

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 IN THE  
COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mayo  
Councilman Woodard  
Councilman Taylor  
Councilman Brown  
Councilman Jenkins  
Councilmember Jordan  
Councilmember Bynum

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Anderson  
Councilman Burnette

ALSO PRESENT

Troy Lewis, Town Manager  
Leslie Lunsford, Town Clerk  
Chad Hinton, Town Attorney

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR**

**2. INVOCATION**

Councilman Taylor.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL**

Agenda approved as presented.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion. ;

Absent: Anderson, Burnette

**5. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

Clyde Gallop, 1070 Thorpe Road, Rocky Mount, NC - interested in planting flowers at Greenwood Cemetery.

Savalious Lewis, 107 Tanner's Court, Tarboro - asked if the Town had any knowledge of solar panels being installed behind Hitachi Astemo.

Xavyer Burroughs, 513 Forest Acres Drive, Tarboro - thanked the Town for recently upgrading the EV charging station behind Town Hall. He also expressed interest in increasing the number of EV charging stations in the area, specifically on the 200 block of Main Street near Taps on Main.

Johnnie Williams, 121 Webb Lane, Tarboro - would like for the Town to rehabilitate old industrial buildings for educational and job opportunities in the area.

Reva Flowers, 1302 Maurice Drive, Tarboro - concerned with the limit on chickens and roosters in the Town limits. Staff informed her that there was no limit as long as the chickens were in a fenced in area and the roosters were not a nuisance.

## 6. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

UDO Text Amendment #24-01 - The Unified Development Ordinance is a living document which should be updated and modified to keep current with planning trends and state legislature and recommendations. Planning Board has met and unanimously approved the items included in the text amendment proposed. It is recommended that Council adopt the resolution approving the Ordinance.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

Catherine Grimm, Planning Director, provided background information.

No one spoke in favor of or against UDO Text Amendment #24-01.

The Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmembers discussed.

Council approved the resolution adopting ordinance 24-04.

Ordinance 24-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT  
ORDINANCE.

Othar Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed,  
Motion. ; Absent: Anderson, Burnette

## 7. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

### Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Leo Taylor and Passed, Motion. ;  
Absent: Anderson, Burnette

(1) Approve minutes of the April 8, 2024 regular meeting.

(2) Tax Collector's Report

(3) Budget Transfers

### Action Items

#### **(4) Appeal of the Nuisance Ordinance**

Mr. Larry Battle was not present, therefore, Council tabled Memo 24-23 until a time when Mr. Battle could be in attendance.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Othar Woodard and , Motion. ; Absent: Anderson, Burnette

### **8. OTHER REPORTS**

#### **A. Town Manager**

Reminded Council of the upcoming Downtown Live event, the Happening on the Commons and the Grand Opening of the Splash Pad.

##### **(1) Budget Workshop Dates**

Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 pm.

##### **(2) Reminder June Council Meeting Moved to June 17, 2024**

The June Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

##### **(3) Update on Offer to Purchase - Tarboro Commerce Center**

Council authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute all documents approving the sale of land at Tarboro Commerce Center.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Clarence Brown and Passed, Motion. ; Absent: Anderson, Burnette

#### **B. Town Attorney**

Wished everyone a happy Mother's Day and reminded Council of the Tarboro River Bandits season opener game on June 1st.

#### **C. Council Members**

Councilman Woodard - wished everyone a happy Mother's Day. He also stated that he thought Code Enforcement had enough to focus on.

Councilman Taylor - wished everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Councilman Burnette - absent.

Councilman Brown - wished everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Councilman Jenkins - concerned with code enforcement issues not being handled around Town fairly, including weed nuisances and junk cars.

Councilmember Jordan - none.

Councilmember Bynum - requested increased Police presence in East Tarboro to help control drag racing. She also requested an update on the tree study in the area.

Councilman Anderson - absent.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

Enter Closed Session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Othar Woodard and Passed, Motion. ;

Absent: Anderson, Burnette

Resume Open Session

Othar Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by John Jenkins and Passed, Motion. ;

Absent: Anderson, Burnette

- (1) Closed Session as per NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting recessed until Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Clarence Brown made a motion, which was seconded by John Jenkins and Passed, Motion. ;

Absent: Anderson, Burnette