rights, title and ownership interests in all property constituting the Devonridge Subdivision to the Buyer pursuant to a sale and purchase agreement, a copy which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Buyer and Developer/Seller seek for the Town to retain money held by the Town for maintenance and performance obligations in the Devonridge Subdivision, including water and sewer improvements, until such time as all improvements are completed and permits are acquired and the HOA assumes responsibility for roads within Devonridge Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, upon the achievement of the above, the Buyer and Developer/Seller desire for the Town to then transfer all moneys to the Buyer, and Developer/Seller shall relinquish and waive any rights and claims to any money so transferred.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Developer/Seller, Buyer and the Town agree as follows:

1. Buyer agrees to complete to the satisfaction of the Town or its agent all performance and maintenance activities remaining in the Devonridge Subdivision which were subject to the performance bond requirements and the Town’s subdivision ordinance. The completion of the construction activities shall occur on or before _____, 20__, or at such time that the first lot within Devonridge Subdivision is offered for sale. The completion of construction activities shall include but not be limited to: the installation of associated storm drainage pipes and the removal of erosion control sediment basins; the activation of water and sewer improvements; and final as-builts for water and sewer improvements within Devonridge Subdivision. Buyer and Developer/Seller agree that no monies retained by the Town shall be released to the Buyer until such improvements are complete and USI, the Town’s engineer, has certified that the improvements have been made to their satisfaction. Further, the release of any monies held by the Town shall be contingent upon satisfying UCPW and correcting all deficiencies prior to the activation of Devonridge Subdivision and verification that Devonridge Subdivision has gained UCPW’s approval. The release of funds shall also be contingent upon Developer/Seller and Buyer addressing all defects and punch list items identified by Union County, including taking new bacteria samples, payment to UCPW for the necessary meters and payment for all outstanding capacity fees due and owing from the development of Devonridge Subdivision. Further, the release of the Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 00/100 Dollars (\$29,212.00) for road maintenance shall be contingent upon verification of the establishment of the Devonridge Subdivision Homeowners Association (“HOA”) and its agreement to take over the roads within Devonridge Subdivision; and

2. Upon satisfactory completion and activation of Devonridge Subdivision, and receipt of verification from USI, the Town shall remit to Buyer all amounts retained by Town which are authorized to be released under its subdivision ordinance and this Agreement. In

particular, the Town shall release the Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 40/100 Dollars (\$61,270.40) at such time as work has been completed to the satisfaction of the UCPW and USI. The Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$87,885.00) shall be released to Buyer upon satisfaction and completion of all work recommended by USI. The Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and No/100 Dollar (\$29,212.00) shall be released when upon verification that the Devonridge Subdivision HOA has assumed all roads within Devonridge Subdivision.

3. Buyer and Developer/Seller agree that this Agreement with the Town is to accommodate the transfer of the subdivision assets from Developer/Seller to Buyer, and the Buyer and Developer/Seller both agree to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town from and against any injury, claim, demand, liability, cost and/or expense (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from or related to the release of the funds to Buyer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including without limitation such claims or demands that may be brought against the Town by Buyer, Developer/Seller or any third party to recover any funds paid by the Town to Buyer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

4. Developer/Seller hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives any claims to the moneys held by the Town pursuant to the Letter of Credit and cash receipts and specifically releases and holds harmless the Town from any transfer of these moneys from the Town to Buyer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

5. The term of this Agreement shall be until such time as the project is completed to the satisfaction of UCPW and USI, or until such time as the streets within Devonridge Subdivision are accepted by the Devonridge HOA.

6. This Agreement may be modified at any time in writing by all parties set out herein.

7. The failure or delay by any party in exercising any right, power or privilege contained in this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any right, power or privilege herein.

8. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina and without regard to its choice of laws.

9. This Agreement may not be assigned except with the express written consent of all parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Developer/Seller, Buyer and Town have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

By: _____
Mayor

Attested to: _____
_____, Town Clerk

BUYER

By: _____ (SEAL)

DEVELOPER/SELLER
PETTUS PROPERTIES

By: _____ (SEAL)

TOWN OF W E D D I N G T O N

MEMORANDUM

TO: Weddington Town Council

FROM: Amy S. McCollum, Town Administrator/Clerk

DATE: May 3, 2012

SUBJECT: **NCDOT Municipal Mowing Agreement**

Attached please find a Municipal Mowing Agreement received by the Town from the NC Department of Transportation. I was contacted by representatives from NCDOT encouraging the Town to approve the agreement to allow the Town to be reimbursed for the mowing of certain areas on Rea Road and Highway 16. NCDOT currently has several of these agreements with other Union County municipalities. NCDOT would normally mow five cycles in a year. The Town would receive \$497.84 for each cycle for a total of \$2,489.20 per year for the areas being maintained on Attachment 1. The Town is currently contracting to have these areas maintained by Daryl's Lawn Care.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

NORTH CAROLINA
UNION COUNTY

MUNICIPAL MOWING AGREEMENT

DATE: 4/25/2012

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

AND

WBS Elements: 10.109015
10.209015

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on the last date executed below, by and between the North Carolina Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the "Department" and the Town of Weddington, hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Municipality has requested to perform "routine" and/or "clean-up" mowing of vegetation within the rights of way of certain State maintained routes.

WHEREAS, the Municipality has agreed to perform said mowing with reimbursement from the Department subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, each in consideration of the promises and undertakings of the other as herein provided, do hereby covenant and agree, each with the other, as follows:

1. The Municipality shall provide for the mowing maintenance of all the roads included in Attachment 1 of this Agreement in accordance with NCDOT mowing requirements, the 2012 NCDOT Roadway Standard Drawings and Standard Specifications for Road and Structures and Amendments or Supplements thereto under the general administrative control of the Department's Division Engineer. These routes may be amended or deleted and other applicable routes may be added as mutually agreed upon by both parties in writing prior to performing the work. The Division Engineer shall approve any requests by the Municipality for changes to NCDOT mowing requirements including but not limited to mowing time frames, mowing heights, mowing equipment, etc.
2. Any contract entered into with another party to perform work associated with the requirements of this Agreement shall contain appropriate provisions regarding the utilization of Minority Businesses, Women Businesses, or Small Professional Services Firms (SPSF) as required by GS 136-28.4 and the North Carolina Administrative Code. The Department will provide the

appropriate provisions to be contained in those contracts. Those provisions are available on the Department's website at: www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/ps/contracts/sp/2012sp/municipal.html.

(A) No advertisement shall be made nor any contract be entered into for services to be performed as part of this Agreement without prior written approval of the advertisement or contents of the contract by the Department.

(B) Failure to comply with these requirements will result in funding being withheld until such time as these requirements are met.

3. The Municipality agrees to provide traffic control devices, lane closures, road closures, positive protection and/or any other warning or positive protection devices necessary for the safety of road users during performance of the work including any construction and subsequent maintenance. This work shall be performed in conformance with the latest NCDOT Roadway Standard Drawings and Standard Specifications for Road and Structures and Amendments or Supplements thereto. When there is no guidance provided in Roadway Standard Drawings or Specifications, work shall be in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways and Amendment or Supplement thereto. Information regarding these rules and regulations may be obtained from the Department's Division Engineer.
4. The Division Engineer shall notify the Municipality in writing at the beginning of the performance period (calendar year mowing season) or as soon thereafter each quarter, of the amount of allocated funds estimated to be available to the Municipality for mowing maintenance for the roads identified in Attachment 1. The available allocation shall be based upon and shall not exceed estimated cost of the work if performed by the Department. Attachment 1 may be amended in writing by the Department each performance period year to include agreed upon changes to routes and increases or decreases in reimbursable costs.
5. The Municipality shall submit a quarterly itemized invoice to the Department for actual costs for labor, equipment, and contracted services for work completed, not to exceed the amount allocated for the quarter. The invoice shall be itemized by date, mowing route, and costs for performing each mowing cycle, no later than three (3) months after the scheduled quarterly invoicing date for eligible reimbursable costs. All final invoices must be submitted within one (1) year after the work is performed or said work will not be reimbursed by the Department. Reimbursement shall be made upon approval of said invoice by the Department's District Engineer or designee and Financial Management Division.

6. The Department, at its option, may elect to increase or decrease the reimbursement rates shown on Attachment 1 each year the Agreement is in force in consideration of inflation rates, cost increases and decreases, changes in funding, etc., subject to the availability of funds and the performance of the Municipality.
7. The Municipality shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations, and shall obtain all necessary federal, state and local environmental permits, including but not limited to, those related to sediment control, storm water, wetland, streams, endangered species, and historical sites.
8. The Municipality, and or its agent, shall maintain adequate records and documentation to support the work performed under this Agreement and shall permit free access to its records by official representatives of the State of North Carolina. Furthermore, the Municipality, or its agent, shall maintain all pertinent records and documentation for a period of not less than five (5) years following the close of the fiscal year during which the services were performed.
9. This Agreement shall continue thereafter with automatic yearly renewal extensions subject to the following termination conditions:
 - (A) At any time either party may cancel the Agreement with a thirty (30) day written notice to the opposite party. On behalf of the Municipality, this Agreement may be canceled by the City/Town Manager and/or his designee.
 - (B) Upon the effective date of the cancellation, neither party shall owe any obligations under this Agreement, except that all obligations performed under this Agreement, including but not limited to invoicing, record retention, and payment for work performed prior to the effective date of cancellation, shall remain in effect.
10. It is the policy of the Department not to enter into any agreement with another party that has been debarred by any government agency (Federal or State). The Municipality certifies, by signature of this agreement, that neither it nor its agents or contractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal or State Department or Agency.
11. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Department and the Municipality and is not for the benefit of any other persons or any entities, and no other persons or entities shall have any rights, claims, or entitlements under this Agreement.

12. The Department must approve any assignment or transfer of the responsibilities of the Municipality set forth in this Agreement to other parties or entities in writing.
13. The Municipality agrees to indemnify and save harmless, the Department, for all damages and claims for damage that may arise as result of performance of mowing operations by its employees and/or contractors.
14. By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and N.C. G.S. § 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet Agencies (i.e., Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor).

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the approval of the project by the Department is subject to the conditions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed, in duplicate, the day and year heretofore set out, on the part of the Department and the Municipality by authority duly given.

