

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the

WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

January 7, 2025 7:00 pm

Wentworth Town Hall
124 Peach Tree Road, Wentworth NC

Requests and Petitions of Citizens - Prior to the beginning of tonight's meeting, anyone wishing to address the Wentworth Town Council shall make a request on the appropriate sign-up sheet. Please provide the information requested. During approval of the Agenda, persons listed on the Speaker Register will be added to the Public Comment section of the Agenda. If anyone has indicated on the Speaker Register that they wish to speak concerning a specific agenda item, they will be allowed to speak prior to any action/vote taken by Council.

Article I. CALL TO ORDER

Article II. INVOCATION

Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens

B. Approve/ Amend Agenda

Article IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Town Council: November 7, 2024B. Town Council: December 3, 2024

Article V. OLD BUSINESS

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

Article VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

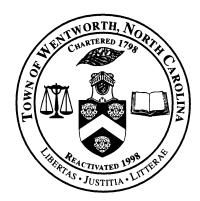
Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- The next regular meeting of the Wentworth Town Council is scheduled for Tuesday,
 February 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2025 2026 are due by February 24, 2025.

Article IX. ADJOURN

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Town Council November 7, 2024
- B. Town Council December 3, 2024



TOWN OF WENTWORTH MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA

November 7, 2024

7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Thursday, November 7, 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

Council Members Absent:

A quorum was met.

Dennis Paschal III

Staff Present: Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/ Finance Officer

Hunter Wilson, Accounting Clerk/ Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Ellis Martin, Town Attorney

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 approve the Agenda as written. 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. October 1, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a **MOTION**, "The minutes stand approved as written."

Councilmember Cheryl Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Provide Funding to Wentworth PTA Ball Program for the Utilities Cost of the Ballfield Lights - \$2,000

Recently a member of the Wentworth PTA Ball Program approached Councilmember Daryl Crowder about a utility bill they received from the Rockingham Consolidated Schools office. The bill was a little over \$2,000 and is an unexpected expense that the program was not prepared for. They asked for assistance from the Town.

Mayor Paschal noted that the Town has an interlocal agreement with the school and has provided funding to the Wentworth PTA Ball Program for other expenses.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, "We approve the \$2,000 to the Wentworth PTA Ball Program for utility costs."

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

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Consideration of Welcome to Wentworth Signs

Mayor Paschal explained that one of the locations previously considered for a brick/stone Welcome to Wentworth sign fell through. The Piedmont Triad State Church Council, owner of property located at NC 87/ Wentworth Street intersection, decided they do not want to sell a strip of the land next to their parking lot for an easement. They have other plans for that property. The other two sites considered for signs have right-of-way and topographical issues that make them problematic for a brick/stone welcome sign. Town Clerk/Finance Officer Yvonne Russell looked into other options and found a sign that is similar to Welcome to North Carolina signs you see on the interstate. The sign is 6'x2.5' and has space for the Town's seal or a logo. There is an additional 6'x ½' sign attached to the bottom for a tag line.

(Note: A photo example of the Welcome sign is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

This sign is much less expensive than a brick/stone sign and would be easy to move if necessary because they are attached to metal u-channel posts or 2"x4" posts.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, "To approve the Welcome to Wentworth signs up to the cost of \$3,000 and add the city-wide speed limit to the bottom of it."

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

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

C. Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to the General Fund Budget for FY2024-2025

Ms. Russell presented the amendment to the General Fund which is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

TOWN OF WENTWORTH WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

11/7/24

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk & Budget-Finance Officer

Date: November 7, 2024

Re: Budget Amendment No. 1 – General Fund

The first Budget Amendment for the year reflects transfer of funds to cover costs of Welcome to Wentworth Signs and utility costs at Wentworth PTA Ball Program ballfield.

The attached Budget Amendment shows the following changes:

- A transfer of \$2,000.00 from General Fund Expenditures: Miscellaneous Other
 Operating Costs to General Fund Expenditures: Town Property/Utilities for a utility bill
 for Wentworth PTA Ball Program's ballfield lights.
- A transfer of \$3,000.00 from General Fund Expenditures: Miscellaneous Other Operating Costs to General Fund Expenditures: Public Safety/Miscellaneous for purchase and installation of three Welcome to Wentworth signs.

