Town of Taylorsville

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance **George B. Holleman, Mayor**

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda: **George B. Holleman, Mayor**

Items will only be added or removed with the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

Consent Agenda – The items of the Consent Agenda are adopted on a single motion and vote, unless the Mayor and City Council wish to withdraw an item for separate vote and/or discussion.

Approval for Minutes: **George B. Holleman, Mayor**

a. August 4th, 2026: Regular Meeting Minutes

b. August 10th, 2026: Special Meeting Minutes

c. August 18th, 2026: Work Session Minutes

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment – *This is an opportunity for members of the public to express items of interest to the Mayor and City Council. This is not a time to respond or act. Any necessary action will be taken under advisement. Speakers are asked to use proper decorum and to limit comments to no more than three minutes.*

1. **WPCOG Cemetery GIS Mapping Contract** **A. Wike, Public Works Dir.**
   The Town Council will consider a contract with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments for GIS mapping services of the towns cemetery.

2. **WPCOG Parks & Recreation Master Plan Contract** **A. Wike, Public Works Dir.**
   The Town Council will consider a contract with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments to establish a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Town of Taylorsville.

3. **Street Closure Request** **N. Hester, Town Manager**
   The Town Council will consider closing Main Ave. Drive between Emergency St. and Town Park Ave. on Saturday, September 5th, 2026 between 7:30 am and 2:00 pm for the Town Yard Sale.

4. **Budget Amendements:** **K. Sager, Finance Dir.**
   a. Police Department – Radar Signs

5. **Staff Reports**: **Staff Department Heads**
   a. Staff Department Heads will report to the Town Council on their respective departments.

Next Meeting:

Work Session – Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 6th, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Town of Taylorsville

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared By: Christina Childers

Present: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner
Councilman Jack Simms

Absent: Councilwoman Tamara Odom
Councilwoman Kim Brown
Town Manager Nathan Hester

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance: George B. Holleman, Mayor

The Town Council regular meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 4th, at 5:30 pm by Mayor George Holleman. Mayor Holleman wanted to address the recent loss of a prominent member of our town, Jack Bebber. Invocation was given by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor George Holleman

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda: George B. Holleman,

Mayor Holleman requested any necessary adjustments to the agenda. Hearing no requests for modifications, a motion was presented to approve the agenda as presented.

> *A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Councilmember* Jack Simms*, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously.*

Consent Agenda

Approval for Minutes: George B. Holleman, Mayor

a. June 2nd, 2026: Regular Meeting Minutes
b. June 16th, 2026: Work Session Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, *seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms, and approved unanimously.*

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment:

Mayor George Holleman opened the public comment period by reminding everyone that this was an opportunity for citizens to express items of interest to the Mayor and Town Council. He clarified that this is not a time for the Council to respond or take action, as any necessary follow-up would be taken under advisement. The mayor also asked speakers to maintain proper decorum and to limit their comments to no more than three minutes. *(See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)*

Ed Elliott (Resident)- Mr. Elliott came before council concerned about the water restrictions enforced on the Town, stating that during the restriction period he noticed several people within the community still watering their yards, and washing their cars frequently. Mr. Elliott advised that he did not feel that it was fair that the Town of Taylorsville was allowed to water the flowers in Downtown while restricting the residents from being able to water their own flowers and yards. Mr. Elliott also raised concerns about the neglect he has observed on the streets and sidewalks where there are overgrown weeds and numerous cracks in the sidewalks.

Patty Ferguson (Resident)- Patty came before council to express her appreciation to the Town and county for getting the disabled cars off of the streets in the Northwood neighborhood and for the help with getting the former George Miller property cleaned up. Patty advised that she has noticed that they have started removing the excess weeds and brush. She is aware that due to the condition of the property it will take some time to get it back to its original state and was very appreciative to the Town Council for all they have done.

1. **Town Clerk Appointment** — **A. Wike, Public Works**

The Town Council took into consideration appointing Christina Childers as Town Clerk. Mayor George Holleman advised everyone that Mrs. Childers had already taken the Oath of Office.

A motion to approve the appointment of Christina Childers as Town Clerk was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, *seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously. (See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)*

2. **Appointment of Deputy Finance Officer:** — **K. Sager, Finance Dir.**

The Town Council took into consideration appointing Angela Wagoner as the Town of Taylorsville Deputy Finance Officer.

A motion to approve the appointment of Angela Wagoner as Deputy Finance officer was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, *seconded by Mayor George Holleman, and approved unanimously.*

3. **Audit Contract with Strickland Hardee PLLC** — **K. Sager, Finance Dir.**

Finance Director Kimberly Sager presented the proposed audit contract for Fiscal Year 2026 with Strickland Hardee, PLLC. Mrs. Sager advised the Town Council that requests for proposals had been submitted and that three bids were received from Martin & Starnes, AAPG, and Strickland Hardee, PLLC. She recommended awarding the contract to Strickland Hardee based on its significantly lower cost compared to the Town's current auditor, Martin & Starnes, as well as the firm's experience providing audit services to small towns.