ATTEST: TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
BY: _____ BY: _____
TITLE: _____ TITLE: _____
DATE: _____ DATE: _____

Approved by _____ of the local governing body of the Town of Weddington as
attested to by the signature of Clerk of said governing body on _____ (Date)

N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

Federal Tax Identification Number

(SEAL)

Remittance Address:

Town of Weddington

1924 Weddington Road

Weddington, NC 28104

ATTENTION: Amy S. McCollum

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: _____
(STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR)

DATE: _____

PRESENTED TO BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION ITEM O: _____

ATTACHMENT 1

Municipal Mowing Agreement - City of Weddington

Effective Dates: January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Allowable Performance Period Reimbursement Costs: \$2,489.20

<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Shoulder Miles</u>	<u>2012 Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NC 16	From Rea Rd. (SR 1316) to Mecklenburg County Line	1.80	7.20	\$50.80	\$365.76
SR 1316	From Weddington City Limits to NC 16	0.60	2.30	\$50.80	\$116.84
NC 84	From NC 16 to a point 0.10 miles east of SR 1344	0.25	0.50	\$30.48	\$15.24
TOTAL COST PER MOWING CYCLE					\$497.84

Board of Delegates Agenda

Wednesday, May 9, 2012
6:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Hilton Charlotte University Place
8629 JM Keynes Drive
Charlotte, NC 28262

The Chairperson, Martha Sue Hall, has called a meeting of the Centralina Board of Delegates for **Wednesday, May 9, 2012 in the Lakefront Restaurant (change in meeting location)**. Please join us for a reception in the Lakefront Restaurant at 6:15p.m., followed by dinner at 6:50 p.m. and the call to order at 7:00 p.m. The Centralina Board of Delegates will participate in a **CONNECT Our Future** work session at 7:20 p.m.

Time	Item	Presenter										
6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.	CCOG's Open House and Reception is sponsored by Centralina COG: <i>A cash bar will be provided in the Lakefront Restaurant.</i>	Barbie Blackwell										
6:50 p.m.	Dinner: <i>Please RSVP to Barbie Blackwell at bblackwell@centralina.org or (704) 348-2728 by May 7, 2012 so that catering can be arranged.</i>	Barbie Blackwell										
7:00 p.m.	Call to Order, Welcome & Declaration of Quorum Amendments to the Agenda (if any)	Martha Sue Hall										
7:00 p.m. 20 minutes	Regional Excellence Awards Presentation: <i>Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) works with our member governments to help grow our region's economy and jobs, control the cost of government and improve quality of life. CCOG celebrates the region's outstanding achievements towards these goals through the Annual Region of Excellence Awards. These awards recognize our local governments' successes and commitment to excellence.</i> <i>This year CCOG will recognize regional excellence in the following categories:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling the Cost of Government • Growing the Economy • Improving Quality of Life • Clean Cities – to be presented by Jason Wager and Emily Parker <i>Award winners for the above categories and our esteemed panel of judges will be recognized at the May 9th Board Meeting.</i>	Region of Excellence Award Judges										
Consent Items: <i>Consent agenda items may be considered in one motion and without discussion except for those items removed by a Board member.</i>												
Attachment #1	Approval of the Board of Delegates Minutes from the February 8, 2012 meeting: <i>The minutes of the February 8, 2012 have been sent to all members of the Board of Delegates and should be approved if correct.</i> ACTION REQUESTED: <i>I move to approve the February 8, 2012 Board of Delegates meeting minutes.</i>	Martha Sue Hall										
Received as information	Report of Services Agreements: <i>This is a list of agreements entered into with member governments and other non-member jurisdictions since the last report. Under these agreements, staff will provide technical assistance to the local government. No action required.</i> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Member Government for FY 2011-12</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lincoln County Solid Waste Plan Update</td> <td>\$ 4,970</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$ 4,970</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Member Government for FY 2011-12</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Member Hours</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lincolnton Solid Waste Plan Update</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <i>[Note: On any other project, membership hours are provided in accordance with Centralina policy.]</i>	Member Government for FY 2011-12	Cost	Lincoln County Solid Waste Plan Update	\$ 4,970	Total	\$ 4,970	Member Government for FY 2011-12	Member Hours	Lincolnton Solid Waste Plan Update	30	
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Lincoln County Solid Waste Plan Update	\$ 4,970											
Total	\$ 4,970											
Member Government for FY 2011-12	Member Hours											
Lincolnton Solid Waste Plan Update	30											
Regular Business Items:												
7:20 p.m. Attachment #2	CONNECT Our Future Work Session: <i>Delegates will hear an overview of the CONNECT Our Future project, develop an understanding of their role in the process, and provide input on how we can work together to address shared problems.</i>	Martha Sue Hall, Michael Johnson, George Arena, and Lindsey Dunevant										

Board of Delegates Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter
8:20 p.m.	<p>Member Dues for Fiscal Year 2012-13: <i>The Executive Board voted to calculate membership dues at a rate of \$0.235 per capita for fiscal year 2012-13, consistent with fiscal year 2011-12. Dues are based on the 2010 North Carolina Census results and will be a minimum of \$750 for all members. This rate is reflected in the fiscal year 2012-13 Operating Budget Proposal.</i></p> <p>ACTION REQUESTED: <i>I move to set the dues rate for fiscal year 2012-13 at 23.5-cents per capita with minimum dues of \$750 per member.</i></p>	Jim Prosser and Tonya Frye
Attachment # 3	<p>Proposed Centralina COG's Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2012-2013: <i>Tonya Frye, Finance Director, will present a proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2012-13. The budget reflects no change in member dues from fiscal year 2011-12, as directed by the Executive Board. The budget includes a 2.50% salary adjustment and the CONNECT Sustainable Communities Initiative. Management recommends a proposed annual operating budget of \$7,147,565 for approval by the Board of Delegates.</i></p> <p>Legal Notice: Charlotte Observer – Run Date: April 2, 2012</p> <p>ACTION REQUESTED: <i>I move that the Board of Delegates approve the annual operating budget ordinance of \$7,147,565 for fiscal year 2012-13.</i></p>	Jim Prosser and Tonya Frye
Attachment # 4	<p>Proposed Centralina COG's Grant Projects Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2012-2013: <i>Tonya Frye will also present a proposed grant projects budget for approval. The budget reflects funding disbursed throughout the region for a variety of Workforce Development and Aging programs. The proposed grant projects budget ordinance of \$17,086,765 for fiscal year 2012-13 has been reviewed by the Executive Board.</i></p> <p>Note: <i>A 75% affirmative vote is required to approve the budget ordinance. A public hearing concerning the fiscal year 2012-13 Budget Ordinance was held at the April 11, 2012 Executive Board Meeting in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, Section 159-12.</i></p> <p>ACTION REQUESTED: <i>I move that the Board of Delegates approve the grant project budget ordinance of \$17,086,765 for fiscal year 2012-13.</i></p>	Jim Prosser and Tonya Frye
	<p>Approval of Contract Included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposed Operating Budget: <i>The proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2012-13 includes an appropriation of approximately \$255,000 for occupancy costs associated with the 12th floor office space located at 525 North Tryon Street. Management is requesting the Board of Delegates approve this contractual obligation.</i></p> <p>ACTION REQUESTED: <i>I move that the Board of Delegates approve the contractual obligation for the office space in the amount not to exceed \$255,000 included in the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2012-13.</i></p>	Jim Prosser and Tonya Frye
Attachment # 5	<p>Centralina Bylaw Amendment – Article X: Finance: <i>Management is recommending an amendment to the bylaws that will allow the Finance Officer and the Executive Director to sign checks under \$50,000. Centralina believes the adjustment will not compromise internal controls and will allow CCOG to expedite payments to vendors in situations when it is difficult or time-consuming to reach the chairperson or the treasurer. As a mitigating factor, the Finance Director will provide a report to the treasurer at the end of each month of all checks with an amount between \$5,000 and \$50,000.</i></p>	Jim Prosser and Tonya Frye

Board of Delegates Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter
	ACTION REQUESTED: <i>I move that the Board of Delegates approve the amendment to the CCOG bylaws regarding signatories on disbursements.</i>	
	Designation of Finance Officer: <i>Since the Finance Director position is established, Centralina believes the responsibilities of the Finance Officer and the Budget Officer as defined in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act should be handled by the Finance Director instead of the Executive Director. Management recommends amending the bylaws accordingly.</i>	Jim Prosser and Tonya Frye
	Designation of Deputy Finance Officer: <i>Since the Finance Director will serve as the chief finance officer and dual signatures are required for all checks or drafts, Centralina recommends the Board designate Jim Prosser as deputy finance officer.</i> ACTION REQUESTED: <i>I move that the Board of Delegates designate Jim Prosser, Executive Director, as Deputy Finance Officer in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.</i>	Jim Prosser and Tonya Frye
	Article X: Financial F. <u>Chief Budget Officer and Chief Finance Officer:</u> <i>The Finance Director (remove Executive Director) shall serve as the Chief Budget Officer and as the Chief Finance Officer of the Council and shall perform such duties in these capacities as may be prescribed by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, or by the Executive Board, not inconsistent therewith.</i> ACTION REQUESTED: <i>I move that the Board of Delegates amend the bylaws to name the Finance Director as the chief budget officer and chief finance officer.</i>	Jim Prosser and Tonya Frye
5 minutes	Comments from the Board of Delegates	Martha Sue Hall
5 minutes	Comments from the Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Official resignation of Mayor Frank Deese as CCOG Secretary to the CCOG Board.</i> · <i>Nominating Committee to appoint a Secretary for the expired term.</i> 	Martha Sue Hall
5 minutes Attachment # 6	Comments from the Executive Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Bio of Sushil Nepal, new CONNECT Project Manager</i> · <i>Legislative Update</i> 	Jim Prosser
	Adjournment	Martha Sue Hall

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Board of Delegates Minutes

February 8, 2012

Jurisdiction	Represented By	Jurisdictions Not Represented
Albemarle	Martha Sue Hall	Belmont
Anson County	Jarvis Woodburn	Bessemer City
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Cherryville
Charlotte	Patsy Kinsey	Cleveland
China Grove	Charles Seaford	Cramerton
Cornelius	John Bradford	Dallas
Davidson	Rodney Graham	East Spencer
Gaston County	Joe Carpenter/Chad Brown	Faith
Gastonia	Walter Kimble/Jim Gallagher	Harmony
Granite Quarry	Bill Feather	Hemby Bridge
High Shoals	Claude Crain/Rhett Toney	Huntersville
Landis	James Furr	Indian Trail
Lincoln County	George Arena	Iredell County
Lowell	Judy Horne	Kannapolis
Matthews	Jeff Miller	Kings Mountain
Mecklenburg County	Jennifer Roberts	Lincolnton
Midland	Kathy Kitts/Mike Tallent	Locust
Mint Hill	Lloyd Austin	Marshville
Misenheimer	Michael Riemann	McAdenville
Morven	Houston Pratt	Mineral Springs
Mount Pleasant	Rick Burleyson	Monroe
Pineville	Debbie Fowler	Mooresville
Ranlo	Scott Clark	Mount Holly
Spencer	Jody Everhart	Norwood
Stanly County	Lindsey Dunevant	Oakboro
Statesville	Michael Johnson	Richfield
Troutman	Betty Jean Troutman	Rockwell
Waxhaw	Daune Gardner	Salisbury
Weddington	Werner Thomisser	Spencer Mountain
Wesley Chapel	Becky Plyler	Stallings
		Stanley
		Union County
		Unionville
		Wadesboro
		Wingate

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Martha Sue Hall called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Chairperson Hall gave the invocation. The Clerk verified and the CCOG Attorney confirmed a quorum was present. Chairperson Hall recognized Bjorn Hansen, Debi Lee, Jason Wager and Rich Deming for providing excellent engagement during the reception at the open house.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda** – There were no additions to the agenda.
3. **Consent Agenda** – Lloyd Austin made the motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Patsy Kinsey. The motion was approved.
 1. Minutes from August 10, 2011.
 2. Report of Service Agreements.

4. **Centralina COG’s Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy**– Jim Prosser, Centralina Executive Director, briefly clarified the Centralina COG’s code of conduct and conflict of interest policy. The policy states that any violations by employees would be subject to enforcement in accordance with Centralina COG’s Personnel Manual. The policy also states that any violations by the Executive Director or any Board Member would be referred to the Board for enforcement.

Jeff Miller made the motion to accept the Centralina COG’s Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy. The motion was seconded by Claude Crain. The motion was approved.

5. **HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning** – Rebecca Yarbrough and Vicki Bott gave a brief update on the regional planning initiative for the CONNECT HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. CCOG was awarded a \$4.9 million grant to support a bi-state regional collaborative effort to develop a strategic framework to grow the economy and jobs, control the cost of government and improve the quality of life. A next step will be to finalize the work plan and the formats that would be used to forward the progress reports to HUD.

CONNECT Our Future: Vibrant Communities – Robust Region – The Centralina COG Board of Delegates participated in a roundtable discussion identifying challenges their communities face as well as barriers and opportunities to addressing those challenges. Centralina Staff facilitated the discussions. The Executive Director summarized that the HUD grant would be used to develop a strategic framework to address the issues that communities face in the region. That strategic framework will be used to grow the economy and jobs, control the cost of government and improve the quality of life.

6. **Comments from the Delegates** – Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, CCOG’s Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Legislative Committee, noted that last year Centralina COG hosted a series of legislative meetings throughout the region. Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson shared that a group of city and county managers has organized legislative meetings with state legislators from various districts to discuss legislative issues impacting the region.

Johnson asked for volunteers from each county or municipality to assist in organizing similar meetings with state legislators to address these same issues impacting the jurisdictions as well as the region. The first organizational meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2012, at the Centralina COG offices from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Please let Mayor Pro Tem Johnson know if you are interested in volunteering.

7. **Comments by the Chairperson** – The Chairperson announced the following events:
 - A Clean Cities luncheon event at the Roush Fenway Racing in Concord, N.C., on February 16, 2012, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The purpose of the event is educating local governments on propane gas and the process for switching fleet vehicles from gasoline and diesel to propane gas.
 - The Annual Regional Excellence Awards timeline has been extended until April 20. To send nominations or for more information contact Venecia White at vrock@centralina.org or (704) 372-2416.
8. **Comments by the Executive Director** – There were no comments from the Executive Director.
9. **Adjournment** – With no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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Vibrant Communities in a Robust Region

Centralina Council of Governments

Challenges Facing Our Community

What are the top challenges your community currently faces?



Challenges Communities Face Today

- Planning appropriately for dramatic growth within the region while maintaining community character
- Meeting infrastructure needs - sewer, transportation - while controlling cost of government
- Unemployment; need for jobs and housing that attract/retain young people
- Difficulty attracting businesses, need for worker training
- Sharing limited water resources
- Lack of regional information and tools for decision-making
- Continuing to build a vibrant community for our children and grandchildren



What Happens if We Do Nothing?

- Uncontrolled growth, increased congestion, loss of agricultural land and open spaces, increased cost of government
- Missed opportunities to work together to solve mutual problems
- Missed opportunities for economic growth, jobs, residents
- No new strategies to help address infrastructure needs
- Imbalanced water supply and demand
- Inability to compete with other regions for businesses and for limited federal funding
- We do not become the best communities or best region that we can be



Working Together on Solutions — “CONNECT Our Future”

- Working together to grow jobs and the economy, improve quality of life, control cost of government
- Communities, counties, businesses, educators and others coming together across jurisdictional borders
- Funded by a \$4.9 million HUD Sustainable Communities Grant and \$3 million committed local in-kind match; three-year process



Working Together on Solutions — “CONNECT Our Future”

- Creates a regional strategic framework using best practices to help communities and organizations address challenges
- Engages local governments, other public and private partners, and local residents across the 14-county grant area
- Based on the Region’s “CONNECT” Vision (2008)



CONNECT Regional Vision

CONNECT Our Future is based on the vision adopted by local governments representing 70 percent of the region's population. Core values are:

- A strong, diverse economy
- Increased collaboration among jurisdictions
- Sustainable, well-managed growth
- A safe and healthy environment
- High quality educational opportunities
- Enhanced social equity through community leadership and volunteerism

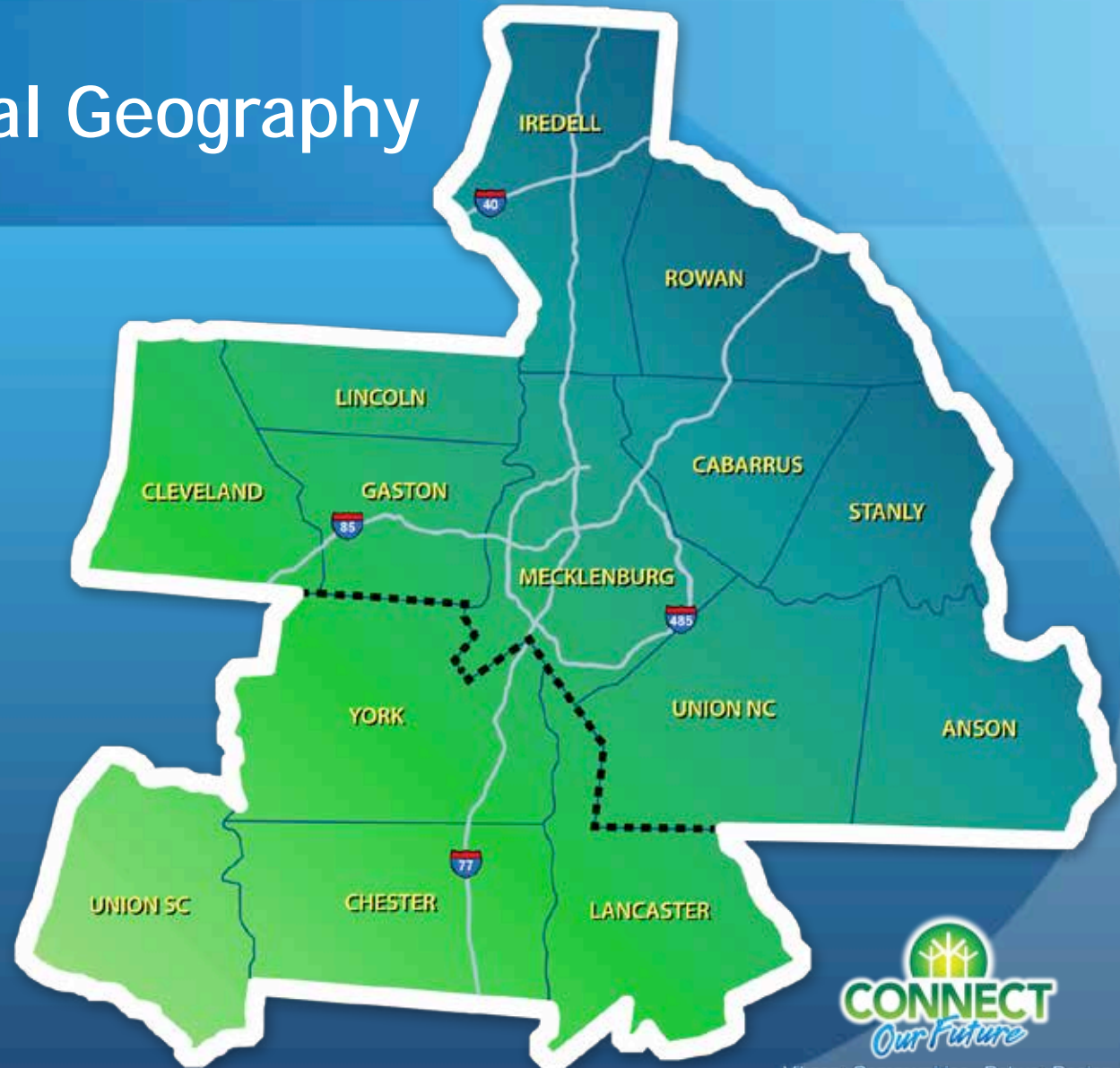


Our Regional Geography

Two-State
Region includes:

- 14 Counties
- More than 100 municipalities

2011 HUD Grant:
One of only 30
awarded in U.S.,
one of few
fully funded



Vibrant Communities - Robust Region

How would “CONNECT Our Future” support economic growth and jobs?

- “Hardwire” strategies for business growth into community planning
- Identify and remove barriers to business growth
- Align worker training and business/target industries needs
- Develop strategies for growth around new/revitalized job centers
- Create strategies to revitalize old commercial/industrial sites



How would “CONNECT Our Future” further support vibrant communities?

Bring communities together to face common challenges, and –

- Develop a preferred scenario for the future to help address healthy growth and our shared challenges
- Develop tools and strategies to help address critical issues such as infrastructure, housing, air and water quality, and open space
- Develop ongoing system to collaborate and coordinate on shared problems



Vibrant Communities - Robust Region

Collaborating to Solve Challenges – Benefits Realized by Other Regions

- Kansas City region identified more than \$2.5 billion in infrastructure savings
- Salt Lake City region identified more than \$3.5 billion in infrastructure savings
- Chattanooga and Knoxville regions revitalized urban cores
- Sacramento region got the mix of housing they needed for an aging population
- Birmingham region developed more affordable housing
- Most regions reduce growth in vehicles miles
- More effective use of limited federal dollars



What is the structure for “CONNECT Our Future?”