General Fund Total Budget Dollars Remains Unchanged — \$1,239,750

TOWN OF WENTWORTH Budget Amendment No. 1 Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

11/7/24

SECTION 1 - General Fund

General Fund Revenues:	Budget FY 2024 - 2025	Amendment No. 1
Sales and Use Tax	925,000	No Change
Sales allu Ose Tax	,	•
Utility Franchise Tax	120,000	No Change
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	11,500	No Change
Interest on Investments	150,000	No Change
Other Revenue	0.00	No Change
Rent	33,250	No Change
Fund Balance Appropriated	0.00	No Change
Transfer from SCIF Grant Project Ordinance	0.00	No Change
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	1,239,750	No Change
General Fund Expenditures:	Budget 2024 - 2025	Amendment No. 1
General Government	1,015,503	-3,000
Public Health & Safety		
Animal Control	5,000	No Change
Law Enforcement	86,752	No Change
Law Enforcement Equip.	2,869	No Change
Misc. Public Health & Safety	33,526	+3,000
Public Health & Safety Total:	128,147	No Change
Cultural & Recreational	67,000	No Change
Contingency Reserve	20,000	No Change
Economic Development	1,000	No Change
Rockingham Co PEG Channel	8,100	No Change
Transfer to SCIF Grant Project Ordinance	0	No Change
Total Estimated General Fund Expenditures		

Approved by Council the 7th day of November, 2024.

	_	R. Dennis Paschal, Jr.
		Mayor
Attest:		,
	Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk	

TOWN OF WENTWORTH Budget Amendment(s) FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 GENERAL FUND

TOWN OF WENTWORTH Budget Amendment(s) FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 GENERAL FUND

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REVENUE	Budget	Budget Amendment
	FY 2024 - 2025	No. 1
INCOME ACCOUNT		
Sales and Use Tax	\$925,000.00	\$925,000.00
Utility Franchise Tax	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Alcoholic Reverage Tay	\$11 500 00	\$11 SOO OO
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Sale of Promotional Items	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest on Investments	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Sale of Town Property	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent	\$33,250.00	\$33,250.00
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GRANT - American Rescue Plan Act	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from SCIE Great Broject Ordinance	\$0.00	80 00
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Revenue Subtotal:	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Estimated General		
Fund Revenues	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00

Total Estimated General

Object of	Budget	Budget Amendme
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Expenditures	FY 2024 - 2025	No. 1
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
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## Budget Budget Ar			
## Budget Budget Ar	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Subtotal:
## Budget Budget Ar	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Schools/Conference Fees
## Budget Budget Ar	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Lodging/Meals/Mileage
## Budget Budget Ar			Travel
## Budget Budget Ar	\$151,938.00	\$151,938.00	Subtotal:
## Budget Budget Ar	\$1,461.00	\$1,461.00	Longevity
## Budget Budget Ar	\$7,305.00	\$7,305.00	Retirement
## Budget Budget Ar	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Payroll Services
### Budget Budget Ar	\$0.00	\$0.00	Unemployment Insurance
## Budget Budget Ar	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	Employer Taxes (FICA)
## Budget Budget Ar	\$107,412.00	\$107,412.00	Gross Salaries
Budget Budget Ar	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Workman's Comp Insurance
Budget Budget Ar	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	Medical Insurance
Budget Budget Ar	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	Disability Insurance
Budget Budget Ar	\$1,285.00	\$1,285.00	Bond Insurance
Budget Budget Ar			Personnel Costs
Budget Budget Ar	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	Subtotal:
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Budget Budget Amend FY 2024 - 2025 No. 1 T: \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Property Acquisition
Budget FY 2024 - 2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	Office Furniture/Equipment
Budget FY 2024 - 2025			Capital Outlay
Budget Wres FY 2024 - 2025			GENERAL GOVERNMENT:
Budget	No. 1	FY 2024 - 2025	Expenditures
	Budget Amendment	Budget	Object of