Mayor Holleman noted that Mrs. Sager had consulted with former Town employee Zach Green, who recommended Strickland Hardee based on his positive experience working with the firm in his current position.

Councilmember Jack Simms asked when the new contract would become effective. Mrs. Sager advised that, upon Council approval and execution of the contract, it would take effect for the 2026 audit. She further explained that the executed contract must be submitted to the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC) before the audit process can begin.

Mrs. Sager informed the Council that the Town's agreement with Martin & Starnes concluded upon completion of the Fiscal Year 2025 audit. She explained that audit contracts are awarded on an annual basis and reviewed Strickland Hardee's proposed fees of $25,500 for Fiscal Year 2026, $26,775 for Fiscal Year 2027, and $28,144 for Fiscal Year 2028. She noted that these fees include preparation of the Town's financial statements.

Mayor Holleman confirmed with Mrs. Sager that the preparation of the financial statements is a service the Town currently contracts with a third party to perform annually and that this cost is already included in Strickland Hardee's proposal.

Mrs. Sager advised that Martin & Starnes submitted a proposal of $46,000.00, while AAPG submitted a proposal of $39,500.00. Councilmember Bumgarner asked whether the loyalty discount offered by Martin & Starnes, which would reduce its proposal to $39,000.00, had been considered during the evaluation process. Mrs. Sager advised that she was not aware of the discount until earlier that day.

Councilmember Bumgarner noted that even after applying the loyalty discount to Martin & Starnes' proposal and considering the additional cost of approximately $15,000 for financial statement preparation by GWI, Strickland Hardee's proposal would still result in an estimated savings of approximately $30,000 per audit for the Town.

A motion to approve the audit contract with Strictland Hardee PLLC as presented was made by Mayor George Holleman, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously. (See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner wanted to take a moment to thank Martin & Starnes for their years of service to the Town of Taylorsville and to let it be known that their services have been appreciated.

4. Police Department Grant Contract — M. Millsaps, Police Chief

Police Chief Mike Millsaps presented to Town Council a recommendation for a contract with Daniel Miglin to assist the Taylorsville Police department in the application of law enforcement grants. This position would be for 6 hours per week with a max pay of $300.00 weekly to assist in applying for federal and state law enforcement grants.

Chief Millsaps advised a little background on Daniel Miglin.

- Retired in 2022 following 30-year law enforcement career with Various sworn rank.
- He has been writing and managing federal, state and foundation grants since 004
- His specialty is law enforcement, but has also written successful grants for fire departments, special water districts, transportation projects, HUD programs, domestic violence programs, substance abuse programs, veteran assistance programs and street outreach programs.
- He has submitted over 230 grant applications
- He was worked with 37 different organizations.
- 74% of his grant applications have been awarded: combined $32+ million awarded to date with several awards still pending.
- Strong connections to state and federal grant officials.
- Funding has supported over 120 personnel, many vehicles, equipment, training, etc.
- Experienced Peer Reviewer for the federal government.
- Currently a Grant Specialist for The Ferguson Group (TFG)

Following review of the proposed agreement, Councilmember Jack Simms asked Finance Director Kimberly Sager how the Town would fund Mr. Daniel Miglin's grant writing services. Mrs. Sager advised that she was not sure of the specific funding source at that time and would research the matter further.

Chief Millsaps informed the Council that he believed contracting with Mr. Miglin would significantly benefit the Taylorsville Police Department by increasing opportunities to secure grant funding. He stated that the investment in professional grant writing services could potentially generate thousands of dollars in grant awards annually and represented the most effective approach to obtaining additional funding.

Councilmember Simms asked whether consideration of the agreement was time-sensitive or if it could be deferred until the August 18th Work Session for further review. Chief Millsaps acknowledged that grant opportunities are often time-sensitive but stated that his intent was to provide the Council with the information necessary to make an informed decision.

Mayor Holleman made a motion to postpone consideration of the grant writing services agreement with Daniel Miglin rather than table the matter. Councilmember Simms expressed his preference for having the full Town Council present to participate in the discussion and decision before moving forward.

A motion to Postpone to next Work Session on 08/18/2026 was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, Seconded by Mayor Holleman and approved unanimously.

5. Clear Software Subscription Agreement — M. Millsaps, Police Chief

Chief Millsaps presented an agreement for a Clear Software subscription for the Taylorsville Police Department. He explained that the software will enhance investigative capabilities by providing rapid phone number identification, allowing investigators to obtain critical information more efficiently. This tool is expected to be especially valuable during time-sensitive investigations, such as missing child cases, where timely access to information can significantly impact the outcome.

Chief Millsaps advised that the subscription cost will be $411.00 for the first year, $431.55 for the second year, and $453.13 for the third year.