- **Consortium** - More than 100 public, private, non-profit organization members, guides process and establishes topical work groups
- **Public Engagement** - Throughout process to develop a regional strategic framework and a consensus-based growth alternative for the future
- **Studies and Data Collection** - To fill information gaps and enhance planning



What are Consortium Member Responsibilities?

- Share data on existing conditions and future plans (e.g. land use, transportation, utilities).
- Appoint representatives to come to meetings and help guide and shape the CONNECT Our Future process.
- Help shape a future framework and tools your community needs. Tell us the challenges your community faces and what you need.
- Get members of your community or organization to participate in public engagement throughout the process.
- No financial cost, in-kind matches already committed.



What is the Process for “CONNECT Our Future?”

Spring/Summer 2012 –

Start-up, data collection, public engagement

Fall/Winter 2012 –

Public engagement, identifying measures of what is important to people in the region

2013-2014 –

Public engagement, creating and evaluating alternative futures, selecting preferred scenario; final regional framework and next steps



Get Involved!

- This is YOUR process and it is focused on finding solutions to the challenges communities share in the 14-county region.
- It will only be successful if cities, counties, businesses, educators, non-profits and others work together on strategies for our future.



Vibrant Communities – Robust Region

How Can I Get Involved?

- JOIN the CONNECT Consortium - Schedule a meeting to consider the Consortium agreement and participate!
- Participate in Public Engagement - More than 80 events throughout the region; more details this spring.
- For more information, contact:
Sushil Nepal,
Centralina Regional Council of Governments,
CONNECT Project Manager, (704) 372-2416,
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Questions or Comments?

The logo features a green circular icon at the top containing three stylized white trees. Below this, the word "CONNECT" is written in large, bold, green capital letters. Underneath "CONNECT", the phrase "Our Future" is written in a blue, cursive script font.

Vibrant Communities – Robust Region

What:

Creating a strategic framework for growing vibrant communities in a robust region that will promote growing jobs and the economy, quality of life and controlling cost of government.

Who:

Communities, businesses, educators, economic developers, non-profits, and organizations coming together across jurisdictional borders to work on shared challenges.

A Consortium of more than 100 organizations guides the process and facilitates extensive regionwide public engagement.

How:

Extensive community-based public engagement to develop a regional strategic framework using best practices to help community and organizations, building on needs, existing plans and strategies.

Understanding relationships and trade-offs among choices for jobs and the economy, housing, transportation, land use, energy, natural resources and public health.

Where:

The 14-county bi-state region which includes: Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union Counties in North Carolina, and Chester, Lancaster, Union and York Counties in South Carolina.

Why:

So that we *CONNECT for Our Future* – Vibrant Communities in a Robust Region!

CONNECT Our Future

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Wendy Bell, Senior Planner, CRCOG, (803) 327-9041, wbell@catawbacog.org



CONNECT Our Future is a Sustainable Communities initiative, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Vibrant Communities – Robust Region

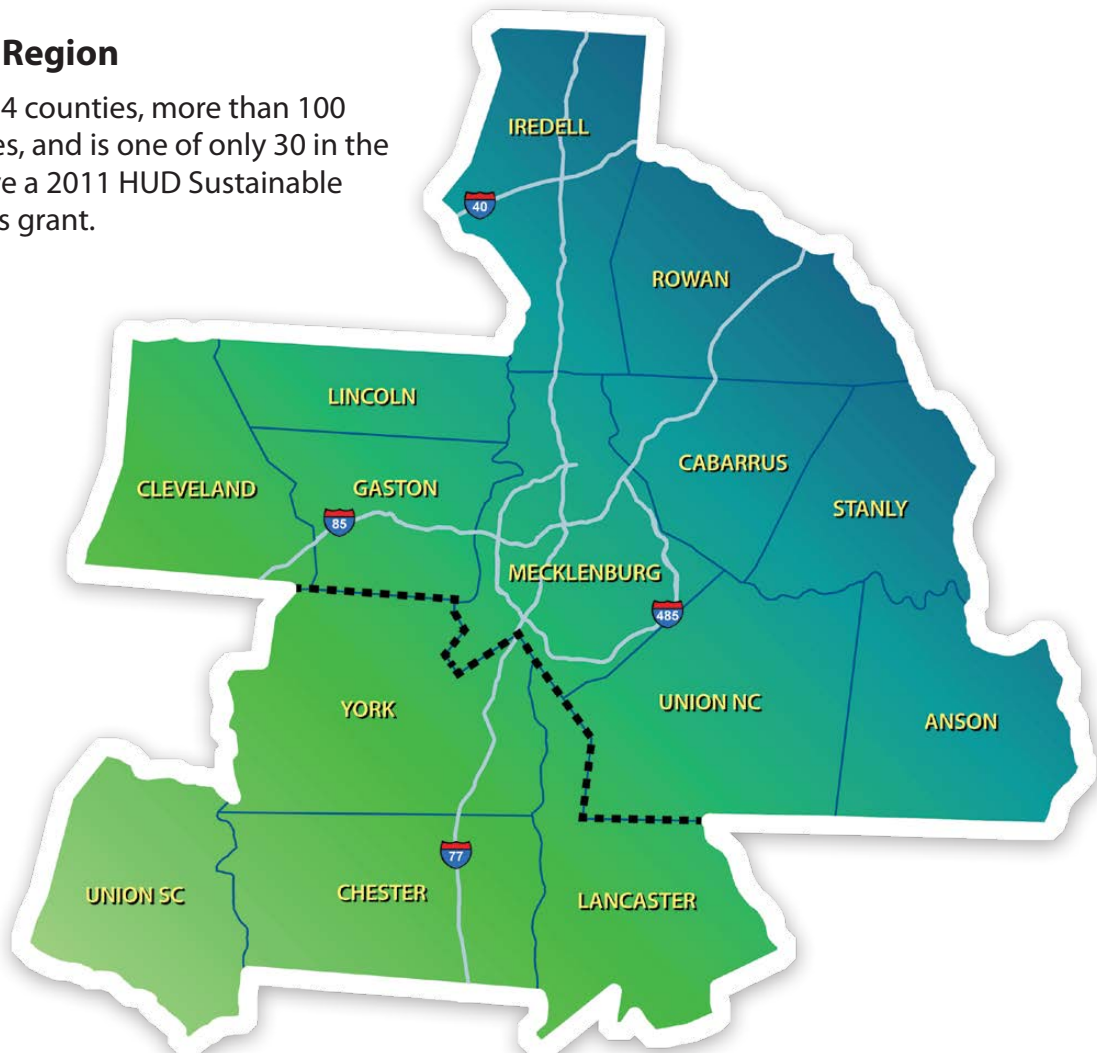
The CONNECT Vision Core Values are:

- A strong, diverse economy;
- Sustainable, well-managed growth;
- A safe and healthy environment;
- High quality educational opportunities;
- Increased collaboration among jurisdictions; and,
- Enhanced social equity.

“CONNECT Our Future” is based on
the CONNECT regional vision
adopted by local governments representing
more than 70 percent of the region’s population.

CONNECT Region

Two states, 14 counties, more than 100 municipalities, and is one of only 30 in the U.S. to receive a 2011 HUD Sustainable Communities grant.





Vibrant Communities – Robust Region

Q&A

Q. What is "CONNECT Our Future: Vibrant Communities – Robust Region"?

A. "CONNECT Our Future" is a process in which communities, counties, businesses, educators, non-profits and other organizations work together to grow jobs and our economy, improving quality of life and controlling cost of government. It will create a regional strategic framework using best practices to help communities and organizations address the challenges that they share. It is supported by a \$4.9 million HUD Sustainable Communities Grant and \$3 million in local in-kind public and private matching resources. The CONNECT Our Future three-year process will engage public, private and non-profit organizations across the 14-county region for the HUD Sustainable Communities grant. It is based on the region's CONNECT vision.

Q. What counties are included in the 14-county grant area?

A. The grant area is the Greater Charlotte 14-county bi-state region which includes: Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union Counties in North Carolina, and Chester, Lancaster, Union and York Counties in South Carolina.

Q. What is the region's CONNECT vision?

A. In 2005-2008, the 14-county bi-state region came together and developed a vision for the region's future. That vision has been adopted by local governments representing more than 70 percent of the population within the region. Its six core values are:

- A strong, diverse economy;
- Sustainable, well-managed growth;
- A safe and healthy environment;
- High quality educational opportunities;
- Increased collaboration among jurisdictions; and,
- Enhanced social equity.

Q. How would "CONNECT Our Future" support economic growth and jobs?

A. "CONNECT Our Future" would support economic growth and jobs by:

- "Hardwiring" strategies for business into community planning;
- Identifying and removing barriers to business growth;
- Aligning worker training and business/target industries;
- Developing strategies for growth around new/revitalized job centers; and,
- Creating strategies to revitalize commercial/industrial sites.

Q. How would "CONNECT Our Future" further support vibrant communities?

- A. CONNECT Our Future would further support vibrant communities by bringing communities together to face common challenges and –
- Develop a preferred scenario for the future to help address healthy growth and shared challenges;
 - Develop tools and strategies to help address critical issues such as infrastructure, housing, air and water quality, and open space; and,
 - Develop an ongoing system to collaborate and coordinate on shared problems.

Q. What is the structure of "CONNECT Our Future"?

- A. The CONNECT Consortium – a broad-based group of more than 100 governments, businesses, non-profits, educational institutions and organizations – is responsible for guiding the work in the process. The Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG), which was the grant recipient on behalf of the Consortium, and the Catawba Regional Council of Governments (CRCOG) will coordinate, facilitate and staff the process. Extensive public engagement of more than 80 events regionwide is being designed to ensure communities and organizations of all sizes throughout the region, including traditionally under-represented groups, participate in the building of a regional strategic framework for the future.

Q. How is this process being managed?

- A. The entire process will operate using a project management system, with a full-time project manager. This project management system will be invisible to most participants but will help manage the complexity and time sensitivity of the work that must be accomplished in each of the project's phases.

Q. What is the process for "CONNECT Our Future?"

- A. The schedule includes:
- Spring/Summer – Start-up, public engagement;
 - Fall/Winter 2012 – Public engagement, identifying measures of what's important to the people of the region;
 - 2013-2014 – Public engagement, modeling and evaluating alternative futures, preferred scenario, final regional framework, and next steps.

Q. What kind of outcomes have other regions realized from collaborative planning?

- A. Regions that have benefitted from collaborative planning include:
- Ø Kansas City region identified more than \$2.5 billion in infrastructure savings;
 - Ø Salt Lake City region identified more than \$3.5 billion in infrastructure savings;
 - Ø Sacramento region got the mix of housing they needed for their aging population;
 - Ø Chattanooga and Knoxville regions revitalized their urban cores;
 - Ø Birmingham region developed more affordable housing;
 - Ø Most regions realized reduced growth in vehicle miles traveled;
 - Ø Regions were able to more effectively use limited federal funds.