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
Budget Amendment(s)
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
GENERAL FUND

Postage
Professional Services:
Attorney Fees
Accounting Audit Fees
Board of Elections
Other Professional Services
Planning & Zoning Bank Charges
Dues/Membership Fees
Equipment Leases/Service
Miscellaneous OOC Expenditures Object of Administration:
Mayor / Council
Miscellaneous GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Advertising own Property Other Operating Costs nnology Services: Computer/ Software Support Internet/Phone/TV Website Hosting Office Supplies PAGE 3 -- SUBTOTAL: FY 2024 - 2025 Budget \$12,000.00 \$2,500.00 \$1,800.00 \$600.00 \$7,500.00 \$3,850.00 \$361,365.00 \$688,565.00 \$1,000.00 \$10,000.00 \$3,500.00 \$30,000.00 \$13,000.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$55,950.00 \$55,950.00 \$30,000.00 \$85,000.00 \$65,000.00 \$3,000.00 \$2,000.00 Budget Amendment No. 1 \$688,565.00 \$30,000.00 \$13,000.00 \$0.00 \$10,000.00 \$3,500.00 \$361,365.00 \$30,000. \$7,500.00 \$3,850.00 \$600.00 \$0.00

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH
Budget Amendment(s)
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
GENERAL FUND

\$1.239.750.00	\$1,239,750.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:
\$29,100.00	\$29,100.00	PAGE 5 SUBTOTAL:
\$0.00	\$0.00	Subtotal:
		Fransfer to SCIF Grant Project Ordinance
\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00	Subtotal:
		Rockingham Co PEG Channel Program:
\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Subtotal:
		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Subtotal:
		CONTINGENCY RESERVE
No. 1	FY 2024 - 2025	Expenditure
Budget Amendment	Budget	Object of

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
Budget Amendment(s)
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
GENERAL FUND

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, "To approve Amendment No. 1 to the General Fund Budget FY2024-2025."

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

Article VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

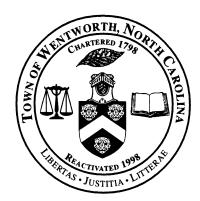
- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Planning Board** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19, 2024** at **7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Town Council** is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The Town Hall will be closed Monday, November 11, 2024 in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday-Friday, November 28-29, 2024 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- The 4th Annual **Wentworth Christmas in the Park** will be held on Friday, **December 6, 2024** from **5:30pm 8:00pm** (with a rain date of December 13th).

Article IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, "We adjourn."

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

Respectfully Submitted by	y:
	Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk
Approved by	y:
	Robert Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor



TOWN OF WENTWORTH MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA

December 3, 2024

7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at the Wentworth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Daryl Crowder, Cheryl

Moore

Council Members Absent: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Dennis Paschal III

A quorum was met.

Staff Present: Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/ Finance Officer

Hunter Wilson, Accounting Clerk/ Deputy Clerk

Others Present:

Article I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner called the meeting to order.

Article II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Conner 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 Pro Tem Conner made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda as written.

Councilmember Cheryl Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

Article V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of Meeting Schedules for 2025
 - 1. Town Council
 - 2. Planning Board/ Board of Adjustment

Councilmember Daryl Crowder made a **MOTION**, "We approve meeting dates for the Town Council and Planning Board as written."

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

(Note: The Wentworth Town Council and Planning Board meeting schedules are herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

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WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

124 PEACH TREE ROAD

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS 7:00 p.m.

January 7, 2025

July 8, 2025*

February 4, 2025

August 5, 2025

March 4, 2025

September 2, 2025

April 1, 2025

October 7, 2025

May 6, 2025

November 6, 2025*

June 3, 2025

December 2, 2025

*Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, except in July the meeting will be held on the 2mt Tuesday. If a regular meeting day is a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on Tuesday of the next week. If a regular meeting day is on an election day, the meeting shall be held on the Thursday after Election Day.

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PLANNING BOARD

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS 7:00 p.m.