A motion to approve the Clear Software Subscription agreement as presented was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms and approved unanimously. (See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes)

6. Public Hearing: Annexation — A. Wike, Public Works

The Town Council held a public hearing regarding the annexation application by Alexander County Habitat for Humanity of approximately six parcels (Parcel IDs: 0009871, 0008932, 0007890, 0066455, 0066848, and 0007468).
Public works Director Aaron Wike advised that this is approx. a 56.9-acre tract of land off of Leory Road that they are looking to develop 6 homes and looking to continue to develop there in the future. They are currently working with West Consultants on getting the development drawn up and engineered. Mr. Wike advised that we currently have sewer there and it will be serviced by Energy United Watr. Public Works Director Aaron Wike advised Town council that the Certificate of Sufficiency had been completed by the previous Town Clerk Nicole Mayes prior to her leaving for her new position and there were no issues with the deeds to hold up the Town up from moving forward with this annexation. This would be a non-contiguous annexation.

A motion to enter into the public hearing was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously.

Mayor Holleman opened the public for comment on the annexation application by Alexander County Habitat for Humanity at 5:57 PM. Noting that no members of the public came forward to speak, he closed the public hearing at 5:59 PM.

7. Ordinance: Annexation — A. Wike, Public Works

The Town Council considered adopting an ordinance for the annexation of approximately six parcels of land owned by the Alexander County Habitat for Humanity, (Parcel IDs: 0009871, 0008932, 0007890, 0066455, 0066848, and 0007468).

A motion to approve an ordinance for Annexation by Alexander County Habitat for Humanity, was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms, and approved unanimously. (See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes)

8. Public Hearing: Annexation — A. Wike, Public Works

The Town Council held a public hearing regarding the annexation of three parcels totaling 1.318 acres located on Hammer Road: (Parcel #0062956, PIN 3759 98 3176), (Parcel #0008525, PIN 3759 98 3076), and (Parcel #0062955, PIN 3759 97 3977).

Public Works Directory Aaron Wike advised that this is a piece of property owned by Keever Carpentry at 175 Hammer Road. This would be a contiguous annexation. Mr. Keever reached out a few months ago regarding this annexation and the Certificate of Sufficiency was done by Nicole Mayes prior to her leaving as well with no issues. It was also notated that there is also water and sewer services at that area.

A motion to enter into the public hearing was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms, and approved unanimously.

Mayor Holleman opened the public comment regarding the Annexation of the parcels on Hammer Road at 5:59 PM. Noting that no members of the public came forward to speak, he closed the public hearing at 6:01PM.

9. Ordinance: Annexation — A. Wike, Public Works

The Town Council considered adopting an ordinance for the annexation of three parcels totaling 1.318 acres located on Hammer Road: (Parcel #0062956, PIN 3759 98 3176), (Parcel #0008525, PIN 3759 98 3076), and (Parcel #0062955, PIN 3759 97 3977).

A motion to approve Hammer Road Annexation was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously. (See attachment F, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes)

10. Surplus Property — A. Wike, Public Works

The Town Council considered declaring a piece of personal property within the Police Department as surplus. The item is a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria that is no longer in service as a departmental vehicle.

Mayor Holleman advised that he had discussed the vehicle with Chief Millsaps, and they are interested in retaining it and restoring it as an "Old School Cruiser," similar in concept to the vintage police vehicle used by the Town of Mount Airy. Once restored, the vehicle would be a fully operational police cruiser and would be utilized for community events, parades, and other special occasions within the Town of Taylorsville.

Councilmembers expressed their support for the concept and agreed that the proposal warranted further consideration. By consensus, the matter was deferred to the August 18th Work Session for additional discussion and review.

A motion to move the Surplus Property of the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria to the 08/18 Work Session was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Mayor George Holleman, and approved unanimously

11. Budget Amendements : **K. Sager, Finance Dir.**

a. Streets & Sanitation – Leaf Truck Maintenance

The Town Council reviewed a proposed budget amendment to transfer $46,118.20 from the General Fund to the Maintenance and Repair Infrastructure budget to cover increased expenditures associated with repairs to the Town's leaf collection truck.

Public Works Director Aaron Wike informed the Council that the leaf truck has been out of service since late January due to a failure of the software system that controls the operation of the boom arm. He explained that the existing software can no longer be repaired and that the truck must be converted to a manual hydraulic operating system to restore it to working condition. The only company that can make the necessary repairs to convert to the manual hydraulic system quoted $46,118.20. To buy a new one it would cost approximately $350,000.00. Mr. Wike emphasized the importance of completing the conversion prior to the start of the upcoming leaf collection season.

A motion to approve budget amendment for Leaf truck maintenance was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Mayor George Holleman, and approved unanimously. (See attachment G, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes)

b. General Fund Miscellaneous – Veterans Banners

The Town Council reviewed a proposed budget amendment to transfer $650.00 from the General Fund Miscellaneous account to the Supplies account using revenue generated through the Veterans Banner Program.

The amendment increases the revenue budget to recognize additional Hometown Hero Banner sales and increases the expenditure budget by the same amount to fund the purchase and installation of the additional banners. The program is fully funded through program-generated revenues and requires no additional General Fund appropriations.