Q. What does it take to become a member of the CONNECT Consortium?

A. Organizations that join the Consortium will be asked to sign an agreement and commit to doing the following:

- Share data on existing conditions and future plans (e.g. land use, transportation, utilities).
- Appoint representatives to come to meetings and help guide and shape the CONNECT Our Future process.
- Help shape a future framework and tools to meet your community needs. Tell us the challenges your community faces and what you need.
- Get members of your community or organization to participate in public engagement throughout the process.

There is no financial cost and the commitment for the \$3 million in-kind match in local resources has already been made by a number of Consortium members. Any organization interested in joining the Consortium can schedule a brief presentation giving them an opportunity to learn more and consider a Consortium agreement.

Q. Have other cities received a HUD Sustainable Communities grant?

A. Yes. The grant awarded CCOG in November 2011 was one of 30 awarded nationwide as part of the 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This was only the second year HUD awarded the Sustainable Communities grants.

Q. Will my small community's needs be overshadowed by larger communities if I attend a public engagement event?

A. No, the process is being designed to make sure that does not happen. The public engagement meetings and activities will be held on a sub-regional level for local communities throughout the region.

Q. Why do we need to collaborate to face our challenges?

A. Many communities in this region currently face similar challenges, such as unemployment, housing needs, and a desire to attract and retain young people. By working together we can develop better solutions, align our strategies and resources, and build an even greater future for our own communities and our region.

Q. Why should I get involved? How can I get involved?

A. This is YOUR process. A collaborative success will occur only if businesses, governments, workforce, educators, non-profits, organizations and others work together on strategies for our future.

You can:

- Join the CONNECT Consortium – Schedule a meeting to learn more about joining the Consortium.
- Participate in CONNECT Blueprinting Process Public Engagement – More than 80 events throughout the region; more details in the coming months.

For more information contact:

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Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Proposed Annual Budget Ordinance

	FY2010-2011 Final Budget	FY2010-2011 Audited Actuals	FY2011-2012 Amended* Budget	FY2012-2013 Proposed Budget
ANTICIPATED REVENUES				
Program Revenues				
Federal Grants	3,778,900	3,170,990	4,871,175	5,530,791
State Grants	646,489	572,424	345,643	253,645
Technical Assistance Projects	795,881	558,938	602,422	408,577
Contracts	36,600	36,074	36,600	26,770
Program Revenue	634,008	641,471	279,635	178,301
Total Program Revenue	5,891,878	4,979,897	6,135,475	6,398,084
Other Revenues				
Member Dues Support	710,563	745,894	711,481	711,481
Interest Revenue	-	-	3,000	3,000
Sales Revenue	169,695	122,940	55,014	35,000
Total Other Revenues	880,258	868,834	769,495	749,481
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	6,772,136	5,848,731	6,904,970	7,147,565
EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS				
Board and Executive Committee	223,719	203,195	225,084	227,752
General Governance	1,658,615	1,644,528	1,235,366	1,465,116
CONNECT Sustainable Communities Initiative	-	-	-	1,640,723
Information Technology Division	166,296	97,578	208,014	228,103
Community and Economic Development	613,380	539,216	656,761	589,868
Planning Department	1,531,148	1,184,124	1,422,387	1,372,768
Area Agency on Aging	2,541,594	2,330,276	2,164,125	2,063,718
Workforce Development	1,652,048	1,237,780	2,527,176	1,304,999
Indirect Costs Representation	(1,614,664)	(1,405,935)	(1,533,943)	(1,745,483)
TOTAL EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS	6,772,136	5,830,762	6,904,970	7,147,565

*As of March 14, 2012.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Budget by Section
June 30, 2013

EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS	Board of Delegates	General Governance	CONNECT		Information Technology	Community and Economic Development	Planning Department	Area Agency on Aging	Workforce Development	Total
			Sustainable Communities	Information Technology						
Direct Expenses										
Personnel	9,701	480,000	97,789	80,072	223,544	391,988	656,779	282,927	2,232,800	
Salaries	4,851	245,000	48,895	40,038	111,772	195,894	328,390	141,463	1,116,400	
Fringes	14,552	735,000	146,894	120,108	335,316	587,982	985,169	424,390	3,348,199	
Total Personnel Expenses										
Other Direct Expenses										
Supplies	300	15,000	35,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	24,240	190,000	286,540	
Printing and Publication Costs	6,000	16,000	-	500	3,500	5,125	-	18,500	48,625	
Advertising & Public Relations	3,500	5,000	-	500	-	3,750	3,000	16,800	31,850	
Postage	-	10,000	-	-	1,350	200	-	-	12,050	
Training	500	4,300	-	1,200	5,500	16,000	275,777	46,000	348,277	
Travel and Mileage Related Expenditures	5,000	46,000	-	1,000	5,000	39,980	22,057	25,000	144,037	
Meeting Related Expenditures	15,000	21,000	36,933	-	4,000	-	46,988	37,400	161,329	
Dues and subscriptions	14,000	11,500	-	-	6,800	7,500	23,633	15,000	78,433	
Legal Fee	30,000	2,000	-	-	3,500	-	800	-	36,300	
Audit Related Expenses	52,500	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	-	52,500	
Telephone Services	-	18,500	-	-	2,350	-	13,700	1,500	36,550	
Consultants	50,000	26,000	41,050	2,500	303,500	4,573	27,000	-	423,050	
Contracted Services	-	6,000	1,287,179	2,500	-	-	-	134,000	1,461,252	
Rental Expenses	-	254,434	-	-	-	-	-	-	254,434	
Lease Expenses	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	
Insurance Expenses	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	
Maintenance/Repairs	-	4,000	-	12,000	-	-	-	-	16,000	
Vehicle Services	-	31,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,000	
Parking Related Expenses	2,400	-	-	-	-	-	1,479	-	14,279	
Per Diem	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400	
Non-capital Equipment/Furniture	-	7,000	-	20,000	300	-	-	-	27,000	
Fees and Charges	32,000	3,000	-	15,000	3,500	-	7,723	-	3,300	
Special Projects	32,000	5,500	-	8,000	1,000	9,500	1,637	125,000	188,723	
Contingency/Other	2,000	-	-	66,200	39,950	408,478	448,042	609,000	22,137	
Total Other Direct Expenses	213,200	614,034	1,400,162	66,200	39,950	408,478	448,042	609,000	3,799,066	
Total Direct Expenses	227,752	1,349,034	1,548,846	186,308	375,286	996,460	1,433,211	1,033,390	7,148,265	
Contribution to Indirect Costs		106,082	93,877	41,795	214,802	376,308	630,508	271,609	1,734,782	
Represented Indirect Costs									(1,745,483)	
Capital Outlay		10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	
TOTAL EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS	227,752	1,465,116	1,640,723	228,103	589,888	1,372,768	2,063,718	1,304,999	7,147,565	

Centralina Council of Governments
Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Budget by Section
June 30, 2013

ANTICIPATED REVENUES	Board of Delegates	General Governance	CONNECT			Community and Economic Development	Planning Department	Area Agency on Aging	Workforce Development	Total
			Sustainable Communities	Information Technology	Development					
Program Revenues	-	-	1,640,723	-	-	137,975	706,789	1,740,306	1,304,999	5,530,791
Federal Grants	-	31,275	-	-	4,947	169,161	48,262	-	-	253,645
State Grants	-	-	-	72,000	211,459	125,118	26,770	-	-	408,577
Technical Assistance Projects	-	-	-	-	80,996	40,077	77,228	-	-	28,770
Contracts	-	-	-	-	415,576	1,067,915	1,865,795	1,304,999	-	178,301
Program Revenue	-	31,275	1,640,723	72,000	-	-	-	-	-	6,398,094
Total Program Revenue	-	31,275	1,640,723	72,000	-	-	-	-	-	7,114,811
Other Revenues	478,040	-	-	11,040	25,904	33,574	162,923	-	-	711,481
Member Dues Support	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	35,000	-	-	3,000
Interest Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,000
Sales Revenue	481,040	-	-	11,040	25,904	33,574	197,923	-	-	749,481
Total Other Revenues	481,040	-	-	11,040	25,904	33,574	197,923	-	-	749,481
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	481,040	31,275	1,640,723	83,040	441,280	1,101,488	2,063,718	1,304,999	-	7,147,565

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Proposed Grant Project Budget

<u>Program</u>	FY2011-2012	FY2012-2013
	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget
Workforce Development		
Adult Services Program Year 2010	116,553	
Dislocated Worker Program Year 2010	206,094	
Youth Services Program Year 2010	137,469	
Adult Services Program Year 2011	1,238,382	291,467
Dislocated Worker Program Year 2011	2,060,937	453,428
Youth Services Program Year 2011	1,195,385	170,220
Adult Services Program Year 2012		1,489,067
Dislocated Worker Program Year 2012		2,135,572
Youth Services Program Year 2012		1,609,355
	<u>4,954,820</u>	<u>6,149,109</u>
Area Agency on Aging		
HCC Block Grant	8,061,306	8,556,735
USDA Supplement	700,000	700,000
Title III-B Legal	59,930	76,730
Family Caregiver	539,352	550,968
Disease Prevention/Health Promotion	94,041	45,000
State Senior Center General Purpose	-	50,000
Title V	1,000,000	938,223
Heat Fan Relief	20,000	20,000
	<u>10,474,629</u>	<u>10,937,656</u>
	<u>15,429,449</u>	<u>17,086,765</u>
Total Grant Projects Budget		

BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X

Article X: FINANCIAL

C. Banking: The Treasurer shall recommend and the Executive Board shall select one or more corporate banking institutions in the State of North Carolina to be the depository of the funds of the Council. Except as otherwise provided by law, or hereinafter provided, all checks or drafts on an official depository of the Council designated as set forth above shall be (1) signed by the Chief Finance Officer or the Deputy Finance Officer and (2) countersigned by another official of the Council designated for this purpose by the Executive Board. If the Executive Board makes no other designation for purposes of clause (2) of the immediately preceding sentence, the chairman or the treasurer of the Executive Board or the Executive Director (except in the case that the Deputy Finance Officer has signed such check or draft pursuant to clause (1) of the immediately preceding sentence) or the Finance Director (only in the case that the Deputy Finance Officer signed such check or draft pursuant to clause (1) of the immediately preceding sentence) of the Council shall countersign these checks and drafts. For purposes of clause (2) of the second sentence of this Section X.C., the Executive Board hereby designates (a) the Executive Director, if the Chief Finance Officer signed such check or draft pursuant to clause (1) of the second sentence of this Section X.C., or (b) the Finance Director, if the Deputy Finance Officer signed such check or draft pursuant to clause (1) of the second sentence of this Section X.C., as the official to countersign all checks and drafts signed by the Chief Finance Officer or the Deputy Finance Officer for payments generated to any third party in the amount of \$50,000 or less or any payments for pass-through grant-funded program expenditures. For purposes of clause (2) of the second sentence of this Section X.C., the Executive Board hereby designates the chairman or the treasurer of the Executive Board of the Council as the official to countersign all checks and drafts signed by the Chief Finance Officer or the Deputy Finance Officer for payments generated to any third party in the amount of more than \$50,000 other than any payments for pass-through grant-funded program expenditures, for which the countersignature is provided in the immediately preceding sentence. The Executive Board may, from time to time, by resolution, authorize one or more persons who may disburse funds from specific and separate program accounts so long as the Council secures full bonding of each person making such disbursements and the Executive Board has determined that the internal control procedures of the Council will be satisfactory in the absence of dual signatures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no individual may countersign their own signature in a dual capacity.



