



**TOWN OF WENTWORTH  
MINUTES  
OF  
THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA  
June 4, 2024  
7:00 p.m.**

---

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Wentworth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Daryl Crowder, Cheryl Moore, Dennis Paschal III

**Council Members Absent:**  
A quorum was met.

**Staff Present:** Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/ Finance Officer  
Hunter Wilson, Accounting Clerk/ Deputy Clerk

**Others Present:** Ellis Martin, Town Attorney  
Lynn Cochran, Planner  
Hakon Nordstrand, RCHS Foreign Exchange Student  
Maximilian Lehner, RCHS Foreign Exchange Student

**Article I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr. called the meeting to order.

**Article II. INVOCATION**

Mayor Paschal gave the invocation.

**Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA**

**A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens**

There were no Requests or Petitions of Citizens.

**B. Approve/Amend Agenda**

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*To add item C. Proclamations for Honorary Citizens under New Business and approve the agenda as amended.*”

Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Town Council Meeting**

**1. May 7, 2024**

**Councilmember Paschal** made a **MOTION**, *“The minutes stand approved as written.”*

**Councilmember Daryl Crowder** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**Article VI. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Consideration of Case W2024-01, Text Amendments to the Wentworth Planning & Zoning Ordinances - by Lynn Cochran, Planner**

**Mayor Paschal** opened the public hearing.

**Mr. Cochran** addressed Council, “Tonight is the formal consideration of the text amendments that were reviewed and discussed at last month’s meeting. The Planning Board reviewed these a couple of weeks ago and they did not suggest any changes. They were comfortable with the changes as they are and seemed to understand the intent of what we’re doing.”

**Mr. Cochran** continued, “Just to summarize, these text amendments correct omissions and errors that occurred with the 2021 update of the ordinance. We also reorganized, specifically, the Special Use Permits into an organized fashion where it is quite clear who the deciding board will be for each of the Special Use Permits, whether it will be the Planning Board or the Town Council and either a minor or major. It also standardizes some language that was a little conflicting and confusing, making it clear that the Zoning Administrator is just that, the Zoning Administrator. The members of the Planning Board serve as the members of the Board of Adjustment.”

There were no questions from Council. **Mayor Paschal** closed the public hearing.

**Mayor Paschal** made a **MOTION**, *“We approve this text amendment based up the Consistency Determination statements that are included in the Board agenda packet, submitted during the presentation and as may be amended, incorporated into the motion, to be included in the minutes.”*

**Councilmember Paschal** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

*Zoning Amendment Consistency Determination: The Board has reviewed Case W2024-01, proposed text amendments to the Wentworth Planning & Zoning Ordinances. As required by NCGS 160D the Board makes the following findings:*

- 1. The proposed action is found to be consistent with the intents, goals and descriptions of the Town of Wentworth Land Use Plan and other Adopted Plans.*

**Article VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration of Budget Amendment No 3 for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024**

*by Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk & Finance Officer*

**Ms. Russell** explained the budget amendment reflects a transfer of \$8,000.00 from Miscellaneous Other Operating Costs to Capital Outlay: Land/Property Improvements for architectural fees incurred for the planning of a new shelter at the Wentworth Park.

**Mayor Paschal** made a **MOTION**, *“To approve Budget Amendment No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.”*

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**B. Consideration of Town Council Meeting Schedule Amendment – July 9, 2024**

**Ms. Russell** explained the Town Council Meeting Schedule needed to be amended to reflect a past Rules of Procedure amendment stating the July meeting would take place on the second Tuesday of the month. The July 2024 meeting should be scheduled for Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilmember Paschal** made a **MOTION**, *“We approve the amendment to the meeting schedule for 2024.”*

**Councilmember Crowder** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**C. Proclamations for Honorary Citizen of the Town of Wentworth - Håkon Nordstrand and Maximilian Lehner**

**Mayor Paschal** read both Honorary Citizen Proclamations for Håkon Nordstrand and Maximilian Lehner, and presented them both with framed copies. Håkon and Max are foreign exchange students at Rockingham County High School. Håkon is from Trondheim, Norway and Max is from Grieskirchen, Austria. They both resided with Councilmember Dennis Paschal, III while attending RCHS.

**Ms. Russell** took a photo of Håkon and Max with Mayor Paschal and Councilmember Paschal.

(Note: The photo of Håkon Trondheim and Maximilian Lehner accepting their Proclamations as Honorary Citizens of the Town of Wentworth is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



**Article VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**Article IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mayor Paschal** gave the following announcements:

- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Planning Board** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 18, 2024**, at **7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Town Council** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 9, 2024**, at **7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The **Wentworth Town Hall** will be closed **Thursday, July 4, 2024** in observance of **Independence Day**.

**Article X. ADJOURN**

**Mayor Paschal** made a **MOTION**, “*To adjourn.*”

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk**

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Robert Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor**