

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

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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:** Dennis Paschal III  
A quorum was met.

**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.”*

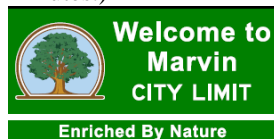
**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**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.

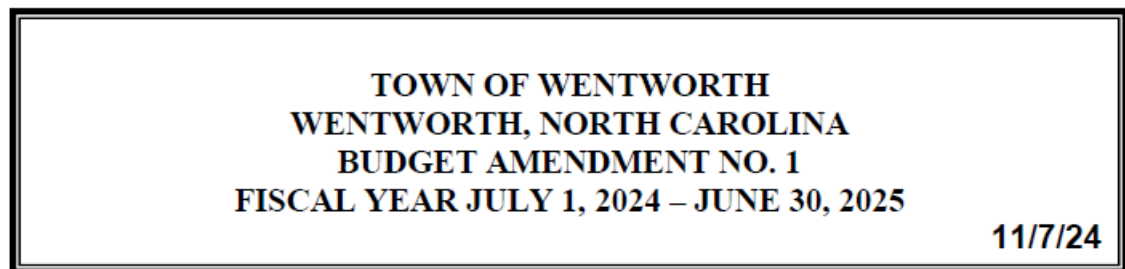
**Mayor Paschal** made a **MOTION**, *"To approve the Welcome to Wentworth signs up to the cost of \$3,000 and add the city-wide speed limit to the bottom of it."*

**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.



**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
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
<b>Total Estimated General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>1,239,750</b>	<b>No Change</b>

General Fund Expenditures:	Budget 2024 - 2025	Amendment No. 1
<b>General Government</b>	<b>1,015,503</b>	<b>-3,000</b>
<b>Public Health &amp; Safety</b>		
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	<b>+3,000</b>
<b>Public Health &amp; Safety Total:</b>	<b>128,147</b>	<b>No Change</b>
<b>Cultural &amp; Recreational</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>No Change</b>
<b>Contingency Reserve</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>No Change</b>
<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>No Change</b>
<b>Rockingham Co PEG Channel</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>No Change</b>
<b>Transfer to SCIF Grant Project Ordinance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>No Change</b>
<b>Total Estimated General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>1,239,750</b>	<b>1,239,750</b>

Approved by Council the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

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**R. Dennis Paschal, Jr.**  
**Mayor**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk**

REVENUE	Budget	Budget Amendment
	FY 2024 - 2025	No. 1
<b>INCOME ACCOUNT</b>		
Sales and Use Tax	\$925,000.00	\$925,000.00
Utility Franchise Tax	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00
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
GRANT - American Rescue Plan Act	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from SCIF Grant Project Ordinance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Revenue Subtotal:	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Estimated General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,239,750.00</b>	<b>\$1,239,750.00</b>
<b>Total Estimated General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,239,750.00</b>	<b>\$1,239,750.00</b>

Object of Expenditures	Budget	Budget Amendment
	FY 2024 - 2025	No. 1
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>		
<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
Office Furniture/Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Acquisition	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Improvements	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Debt Service	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Transfer to Capital Proj Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal:	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00
<b>Personnel Costs</b>		
Bond Insurance	\$1,285.00	\$1,285.00
Disability Insurance	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Medical Insurance	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
Workman's Comp Insurance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Gross Salaries	\$107,412.00	\$107,412.00
Employer Taxes (FICA)	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Payroll Services	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Retirement	\$7,305.00	\$7,305.00
Longevity	\$1,461.00	\$1,461.00
Subtotal:	\$151,938.00	\$151,938.00
<b>Travel</b>		
Lodging/Meals/Mileage	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Schools/Conference Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Subtotal:	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>PAGE 2 -- SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$326,938.00</b>	<b>\$326,938.00</b>

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

Object of Expenditure	Budget FY 2024 - 2025	Budget Amendment No. 1
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT Total:</b>	<b>\$1,015,603.00</b>	<b>\$1,015,603.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
Animal Control	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$86,752.00	\$86,752.00
Law Enforcement Equipment	\$2,869.00	\$2,869.00
Miscellaneous	\$33,526.00	\$33,526.00
Redirections	\$2,458.00	\$2,458.00
SADD	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fire Department	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
NC Highway Patrol	\$0.00	\$0.00
Code Red	\$785.00	\$785.00
Help Inc/ Square One	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
Committee of 100 (Food Drive)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Crimestoppers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project SAFE Rockingham Co	\$782.00	\$782.00
Rockingham United/LOT 2940	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Welcome to Wentworth Signs	0	\$3,000.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$128,147.00</b>	<b>\$128,147.00</b>
<b>CULTURAL &amp; RECREATIONAL</b>		
Special Events	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Appearance Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00
Historical Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00
Recreation Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fine Arts Festival Assoc. (FAFA)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Friends of Chingua Penn Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
MARC	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
RCHS Band Boosters	\$0.00	\$0.00
RCHS Band	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
RCHS Football	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Rockingham Co Arts Council	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Wentworth PTA Ball Program	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$67,000.00</b>	<b>\$67,000.00</b>
<b>PAGE 4 -- SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,210,650.00</b>	<b>\$1,210,650.00</b>

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

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

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>).

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk**

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