Public Works Director Aaron Wike advised that the third order cycle for the Hometown Hero Banners has closed for the year to allow sufficient time for the banners to be produced and installed throughout Town by Labor Day. The banners will remain on display until the Town begins installing its Christmas decorations. Mr. Wike noted that the program has been well received by the community and

expressed his appreciation for its continued success and anticipated growth in the coming year.

A motion to approve budget amendment for the Veterans Banners was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms, and approved unanimously. (See attachment H, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes)

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c. Streets & Sanitation – Brush Truck

The Town Council reviewed a proposed budget amendment to transfer $20,000.00 from the General Fund Buildings & Grounds Capital Outlay account to the Streets Capital Outlay account for the purchase of a replacement brush truck.

Finance Director Kimberly Sager advised the Council that available funds had been identified within the budget allocated for the Town Hall renovation project. These funds could be reallocated to help offset the cost of purchasing the replacement truck and transferring the existing truck bed to the new vehicle. As a result, the budget amendment reallocates existing appropriations and does not require additional revenues or an appropriation from the Town's fund balance.

Public Works Director Aaron Wike informed the Council that $40,000.00 had already been budgeted for the purchase of a used brush truck. However, he explained that the current market for used brush trucks ranges from $40,000.00 to $60,000.00, with many vehicles already exceeding 100,000 miles.

Mr. Wike advised that he had been working with Modern Chevrolet, which currently has a new 2025 cab and chassis that was originally ordered for the City of Hickory. Because the vehicle was not delivered within the City's required timeframe, the City declined acceptance, leaving the vehicle available for purchase. Mr. Wike explained that the Town has the opportunity to purchase the new chassis for $48,500.00, with an estimated additional $5,000.00 to $7,000.00 to remove the bed from the Town's existing brush truck and install it on the new chassis. He noted that this approach would provide the Town with what is essentially a new brush truck for an estimated total cost of approximately $55,500.00.

Mr. Wike further advised that the Town's current brush truck is nearing the end of its service life. The vehicle has already required two engine repairs, is only minimally operational, and currently consumes approximately one quart of oil per day, making replacement the most practical and cost-effective long-term solution.

A motion to approve budget amendment for the Brush truck purchase was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously. (See attachment I, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes)

12. Staff Reports:

Staff Department Heads

Police Department Reports:

Chief Michael Millsaps presented the Police Department's activity report for July 2026. The statistics were as follows:

- Calls for Service: 975
- Incident Reports: 44
- Vehicle Stops: 93
- Citations Written: 71
- Arrests: 14
- Felonies:2
- DWIs: 0
- Total Charges: 7

Chief Millsaps advised that they are taking higher volumes of calls this year compared to last year. Summer calls do rise with everyone

Councilmember Simms asked Chief Millsaps about the radar that is on West end to see if they are dead. He advised that it was and they have been waiting for new batteries to come in along with the new signs.

We advised that we had over 53,000 cars come through the town in a week and half in just that one area.

Finance Department Report:

Finance Director Kimberly Sager reported that there were no financial issues requiring Council's attention at this time.

Mrs. Sager informed the Council that she recently completed a Capital Investments course through the UNC School of Government as part of her continuing professional development. She also advised that Angela Wagoner is scheduled to attend finance training courses at the end of August. In addition, Mrs. Sager stated that she is actively preparing for the upcoming annual audit.

Public Works Report:

Public Works Director Aaron Wike presented the department's monthly maintenance and infrastructure project updates.

- Utility Operations:

Public Works Director Aaron Wike reported that they have started road repairs across from the mayor's house where the tree roots have come up through road. Aaron advised that they had to dig up the root and had to repair the curb and gutter since the root was running up under it as well. Repairs should be complete in the next 2 weeks. He re-addressed the Leaf Truck repairs and advised that they have done several water taps. Brush service will be a little slower over the next couple of weeks as they work to get the bed installed onto the new brush truck, however once the new truck is up and operational they will have everything collected and back on schedule.

- Grants

Aaron has been in contact with West Consultant and Withers Ravenel in regards to the 10 million water grant and the 5 million Sewer grant that will replace the water lines on main street. West Consultants has turned in their ER report for the state and Withers Ravenel will have theirs turned in by Mid- September. The Bids will not go out till 2027 with an anticipated ground breaking on these projects in 2028.

- Veteran's Banners

The third order of Veterans banners has been placed and the second order of banners has been installed. There has been one hit since July 4th that only broke a bracket. This has been replaced and the banner was re-hanged.

- Matheson Park

They are still working on getting the drawings for the new bathroom drawn up. As soon as they have these completed, they will have the concrete slab poured and have the high school come in to start working on building the bathroom building. The anticipated goal is to have the bathroom complete by the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

- Cemetery GIS

Aaron had a meeting with COG on August 5th to go over the new GIS program for the cemetery. Starting this fiscal year through next fiscal year they will map every burial site that they have on record. This will be a GIS layer search program where you can search by name, Birth or death date. This will show a grid with a location of every known burial. This is not only historically necessary but will help females that are not able to locate a loved one. This project will start Spring of 2027 with completion approximately Fall of that year.