January 21, 2025	July 15, 2025
February 18, 2025	August 19, 2025
March 18, 2025	September 16, 2025
April 15, 2025	October 21, 2025
May 20, 2025	November 18, 2025
June 17, 2025	December 16, 2025

NOTE:

If there are no planning and zoning applications/requests filed with the Rockingham County Planning Department, the Wentworth Planning Board may not meet.

(Meetings are normally held the third Tuesday of each month at the Wentworth Town Hall - 124 Peach Tree Road - 7:00 p.m.)

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Article V. NEW BUSINESS

B. Adoption of Town of Wentworth Holiday Schedule for 2025

Councilmember Crowder made a MOTION to approve the schedule.

Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: The Tow of Wentworth holiday schedule is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



TOWN OF WENTWORTH 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	OBSERVANCE DATE	DAY OF THE WEEK
New Year's Day	January 1, 2025	Wednesday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2025	Monday
Good Friday	April 18, 2025	Friday
Memorial Day	May 26, 2025	Monday
Independence Day	July 4, 2025	Friday
Labor Day	September 1, 2025	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11, 2025	Tuesday
Thanksgiving	November 27 & 28, 2025	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 24, 25& 26 2025	Wed/Thurs/Fri

Adopted by the Wentworth Town Council December 3, 2024

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Town of Wentworth P. O. Box 159 Wentworth NC 27375 Telephone: (336) 342-6288 Fax: (336) 342-0322 Physical Location: 124 Peach Tree Road www.townofwentworth.com

Article VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

However, **Town Clerk/Finance Officer Yvonne Russell** addressed Council regarding the upcoming Christmas in the Park event. She informed Council that some of the Wentworth Elementary teachers have concerns about the cold weather. Councilmember Dennis Paschal III was not able to attend the meeting tonight, but asked to be called so that he could explain the teachers concerns. (Note: Councilmember Paschal III is the Principal at Wentworth Elementary.)

Ms. Russell called Councilmember Paschal and he communicated the teachers' concern about being out in the cold weather for a prolonged time and a suggestion made by some from the school that the teachers' craft stations close at 6:30pm instead of 8:00pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner said she felt like the event would probably be cut short due to the cold anyway because people would not stay long.

Councilmember Moore suggested we change the event to a different date.

Ms. Russell explained that the planned rain date is December 13th and at this time, there is rain in the forecast most of that week.

Councilmember Moore asked about the vendors that have signed up to participate.

Ms. Russell said she emailed the vendors today and heard back from most of them. There were only two that said they would not be here December 6, the others said they will attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner suggested shortening the length of the event.

Councilmember Moore agreed and said, "We'll just do what we can".

Councilmember Paschal III suggested ending the entire event an hour early. Council agree that was a good idea.

Ms. Russell said staff will put out an announcement that the event will end at 7:00pm and the teachers' craft stations will close at 6:30pm.

Another issue that was brought to Ms. Russell's attention before the Council meeting is whether or not the Town Council has any property that could be used as a temporary (overnight only) homeless shelter. Ms. Russell informed Council that she received a phone call from someone in the County Attorney's office asking if the old Wentworth Consolidated School would be available to house the homeless overnight on a temporary basis until another facility was made ready for that purpose. Ms. Russell told the person inquiring that the school is still under repair and there is currently lead paint and asbestos abatement happening on the first floor, so that facility would not be an option. She asked Council if they knew of any place that might be suitable, but no one knew of anything.

Article VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made the following announcements:

- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Planning Board** is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 17, 2024** at **7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
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- The 4th Annual **Wentworth Christmas in the Park** will be held on Friday, **December 6, 2024** from **5:30pm 7:00pm** (with a rain date of December 13th).
- The **Town Hall** will be **closed Tuesday-Thursday**, **December 24-26**, **2024** for the **Christmas Holiday**.
- The **Town Hall** will be **closed Wednesday**, **January 1**, **2025** in observance of **New Year's Day**.

Article IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a MOTION, "We adjourn."

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

Respectfully Submitted b	oy:
	Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk
Approved b	oy: Robert Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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