



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES MAY 27, 2025

SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER (5404 CENTERFIELD DRIVE)

In attendance:

Council: Mayor Pro Tem Lynne DeVaney, Heath Clay, John Doggett, Jonathan Hamilton, Janelle Robinson (by phone)
Staff: Town Manager Charles "Twig" Rollins, Town Attorney Ashley Anderson, Town Clerk Leah Rucker, Deputy Town Clerk Jeff Bacon
Consultant: Jason Joyner

Absent: Mayor Tim Sessoms (excused)

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem DeVaney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Pro Tem DeVaney provided the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Introductions:** Present Town Council members and Town Staff introduced themselves.
4. **Agenda Approval:** The Agenda was approved with no discussion.
5. **Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget:** Town Manager Rollins presented the proposed 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget. The budget was prepared by the Town Manager and Finance Officer and recommended by the Finance Committee. Highlights of the budget include a property tax rate increase and new initiatives including these services: signs, street lighting, and contracted public safety.

Jason Joyner, a consultant who is assisting the council develop a strategy in response to House Bill 801 (a study of "Paper Towns"), addressed the new services that are included in the budget. He suggested these services are good starting points as they are scalable and, therefore, can be expanded in the future. There were no questions for Mr. Joyner. He will provide a full service matrix in a few months.

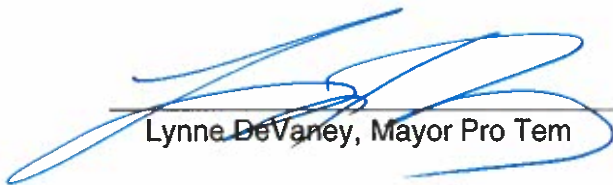
Town Manager Rollins suggested the council review the budget, get public input, then meet again to discuss the budget in detail. He stated the budget is available in Town Hall and on the town website. He noted that the Town's Fee Schedule must be finalized before the budget can be approved.

6. **Closed Session:** Council Member Hamilton made a motion at 7:26 p.m. to enter into a Closed Session to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body on confidential matters in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion was seconded by Council Member Clay and was approved unanimously.



At 8:30, Council Member Clay made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hamilton and passed unanimously. Council Member Hamilton confirmed that Council met in Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Council Member Doggett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Clay seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem DeVaney adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



Lynne DeVaney, Mayor Pro Tem



Leah Rucker, Town Clerk