Council General Discussion:

Mayor George Holleman advised that after nearly 25 years the county was finally able to get a grant to fund the repaving of Sterling Lane.

Councilmember Jack Simms thanked everyone for coming out and taking their time to support their town.

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner encouraged the town to come out for the yard sale that was being put on by the Town in September. He asked that everyone spread the word and they could place items in their yard for sale or could reserve a spot at the Town Park. He is hoping to make this a yearly event for the town and advised that he is open to hear suggestions on what the money collected from the yard sale spots could be used for within the community.

Public Works Director Aaron Wike advised that the yard sale spots at Town Park are 15 x20 with 40 available spots on a first come, first serve basis at $20.00 per spot. We are also seeking food truck vendors that would like to come out for this event.

Next Meeting:

Special Meeting – Monday, August 10th, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

Work Session – Tuesday, August 18th ,2026, at 2:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:28 p.m.

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Mayor

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Councilmember Councilmember

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Attest: _____

Christina Childers, Town Clerk

Town of Taylorsville

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Town Council Chambers

Monday, August 10th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared By: Christina Childers

Present: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner
Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Tamara Odom
Councilwoman Kim Brown

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance: **George B. Holleman, Mayor**

The Town Council special meeting was called to order on Monday, August 10th, at 5:30 pm by Mayor George Holleman. Invocation was given by Councilmember Jack Simms followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Kim Brown.

1. Appointment of Housing Inspectors

Presenter: N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the recommendation for the appointment of, Code enforcement officer Victor Breininger and Chief Building Inspector Bill Rodgers as Housing Inspectors as required by Town ordinance and the services contract with Alexander County Government. They will be able to enforce the Minimum housing ordinance for residential and commercial structures within the Town.

A motion to approve the appointment of Bill Rodgers and Victor Breininger as Housing Inspectors was made by Councilmember Tamara Odom, seconded by Councilmember Kim Brown, and approved unanimously.

2. Building Reuse Contract with NC Department of Commerce

Presenter: N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the proposed contract between the Town of Taylorsville and the North Carolina Department of Commerce for the $125,000 Building Reuse Grant awarded to the Town and Xiong Rentals, LLC for the rehabilitation of the building to be used for VitalNow Urgent Care. The Town's required local match is slightly more than $6,000.

Mr. Hester explained that, as a condition of the grant, Xiong Rentals, LLC and VitalNow Urgent Care are required to satisfy a job-creation requirement within the Town. The business has committed to creating ten positions at VitalNow Urgent Care. To receive reimbursement for the building rehabilitation, five employees must be hired to qualify for the first disbursement, with all ten positions required to be filled for the second disbursement.

Mr. Hester introduced Ms. Paloma Garcia with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, who assisted with the preparation of the grant application.

Councilman Jack Simms asked whether the $125,000 grant was primarily based on the employment requirement or the rehabilitation of the building.

Mr. Hester explained that the grant funds are for the rehabilitation of the building; however, in order to qualify for the grant, the business must commit to creating jobs and providing employment opportunities within the community.

Councilman Simms asked for clarification regarding how the Town could receive a grant for a building that the Town does not own and whether the Town was acting on behalf of the property owner.

Mr. Hester explained that the Town is working in partnership with Xiong Rentals, LLC and VitalNow Urgent Care on the grant. The Town is the applicant, while the business is included as a partner on the application. He further explained that the business is responsible for creating the required jobs, while the Town serves as the local government partner for the project. The purpose of the partnership is to rehabilitate the commercial space and provide the community with a new business and additional employment opportunities.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner asked whether the grant was similar to previous grants received by the Town for the downtown building and the Catawba Valley Medical office located across from State Employees' Credit Union.

Mr. Hester confirmed that the Building Reuse Grant is similar to those previously received for the downtown building and the Catawba Valley Medical office.

A motion to approve the proposed contract for the Building Reuse Grant awarded for VitalNow Urgent Care was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Tamara Odom, and approved unanimously. (See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

3. VitalNow Urgent Care and Town Contract

Presenter: N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the proposed agreement between Xiong Rentals, LLC, VitalNow Urgent Care, and the Town of Taylorsville. Under the agreement, the Town will provide the required 5% local match of $6,250.00 in accordance with the Town's contract with the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Mr. Hester explained that VitalNow Urgent Care, as the grant recipient, has committed to creating ten jobs as a condition of the Building Reuse Grant. Reimbursement through the grant will be based on meeting the job-creation requirements. The first reimbursement will require the creation of five jobs, with the remaining five jobs required for the second reimbursement.

Mr. Hester asked Ms. Paloma Garcia of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments if she would provide additional information regarding the agreement between the Town and VitalNow Urgent Care.