COG Welcomes Sushil Nepal! – Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) is pleased to announce that Mr. Sushil Nepal has accepted the offer for employment with CCOG as a Project Manager (PM) for the CONNECT Program. Mr. Nepal will start his employment with CCOG by May 1st.

Mr. Nepal has earned his Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa (Iowa City, Iowa) and a Masters degree in Environmental Management from Pokhara University (Kathmandu, Nepal). He is a member of the American Planning Association (APA).

Mr. Nepal comes to us from Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he worked as a Long-Range Planning Coordinator (2007-2012), for City of Cedar Rapids and the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). His professional experience in the field of City/Metropolitan Planning over the last several years, project management skills, strong communication and adaptive skills and graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning provides a good foundation for his role as a Project Manager (PM). Prior to his work at City of Cedar Rapids, he worked as a Research Assistant at the University of Iowa (2006-2007) and as a part-time Map Delineator at Johnson County (2006-2007). He also has working experience outside the United States.

Mr. Nepal is originally from Kathmandu, Nepal and has lived in United States since January of 2005.



TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/14/12
TO: MAYOR
TOWN COUNCIL
CC: AMY MCCOLLUM, TOWN CLERK
FROM: JORDAN COOK, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/PLANNER
RE: UPDATE FROM PLANNING/ZONING OFFICE

- Construction of the NC 84 Weddington-Matthews Road Dual Lane Roundabout should begin in the next few months. NCDOT wants to begin work as soon as schools are out but may be delayed due to right-of-way concerns.

I talked with new Deputy Division Engineer, Tim Boland at TCC last week and he indicated that he and Barry Moose have yet to discuss the Town's decision not to donate right-of-way. Barry has been out of town for two weeks and we should have a response from him this week.

- NCDOT plans to start construction of the Weddington Church Road relocation this month. The project has been awarded to Boggs Paving. NCDOT held several meetings with adjacent landowners last month and have agreed to provide a vegetative buffer to those residents located in the Weddington Estates subdivision. NCDOT is continuing to talk with Daniel Healy (owner of the large house on Bluebird Lane) about the proposed road relocation and possible impacts to his pond.
- The Town has selected Clay Burch with GreenTek to install additional landscaping to the medians along Providence Road, Hemby Road and Rea Road. Councilman Thomisser, Councilwoman Harrison and I met with Clay last week to discuss the plan and potential contract. I will have Attorney Fox review the proposed contract this week.
- The Agritourism and Agricultural Use Definition text amendments were on the February 27th Planning Board agenda (both received a favorable recommendation). These text amendments may be amended once more. If amended, the Town Attorney and Planning Board will have another opportunity to review them before they are on a Town Council agenda.
- Polivka International Company submitted their MX Conditional Zoning Application along with a Land Use Map Amendment request. The Land Use Map Amendment must occur before the rezoning can take place per *Section 58-60* of the *Weddington Zoning Ordinance*. The Land Use Amendment will be on the May 21st Planning Board agenda. The Land Use Map Amendment will be on the June 11th Town Council Consent Agenda.

- I sent the Town Council the 2002, 2006 and 2007 Town surveys on April 12th. This was discussed at the Planning Retreat during the Land Use Plan update conversation. Please send me comments in the next week so that we can begin developing a survey.

- The following items were on the April 23rd Planning Board agenda:
 - Subdivision Sales Signs Text Amendment
 - Section 58-233 Variance Text Amendment
 - DrumStrong Temporary Use Permit for the May 19-20 event. The Planning Board approved the Temporary Use Permit application with several conditions.

- The following items will be on the May 21st Planning Board agenda for discussion:
 - Subdivision Construction Sales Signs Continued
 - Polivka Land Use Map Amendment from Traditional Residential to Business



Union County Sheriff's Office
Events By Nature

Date of Report

5/2/2012
1:35:38PM

For the Month of: April 2012

<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
911 ABANDONED CALL	3
911 HANG UP	13
911 MISDIAL	3
911 SILENT OPEN LINE	3
ABANDONED VEHICLE	3
ACCIDENT HITRUN PD LAW	1
ACCIDENT PD COUNTY NO EMD	7
ACCIDENT PD MUNICIPAL	2
ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	1
ALARMS LAW	44
ANIMAL COMP SERVICE CALL LAW	6
ANIMAL LOST STRAY UNWNTD LAW	2
ASSIST EMS OR FIRE	4
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	4
BARKING DOG	1
BOLO	17
BURGLARY COMMERCIAL BUSINESS	2
BURGLARY HOME OTHER NONBUSINESS	2
BURGLARY VEHICLE	3
BUSINESS CHECK	22
CALL BY PHONE	9
DELIVER MESSAGE	4
DISCHARGE OF FIREARM	3
DISTURBANCE OR NUISANCE	10
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	2
ESCORT	1
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	6
FRAUD DECEPTION FORGERY	2

<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
FUNERAL ESCORT	3
HARASSMENT STALKING THREATS	4
HEART PROBLEMS EMD	1
IDENTITY THEFT	1
INVESTIGATION	5
LARCENY THEFT	3
MEET REQUEST NO REFERENCE GIVN	2
MENTAL DISORDER LAW	2
MISSING PERSON	1
MOTORIST ASSIST	2
NC DOT MISCELLANEOUS	3
NOISE COMPLAINT	5
PREVENTATIVE PATROL	201
PROP DAMAGE VANDALISM MISCHIEF	7
PROWLER REPORT	1
PUBLIC WORKS CALL	2
RADAR PATROL INCLUDING TRAINIG	8
REFERAL OR INFORMATION CALL	1
RESIDENTIAL CHECK	3
SERVE CIVIL PAPER	6
SERVE DOMESTIC VIOL ORDER	2
SERVE EVICTION NOTICE	2
SERVE WARRANT	4
STRUCTURE FIRE EFD	1
SUICIDAL THREAT EPD	1
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	4
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	10
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	12
TRAFFIC STOP	31
TRESPASSING UNWANTED SUBJ	6
WELL BEING CHECK	1

Event Type

Total

Total Calls for Month:

515

PROVIDENCE VFD APRIL REPORT

Here is my report for the month of April. I have also attached Incident Summary Report.

1. Training- 140.00 hours

Union County:

Fire	17	EMS	9	Total	26
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Mecklenburg County:

Fire	05	EMS	0	Total	5
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Department Total:

Fire	22
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EMS	09
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Total	31
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**Providence Volunteer Fire Department
Income & Expense Budget Performance
April 2012**

	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Jul '11 - Apr 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
110 - Subsidies							
111 - Mecklenburg Cty	0.00	5,416.66	-5,416.66	54,166.70	54,166.68	0.02	65,000.00
112 - Union County	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	18,075.00	18,000.00	75.00	21,600.00
114 - Town of Weddington - Day Staff	0.00	17,166.66	-17,166.66	104,584.59	171,666.68	-67,082.09	206,000.00
115 - Town of Weddington - Night Staff	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	55,067.66	25,000.00	30,067.66	30,000.00
Total 110 - Subsidies	1,800.00	26,883.32	-25,083.32	231,893.95	268,833.36	-36,939.41	322,600.00
120 - Dues & Fees							
121 - Union County Fire Fees	840.00	10,000.00	-9,160.00	123,166.80	100,000.00	23,166.80	120,000.00
Total 120 - Dues & Fees	840.00	10,000.00	-9,160.00	123,166.80	100,000.00	23,166.80	120,000.00
130 - Vol Donations							
134 - Other	0.00			4,121.00	2,000.00	2,121.00	2,000.00
130 - Vol Donations - Other	0.00			0.00	500.00	-500.00	500.00
Total 130 - Vol Donations	0.00			4,121.00	2,500.00	1,621.00	2,500.00
140 - Other Income							
142 - Fire Fighters' Relief Fund	0.00			5,089.99	5,000.00	89.99	5,000.00
143 - Fuel Tax Refund	0.00			0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00
144 - Sales Tax Refund	0.00			3,340.99	3,000.00	340.99	3,000.00
145 - Interest	0.00			4,718.73	2,000.00	2,718.73	2,000.00
147 - Medic-EMS Reimbursement	456.10	1,000.00	-543.90	9,909.10	10,000.00	-90.90	12,000.00
148 - Firemen Relief Interest	0.00			12.23			
155 - Christmas Fundraising Income	0.00			7,677.00			
156 - Newsletter Income	0.00			7,515.00			
Total 140 - Other Income	456.10	1,000.00	-543.90	38,263.04	21,000.00	17,263.04	23,000.00
150 - Uncategorized Income	0.00			627.32			
Total Income	3,096.10	37,883.32	-34,787.22	398,072.11	392,333.36	5,738.75	468,100.00
Expense							
200 - Administration							
202 - Legal Fees	0.00			220.00			
209 - Annual Dinner/Award	0.00	500.00	-500.00	3,674.91	5,000.00	-1,325.09	6,000.00
210 - Fire Chief Discretionary	0.00	166.66	-166.66	608.26	1,666.68	-1,058.42	2,000.00
211 - Bank Charges & Credit Card Fees	29.24	20.83	8.41	118.49	208.34	-89.85	250.00
212 - Prof Fees	300.00	333.33	-33.33	3,000.00	3,333.34	-333.34	4,000.00
214 - Off Supplies	198.98	208.33	-9.35	889.34	2,083.34	-1,194.00	2,500.00
215 - Printing/Newsletter	0.00	166.66	-166.66	1,383.39	1,666.68	-283.29	2,000.00
216 - Postage	17.55	41.66	-24.11	884.83	416.68	468.15	500.00
217 - Dues, Subscriptions, & Internet	164.49	41.66	122.83	1,861.14	416.68	1,444.46	500.00
218 - Fire Fighters' Association	0.00	41.66	-41.66	195.00	416.68	-221.68	500.00
219 - Miscellaneous	514.79	416.66	98.13	928.78	4,166.68	-3,237.90	5,000.00
Total 200 - Administration	1,225.05	1,937.45	-712.40	13,764.14	19,375.10	-5,610.96	23,250.00
220 - Insurance							
223 - Vol. Fire Fighters' Workers Com	0.00	625.00	-625.00	0.00	6,250.00	-6,250.00	7,500.00
224 - Commercial Package	0.00	1,666.66	-1,666.66	22,019.00	16,666.68	5,352.32	20,000.00
Total 220 - Insurance	0.00	2,291.66	-2,291.66	22,019.00	22,916.68	-897.68	27,500.00
225 - Drug Testing/Physical Exams	0.00	416.66	-416.66	1,430.00	4,166.68	-2,736.68	5,000.00