Ms. Garcia explained that the agreement was structured to protect the Town in the event that VitalNow Urgent Care does not fulfill the required job-creation commitments. She stated for example, if VitalNow Urgent Care creates the first five required jobs and receives the corresponding reimbursement but does not create the remaining five jobs, the Town would not be required to repay the funds already reimbursed. Ms. Garcia explained that the grant is tied to the creation of jobs and that the agreement was structured accordingly.

A motion to approve the agreement between VitalNow Urgent Care and the Town of Taylorsville was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Kim Brown, and approved unanimously. (See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

4. Special Project Ordinance – Building Reuse Grant

Presenter: N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the proposed Special Project Ordinance for the Building Reuse Grant awarded to the Town of Taylorsville and VitalNow Urgent Care by the North Carolina Department of Commerce for renovations to the VitalNow Urgent Care building.

Mr. Hester explained that the Special Project Ordinance will establish a separate fund within the Town's accounts specifically for the Building Reuse Grant. The fund will be used to receive and disburse grant reimbursements and account for the Town's required local match.

Mr. Hester further explained that the separate fund will remain in place for the duration of the grant and will allow all revenues and expenditures associated with the project to be tracked separately. This will provide for more accurate accounting, and greater transparency throughout the life of the grant.

A motion to approve the Special Project Ordinance for the Building Reuse Grant awarded to the Town of Taylorsville and VitalNow Urgent Care was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Tamara Odom, and approved unanimously. (See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

5. Special Project Ordinance – SRF-W-HEL-0037

Presenter: N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the proposed Special Project Ordinance for SRF-W-HEL-0037, relating to the $5,000,000 awarded to the Town of Taylorsville by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure, through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Helene Funds. The funding will be used for wastewater infrastructure projects similar to the Special Project Ordinance for the Building Reuse Grant so that we can receive and disburse grant reimbursements. This will allow all revenues and expenditures associated with the project to be tracked properly.

A motion to approve the proposed Special Project Ordinance for SRF-W-HEL-0037 was made by Councilmember Kim Brown, seconded by Councilmember Tamara Odom, and approved unanimously. (See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

6. Special Project Ordinance – SRF-D-HEL-0049

Presenter: N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the proposed Special Project Ordinance for SRF-D-HEL-0049, relating to the $10,000,000 awarded to the Town of Taylorsville by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure, through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Helene Funds. The funding will be used for water infrastructure projects. The funding will be used for Water Resiliency Project so that we can receive and disburse grant reimbursements. This will allow all revenues and expenditures associated with the project to be tracked properly.

Councilmember Kim Brown confirmed with Nathan Hester that the $5,000,000 was for Waste Water and the $10,000,000 was for Water.

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner asked if the $1.3 million is just the initial engineering costs. Town Manager Nathan Hester confirmed that yes this is just for the first initial part of the project and as each part of the project unfolds for the Water Resiliency Project, we will amend the ordinance.

(See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

7. Public Hearing – NC CDBG Grant Applications

Presenter: N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented information regarding the Town's consideration of applying for a **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** during the Fall 2026 application cycle.

> *A motion to go into a Public Hearing was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Kim Brown, and approved unanimously.*

Mayor Holleman opened the public hearing at 5:40 P.M.

Town Manager Nathan Hester advised that he wanted to have this public hearing under advisement from COG. He advised that we have had 2 public hearings earlier in the year for community development block grants and he wanted to get this cycle restarted again specifically pertaining to the hospital to apply for demolition money to potentially tear down the old hospital. There are different grant cycles opening up this fall, there is Commercial District Revitalization Grant and some other infrastructure projects we wanted to have another set of hearings so that we can follow the CDBG guidelines.

Mr. Hester advised that he would like to apply for a Commercial District Revitalization Grant this fall. He has talked with a couple different property owners in down town about possibly purchasing their building, however at this time he has not been told yes yet. He wants to continue to have these talks to try to replicate what was done for Kiley's Sugar Shoppe and have a new renovated business down town in a commercial property to recruit a new business and create new jobs in town. He advised that he also looking to apply for additional Water and Sewer projects to continue to update the infrastructure of the town.

Councilmember Kim Brown asked if one of these types of grants be used to try and secure the parking at Valley.

Nathan Hester advised yes, however the property owner would have to approve the sale of the property. We would then have to purchase the property, have the property appraised through the grant process and whatever the property appraise for the property owner would have to agree to sell at that price. There are other stipulations, however that is a potential project. Mayor Holleman confirmed with Nathan that an easement would not work, the property would have to be purchased.

Councilmember Jack Simms asked if we had any potential numbers of what the cost would be to tear down the old hospital as the last numbers were from four-five years ago. Nathan advised it could be anywhere from $500,000 to $1 million dollars depending on whom we chose to go with. Mr. Hester advised that he knew that the property owner has had an updated asbestos survey conducted on the property and is meeting with the contractor that removes the asbestos from structures this week. Mr. Hester is scheduled to sit down with them next week to go over the pricing for that.

Councilmember Jack Simms asked if we are in a current partnership with the land owner and Nathan confirmed that we are not.

> *A motion to close public hearing was made by Councilmember Kim Brown, seconded by Councilmember Tamara Odom, and approved unanimously. (See attachment F, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)*

Mayor Holleman closed the public hearing at 5:45 P.M.

Town Manager's Report

Presenter: N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester advised that things are doing great in Town Hall. Christina is doing a great job and fits in well with the team. She has a lot to learn and is scheduled to take some continuing education classes. She as able to get into the Public Employment Law program through UNC SOG. Kimberly Sager will be taking additional Finance classes next month and he has the opportunity to finish his classes that he had to postpone to a date next year. Mr. Hester advised that they are working to continue their education and skill sets.

Council General Discussion

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming yard sale on September 5th. He is very excited about the 1st annual yard sale and hopes that the citizens engage and set their items out to sell or they purchase a spot at Town Park for $20.00. This will help our residents make some extra cash and will help local businesses with the additional people in town shopping the yard sales. This will help promote our town and show people how great our town is. He is looking for this to grow over the years. They are looking to donate any proceeds to a local charity.

Councilmember Kim Brown advised that she suggested that we notify local church's and encourage them to set up as a vendor site.

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner advised that we would have food vendors set up in front of Town Hall and the cost for them a spot is $20.00.

Councilmember Jack Simms advised that in the August 4th there was an item number 4 that was postponed for the Police department grant contract and asked if this would be addressed today or at the next work session and Town Manager Nathan Hester advised it would be at the next work session on August 18th due to this being a Special meeting that had to have the agenda published in advance.

Councilmember Kim Brown advised that she has had several complaints about the loitering that is happening between the gas station and the ARC.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Work Session:** Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.
- **Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember Jack Simms seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

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Mayor

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Councilmember Councilmember

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Councilmember Councilmember

Attest: _____

Christina Childers, Town Clerk

Town of Taylorsville

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Town Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared By: Christina Childers

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner
Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Tamara Odom

Absent: Mayor George Holleman
Councilwoman Kim Brown

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance: **Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner**

The Town Council work session was called to order on Tuesday, August 18th, at 2:00 pm by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner. Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Tamara Odom

1. **Resolution Declaring Surplus Property** **N. Hester, Town Manager**

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented a proposed resolution authorizing the sale of a non-operational 2003 Ford Crown Victoria through GovDeals.com. Councilmember Jack Simms inquired about the anticipated sale price of the vehicle. Police Chief Millsaps and Public Works Director Aaron Wike estimated that the Town could receive approximately $2,000 to $3,000 from the sale. Mr. Hester advised that the Town Council would determine how the proceeds from the sale would be allocated.

A motion to approve the resolution declaring surplus of 2003 Ford Crown Victoria was made by Councilmember Tamara Odom, seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms, and approved unanimously. (See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

2. Police Department Grant Consultant Contract **M. Millsaps, Police Chief**

Town Manager Nathan Hester and Police Chief Michael Millsaps presented the proposed Police Department Grant Consultant Contract with Daniel Miglin. The contract would provide assistance in identifying and applying for State and Federal grants to support the purchase of police vehicles and equipment, as well as potentially fund additional personnel positions.

Mr. Hester and Chief Millsaps noted that Mr. Miglin has an established track record of assisting public safety agencies with grant funding. Mr. Miglin was present at the meeting to answer questions from the Town Council.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner asked Mr. Miglin how confident he was that the Town would receive at least the amount invested in the consulting services through grant funding and requested examples of the types of funding for which the Town could apply.

Mr. Miglin stated that he was very confident in the potential return on the Town's investment. He explained that he has been involved in grant writing for public service agencies, including fire and police departments, since 2004. Prior to entering grant consulting, Mr. Miglin served as a lieutenant with the Statesville and Mooresville Police Departments.

Mr. Miglin advised that he currently works as a Public Safety Specialist with The Ferguson Group, an advocacy and grant specialty firm located in Washington, D.C. He noted that, during the current year, he assisted the Town of Catawba in securing an earmark to replace its police vehicles.

Mr. Miglin explained that he does not receive a percentage or commission from any grant funds secured through his efforts. He stated that because the Town has not previously received significant Federal grants specifically tailored to its Police Department, Taylorsville could be well positioned when applying for certain Federal funding opportunities.

Mr. Miglin further explained that he has access to grant opportunities as soon as they are released and would provide those opportunities to the Police Chief. His goal would be to work with the Police Department to identify its highest-priority needs, which could include technology, radios, body cameras, dash cameras, Flock cameras, vehicles, equipment, and personnel.

Mr. Miglin advised that certain funding opportunities are available at both the State and Federal levels, allowing the Town to pursue multiple funding sources and potentially accept the funding source that responds first.

Mr. Miglin stated that his current grant success rate is approximately 74%, compared to an estimated 35% to 40% success rate for other grant writers.

Councilmember Jack Simms confirmed that the amount that is paid weekly would not exceed the $300.00 which was confirmed by Mr. Miglin. Mr. Simms asked Town Manager Nathan Hester why the funds could not come out of TDA.