Providence Volunteer Fire Department
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April 2012

	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Jul '11 - Apr 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
230 - Taxes							
231 - Sales Taxes							
232 - Meck CO.	825.64	125.00	700.64	4,153.19	1,250.00	2,903.19	1,500.00
233 - Union County	0.00	125.00	-125.00	729.20	1,250.00	-520.80	1,500.00
239 - Electricity & Telecommunication	0.00			73.56			
Total 231 - Sales Taxes	<u>825.64</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>575.64</u>	<u>4,955.95</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,455.95</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
236 - Property Tax	0.00	8.33	-8.33	100.00	83.34	16.66	100.00
237 - Freight	0.00	8.33	-8.33	0.00	83.34	-83.34	100.00
Total 230 - Taxes	<u>825.64</u>	<u>266.66</u>	<u>558.98</u>	<u>5,055.95</u>	<u>2,666.68</u>	<u>2,389.27</u>	<u>3,200.00</u>
300 - Build Maintenance							
310 - Cleaning	0.00	41.66	-41.66	375.00	416.68	-41.68	500.00
320 - Landscaping & Lawn Care	205.00	208.33	-3.33	1,815.00	2,083.34	-268.34	2,500.00
330 - Trash and Landfill	50.00	41.66	8.34	403.91	416.68	-12.77	500.00
340 - Pest Control	0.00	41.66	-41.66	228.00	416.68	-188.68	500.00
350 - Maintenance Supplies	414.94	333.33	81.61	2,288.76	3,333.34	-1,044.58	4,000.00
351 - Furniture	1,591.96	166.66	1,425.30	1,889.73	1,666.68	223.05	2,000.00
360 - Repairs	686.47	1,000.00	-313.53	8,084.09	10,000.00	-1,915.91	12,000.00
Total 300 - Build Maintenance	<u>2,948.37</u>	<u>1,833.30</u>	<u>1,115.07</u>	<u>15,084.49</u>	<u>18,333.40</u>	<u>-3,248.91</u>	<u>22,000.00</u>
400 - Utilities							
410 - Electric	732.04	750.00	-17.96	7,039.28	7,500.00	-460.72	9,000.00
420 - Natural Gas	0.00	291.66	-291.66	1,542.69	2,916.68	-1,373.99	3,500.00
430 - Telephone	121.69	416.66	-294.97	4,917.88	4,166.68	751.20	5,000.00
440 - Water	24.60	41.66	-17.06	337.89	416.68	-78.79	500.00
Total 400 - Utilities	<u>878.33</u>	<u>1,499.98</u>	<u>-621.65</u>	<u>13,837.74</u>	<u>15,000.04</u>	<u>-1,162.30</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>
500 - Fire Fighters' Equip/Training							
510 - Clothing							
512 - Dress Uniforms	35.00	291.66	-256.66	1,305.22	2,916.68	-1,611.46	3,500.00
513 - Clothing - Other	0.00	291.66	-291.66	3,377.07	2,916.68	460.39	3,500.00
Total 510 - Clothing	<u>35.00</u>	<u>583.32</u>	<u>-548.32</u>	<u>4,682.29</u>	<u>5,833.36</u>	<u>-1,151.07</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
520 - Equipment							
521 - Radios\ Pagers - New	0.00	250.00	-250.00	2,258.90	2,500.00	-241.10	3,000.00
522 - Radios\ Pagers - Maintenance	0.00	83.33	-83.33	1,061.30	833.34	227.96	1,000.00
523 - Equipment - New	0.00	750.00	-750.00	11,739.04	7,500.00	4,239.04	9,000.00
524 - Equipment - Maintenance	0.00	416.66	-416.66	3,271.36	4,166.68	-895.32	5,000.00
525 - Firefighting Supplies	0.00	208.33	-208.33	4,688.36	2,083.34	2,605.02	2,500.00
Total 520 - Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,708.32</u>	<u>-1,708.32</u>	<u>23,018.96</u>	<u>17,083.36</u>	<u>5,935.60</u>	<u>20,500.00</u>
526 - PPE (Personal Protective Equip)	918.15	2,083.33	-1,165.18	20,219.37	20,833.34	-613.97	25,000.00
530 - Medical							
532 - Supplies	13.59	208.33	-194.74	299.25	2,083.34	-1,784.09	2,500.00
533 - Waste	144.05	125.00	19.05	1,211.91	1,250.00	-38.09	1,500.00
Total 530 - Medical	<u>157.64</u>	<u>333.33</u>	<u>-175.69</u>	<u>1,511.16</u>	<u>3,333.34</u>	<u>-1,822.18</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
540 - Training							
541 - Seminars	175.00	208.33	-33.33	175.00	2,083.34	-1,908.34	2,500.00
542 - Books	0.00	166.66	-166.66	0.00	1,666.68	-1,666.68	2,000.00
543 - PR Literature	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00	1,500.00

**Providence Volunteer Fire Department
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April 2012**

	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Jul '11 - Apr 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
544 - Other	0.00			653.90			
Total 540 - Training	175.00	499.99	-324.99	828.90	5,000.02	-4,171.12	6,000.00
Total 500 - Fire Fighters' Equip/Training	1,285.79	5,208.29	-3,922.50	50,260.68	52,083.42	-1,822.74	62,500.00
600 - Fire Engines							
620 - '99 Southern Coach Eng #322	12,910.23	1,250.00	11,660.23	15,769.21	12,500.00	3,269.21	15,000.00
640 - '03 Red Diamond #324	0.00	500.00	-500.00	2,881.86	5,000.00	-2,118.14	6,000.00
650 - '02 Ford Quesco Brush #326	1,966.32	166.66	1,799.66	3,644.52	1,666.68	1,977.84	2,000.00
660 - '95 Intern\Hackney Squad #32	0.00	416.66	-416.66	2,980.10	4,166.68	-1,186.58	5,000.00
680 - '06 KME Pumper #321	0.00	1,333.33	-1,333.33	12,742.45	13,333.34	-590.89	16,000.00
681 - Diesel Fuel	1,373.37	1,000.00	373.37	9,034.65	10,000.00	-965.35	12,000.00
682 - Gasoline	0.00	16.66	-16.66	0.00	166.68	-166.68	200.00
683 - Cleaning Supplies	0.00	83.33	-83.33	0.00	833.34	-833.34	1,000.00
684 - Miscellaneous Parts	36.06	83.33	-47.27	721.13	833.34	-112.21	1,000.00
685 - Fire Engines - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00	7,729.61	5,000.00	2,729.61	6,000.00
Total 600 - Fire Engines	16,285.98	5,349.97	10,936.01	55,503.53	53,500.06	2,003.47	64,200.00
800 - Firefighters Payroll							
801 - Payroll - Day Shift (Hourly)	11,987.75	15,333.33	-3,345.58	123,518.25	153,333.34	-29,815.09	184,000.00
809 - Payroll - Day Shift (Stipend)	1,140.00			4,960.00			
802 - Payroll - Night Shift (Hourly)	5,916.00	7,000.00	-1,084.00	48,314.50	70,000.00	-21,685.50	84,000.00
810 - Payroll - Night Shift (Stipend)	1,500.00			22,302.00			
807 - Payroll Expenses - Training	0.00			2,880.00			
808 - Payroll Expenses							
FICA	1,571.56	1,500.00	71.56	15,230.79	15,000.00	230.79	18,000.00
FUTA	0.00	83.33	-83.33	0.00	833.34	-833.34	1,000.00
SUTA	221.90	300.00	-78.10	2,370.64	3,000.00	-629.36	3,600.00
808 - Payroll Expenses - Other	69.80	250.00	-180.20	683.70	2,500.00	-1,816.30	3,000.00
Total 808 - Payroll Expenses	1,863.26	2,133.33	-270.07	18,285.13	21,333.34	-3,048.21	25,600.00
Total 800 - Firefighters Payroll	22,407.01	24,466.66	-2,059.65	220,259.88	244,666.68	-24,406.80	293,600.00
850 - Christmas Fundraising Expense	0.00			3,304.80	4,000.00	-695.20	4,000.00
Total Expense	45,856.17	43,270.63	2,585.54	400,520.21	436,708.74	-36,188.53	523,250.00
Net Ordinary Income	-42,760.07	-5,387.31	-37,372.76	-2,448.10	-44,375.38	41,927.28	-55,150.00
Net Income	-42,760.07	-5,387.31	-37,372.76	-2,448.10	-44,375.38	41,927.28	-55,150.00

Providence Volunteer Fire Department
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2012

	<u>Apr 30, 12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking Accounts	
BB&T Checking-5119	113,537.31
BOA Payroll-7449	<u>28,841.36</u>
Total Checking Accounts	142,378.67
CD - BBT - 0094 (02/10/14)	119,487.22
CD - BBT - 0108 (02/10/14)	59,649.81
Firemen Relief-BOA-8254	<u>34,440.56</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>355,956.26</u>
Total Current Assets	355,956.26
Fixed Assets	
Air Packs	73,087.70
Bauer Vertecon Air Compressor	40,000.00
Commercial Protector System	2,112.50
Dexter T-400 Washer\Extractor	3,611.00
Fire Fighter Main Equipment	2,448.00
Groban Electric Generator	5,000.00
Ladder Truck Building	<u>32,452.08</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>158,711.28</u>
Other Assets	
1996 Internat'l #32	119,365.76
1999 SouthCo #322	274,231.58
2002 Ford #326	44,029.33
2003 Red Diamond #324	240,302.00
2006 KME Pumper #321	400,555.50
Building	346,812.09
Equip	27,615.37
Land	12,590.00
X Accum Depr	<u>-1,019,298.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>446,203.63</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>960,871.17</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 - Payroll Liabilities	<u>5,350.14</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>5,350.14</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,350.14</u>
Total Liabilities	5,350.14
Equity	
3900 - Retained Earnings	957,969.13
Net Income	<u>-2,448.10</u>
Total Equity	<u>955,521.03</u>

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Providence Volunteer Fire Department
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2012

Apr 30, 12

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

960,871.17

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Kim Woods, Tax Collector

DATE: May 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – April 2012

Transactions:	
<5.00 Adjustments	\$(79.65)
Balance Adjustment	\$12.00
2011 Interest Charges	\$303.17
Penalty and Interest Payments	\$(239.38)
2011 Chargeback	259.08
Overpayments	\$(49.48)
Taxes Collected:	
2011	\$(4176.36)
2010	\$(230.74)
2009	\$(286.87)
2008	\$(251.84)
As of May 02, 2012; the following taxes remain Outstanding:	
2002	\$82.07
2003	\$160.16
2004	\$159.59
2005	\$291.65
2006	\$169.79
2007	\$188.41
2008	\$2019.93
2009	\$2947.36
2010	\$5380.91
2011	\$16186.70
Total Outstanding:	\$27586.57

Notice of Right to Advertise Mailed 04/23/2012

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT**

FY 2011-2012

	04/01/2012 TO 04/30/2012			
	<u>CURRENT PERIOD</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>% BUDGET REM</u>
REVENUE:				
10-3101-110 AD VALOREM TAX - CURRENT	4,226.25	553,269.96	550,000.00	-1
10-3102-110 AD VALOREM TAX - 1ST PRIOR Y	230.74	7,961.05	5,000.00	-59
10-3103-110 AD VALOREM TAX - NEXT 8 YRS	538.71	2,581.69	1,000.00	-158
10-3110-121 AD VALOREM TAX - MOTOR VEH	2,941.67	25,249.68	30,000.00	16
10-3115-180 TAX INTEREST	220.36	1,429.94	1,750.00	18
10-3231-220 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REV -	10,032.37	94,995.38	120,000.00	21
10-3322-220 BEER & WINE TAX	0.00	0.00	48,750.00	100
10-3324-220 UTILITY FRANCHISE TAX	0.00	313,083.32	450,000.00	30
10-3340-400 ZONING & PERMIT FEES	1,325.00	10,505.00	10,000.00	-5
10-3350-400 SUBDIVISION FEES	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100
10-3830-891 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	50.00	13,951.65	1,500.00	-830
10-3831-491 INVESTMENT INCOME	101.06	6,574.80	21,020.00	69
TOTAL REVENUE	19,666.16	1,029,602.47	1,240,020.00	17
AFTER TRANSFERS	19,666.16	1,029,602.47	1,240,020.00	
4110 GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
EXPENDITURE:				
10-4110-126 FIRE DEPT SUBSIDIES	0.00	164,652.25	236,520.00	30
10-4110-128 POLICE PROTECTION	54,152.25	216,609.00	220,000.00	2
10-4110-192 ATTORNEY FEES	5,815.24	71,069.48	110,000.00	35
10-4110-195 ELECTION EXPENSE	0.00	9,271.03	10,825.00	14
10-4110-340 EVENTS & PUBLICATIONS	1,253.73	27,539.15	27,750.00	1
10-4110-495 OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING	0.00	2,356.60	4,000.00	41
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	61,221.22	491,497.51	609,095.00	19
BEFORE TRANSFERS	-61,221.22	-491,497.51	-609,095.00	
AFTER TRANSFERS	-61,221.22	-491,497.51	-609,095.00	
4120 ADMINISTRATIVE				
EXPENDITURE:				
10-4120-121 SALARIES - CLERK	4,953.69	54,052.73	67,500.00	20
10-4120-123 SALARIES - TAX COLLECTOR	3,078.39	31,880.43	40,000.00	20
10-4120-124 SALARIES - FINANCE OFFICER	649.54	6,670.92	10,500.00	36
10-4120-125 SALARIES - MAYOR & TOWN COU	1,750.00	17,500.00	21,000.00	17
10-4120-181 FICA EXPENSE	790.17	8,323.10	10,400.00	20
10-4120-182 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	1,201.59	15,355.49	17,100.00	10
10-4120-183 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	1,479.00	14,711.05	18,000.00	18
10-4120-184 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	27.16	270.56	325.00	17
10-4120-185 EMPLOYEE S-T DISABILITY	24.00	238.80	300.00	20
10-4120-191 AUDIT FEES	0.00	7,800.00	8,100.00	4
10-4120-193 CONTRACT LABOR	0.00	999.00	5,000.00	80
10-4120-200 OFFICE SUPPLIES - ADMIN	1,150.11	15,323.41	20,500.00	25
10-4120-210 PLANNING CONFERENCE	933.12	933.12	2,500.00	63
10-4120-321 TELEPHONE - ADMIN	252.56	1,724.05	1,575.00	-9
10-4120-325 POSTAGE - ADMIN	0.00	2,820.72	4,200.00	33
10-4120-331 UTILITIES - ADMIN	253.91	2,902.65	4,725.00	39
10-4120-351 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - BUIL	0.00	6,968.30	8,500.00	18
10-4120-352 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - EQU	1,195.79	22,758.42	20,000.00	-14
10-4120-354 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - GRO	2,605.00	26,031.10	108,450.00	76
10-4120-355 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - PES	110.00	440.00	750.00	41
10-4120-356 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - CUS	400.00	3,900.00	5,750.00	32
10-4120-370 ADVERTISING - ADMIN	41.00	508.37	1,000.00	49

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT**

FY 2011-2012

04/01/2012 TO 04/30/2012

	<u>CURRENT PERIOD</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>% BUDGET REM</u>
10-4120-397 TAX LISTING & TAX COLLECTION	-18.61	203.94	2,000.00	90
10-4120-400 ADMINISTRATIVE:TRAINING	139.92	3,037.92	4,100.00	26
10-4120-410 ADMINISTRATIVE:TRAVEL	1,053.70	4,988.81	6,500.00	23
10-4120-450 INSURANCE	0.00	11,048.45	24,000.00	54
10-4120-491 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	0.00	13,071.00	18,000.00	27
10-4120-498 GIFTS & AWARDS	0.00	1,411.08	1,500.00	6
10-4120-499 MISCELLANEOUS	6.01	2,282.00	2,000.00	-14
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	22,076.05	278,155.42	434,275.00	36
BEFORE TRANSFERS	-22,076.05	-278,155.42	-434,275.00	
AFTER TRANSFERS	-22,076.05	-278,155.42	-434,275.00	
4130 PLANNING & ZONING				
EXPENDITURE:				
10-4130-121 SALARIES - ZONING ADMINISTR	5,016.38	50,163.80	60,375.00	17
10-4130-122 SALARIES - ASST ZONING ADMIN	66.30	1,638.36	2,500.00	34
10-4130-123 SALARIES - RECEPTIONIST	1,551.31	15,748.67	22,575.00	30
10-4130-124 SALARIES - PLANNING BOARD	1,450.00	12,900.00	17,500.00	26
10-4130-125 SALARIES - SIGN REMOVAL	354.00	3,826.36	4,500.00	15
10-4130-181 FICA EXPENSE - P&Z	645.52	6,447.31	8,000.00	19
10-4130-182 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT - P&Z	982.53	9,897.46	13,700.00	28
10-4130-183 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	4,571.00	17,955.95	19,500.00	8
10-4130-184 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	74.84	272.44	300.00	9
10-4130-185 EMPLOYEE S-T DISABILITY	12.00	121.20	200.00	39
10-4130-193 CONSULTING	0.00	17,514.62	15,000.00	-17
10-4130-194 CONSULTING - COG	192.00	757.50	10,000.00	92
10-4130-200 OFFICE SUPPLIES - PLANNING &	437.46	6,235.38	5,000.00	-25
10-4130-201 ZONING SPECIFIC OFFICE SUPPLI	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	100
10-4130-215 HISTORIC PRESERVATION	0.00	0.00	500.00	100
10-4130-220 TRANSPORTATION & IMPROVEM	0.00	15,764.59	3,000.00	-425
10-4130-321 TELEPHONE - PLANNING & ZONI	252.57	1,841.85	1,575.00	-17
10-4130-325 POSTAGE - PLANNING & ZONING	0.00	1,884.22	4,200.00	55
10-4130-331 UTILITIES - PLANNING & ZONING	253.92	2,902.74	4,725.00	39
10-4130-370 ADVERTISING - PLANNING & ZON	41.00	428.63	1,000.00	57
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,900.83	166,301.08	196,650.00	15
BEFORE TRANSFERS	-15,900.83	-166,301.08	-196,650.00	
AFTER TRANSFERS	-15,900.83	-166,301.08	-196,650.00	
GRAND TOTAL	-79,531.94	93,648.46	0.00	

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
BALANCE SHEET

FY 2011-2012

PERIOD ENDING: 04/30/2012

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ASSETS

ASSETS

10-1120-000 TRINITY CHECKING ACCOUNT	475,844.09
10-1120-001 TRINITY MONEY MARKET	808,562.84
10-1120-002 CITIZENS SOUTH CD'S	1,022,166.29
10-1170-000 NC CASH MGMT TRUST	529,648.05
10-1211-001 A/R PROPERTY TAX	16,034.54
10-1212-001 A/R PROPERTY TAX - 1ST YEAR PRIOR	5,380.91
10-1212-002 A/R PROPERTY TAX - NEXT 8 PRIOR YRS	6,018.96
10-1232-000 SALES TAX RECEIVABLE	699.38
10-1610-001 FIXED ASSETS - LAND & BUILDINGS	828,793.42
10-1610-002 FIXED ASSETS - FURNITURE & FIXTURES	14,022.92
10-1610-003 FIXED ASSETS - EQUIPMENT	134,876.46
TOTAL ASSETS	3,842,047.86

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

10-2120-000 BOND DEPOSIT PAYABLE	254,229.28
10-2620-000 DEFERRED REVENUE - DELQ TAXES	5,380.91
10-2625-000 DEFERRED REVENUE - CURR YR TAX	16,034.54
10-2630-000 DEFERRED REVENUE-NEXT 8	6,018.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES	281,663.69

EQUITY

10-2620-001 FUND BALANCE - UNDESIGNATED	1,919,413.61
10-2620-003 FUND BALANCE-DESIG FOR CAP PROJECTS	569,629.30
10-2620-004 FUND BALANCE-INVEST IN FIXED ASSETS	977,692.80
CURRENT FUND BALANCE - YTD NET REV	93,648.46
TOTAL EQUITY	3,560,384.17

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY 3,842,047.86