Town Manager Nathan Hester advised Councilmember Simms that the TDA is a separate organization and those funds are to help promote economic development projects. The TDA is to promote small and Commercial business and to improve our tax base and economic vitality in our communities.

Councilmember Jack Simms asked Finance Director Kimberly Sager if we have the money in the budget to cover this. Mrs. Sager advised that it would be taken out of the Contract Services and as we get grants we may have some budget amendment to take it out of things that we have proposed to buy instead.

A motion to approve the Police Department Grant Consultant Contract was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Tamara Odom, and approved unanimously. (See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

3. WPCOG Building Reuse Grant Administration Contract — N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the proposed agreement with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) for administration of the Building Reuse Grant. Mr. Hester explained that the agreement does not modify any existing grant terms and is intended to authorize WPCOG to assist the Town with grant administration, including maintaining required documentation and records for the duration of the grant.

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner confirmed that the Building Reuse Grant itself had previously been approved by the Town Council.

A motion to approve the proposed agreement with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments for administration of the Building Reuse Grant was made by Councilmember Tamara Odom, seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms, and approved unanimously. (See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

4. Town of Taylorsville Economic Development Grants Discussion — N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented information regarding three economic development grant opportunities available to the Town of Taylorsville.

- Storefront Improvement Incentive Grant:
  This grant is Up to $2,500/yr (façade) + $1,000 (rear) + $1,000 (signage); $5,000/yr cap; $15,000 lifetime cap per building (not owner). It is eligible to Commercial property owners, or tenants with owner consent, within the Downtown Taylorsville boundary; current on taxes/utilities. Eligible improvements must be permanent, constructed by a licensed contractor, public-facing, and historically appropriate: façade rehabilitation, architectural features, repainting of previously painted surfaces, traditional signage, and exterior lighting or streetscape elements. Interior work, new construction, and improvements using non-historic materials are not eligible.

- Pubic Art Incentive Grant:
  This grant is up to $5,000 per project; 5-year maintenance commitment. It is eligible to property owners, tenants with permission, nonprofits, schools, civic groups, individual artists, or artist led teams. Eligible project types include Murals, sculptures, mixed-media installations, mosaic/tile/glass artwork, artist-designed functional elements (benches, planters, railings, lighting, signage), and community-created art led by a Professional Artist. All work must be visible

from a public right-of-way or public space and use durable, safe materials. Artwork may not advertise a private business, duplicate standard architectural or landscaping elements, or violate NCDOT signage restrictions. Applicants must provide a maintenance plan and commit to maintaining the artwork for 5 years.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner commented that a business owner could not simply paint the side of a building themselves in order to qualify for the proposed grant and that the artwork would need to be professionally completed.

Town Manager Nathan Hester confirmed that the artwork would need to demonstrate a professional level of quality. He clarified that the artist would not necessarily need to be a renowned or nationally recognized professional artist, but should have a demonstrated history of producing professional artwork.

Councilwoman Tamara Odom asked whether an artist such as Keyleigh would qualify, given her demonstrated experience and portfolio of artwork. Mr. Hester advised that she would qualify under the proposed criteria.

Councilman Jack Simms asked whether the property would need to be located within the Town limits and referenced the Town's Barn Art display as an example. Mr. Hester confirmed that the proposed Public Art Incentive would apply to properties within the downtown area. He further stated that, although the Barn Art display is located on a county-owned building, he believed Alexander County would allow the Town to continue the Barn Art program and that the project could qualify for the Public Art Incentive.

Mr. Hester advised that he would like the Town Council to hold a public hearing to consider adopting a resolution establishing the proposed economic development grant programs. Following adoption, the grant programs would be provided to the Taylorsville Downtown Development Association (TDA) for administration, including oversight and direction of the grant funding.

Mr. Hester stated that he would like to continue requesting an annual allocation of $150,000 for economic development grant funding, which would be provided to the TDA each year for administration of the programs.

Councilman Simms asked whether the proposed grants would be structured as a 50/50 match, with 50% of the funding provided through the TDA. Mr. Hester confirmed that the Town's portion administered through the TDA would provide the 50% match.

Councilwoman Tamara Odom commented that the proposed improvements and incentives addressed concerns she has heard from citizens repeatedly over the years and identified them as being among the top three priorities expressed by citizens, aside from parking.

- Vacant Building Activation Incentive Grant:
  This grant is up to $5,000/building/yr; $15,000 lifetime cap. This grant is eligible to owners, or prospective tenants (owner co-signs), of buildings vacant 3+ months; current on taxes/utilities. This is Town wide and not just downtown. Eligible improvements include key building systems and interior infrastructure that make a commercial space safe and usable, including HVAC plumbing, and electrical upgrades, as well as fire suppression systems needed to bring a building up to code.

ADA accessibility improvements and structural stabilization work are also covered, helping ensure buildings are both safe and accessible to the public.

Councilmember Jack Simms asked if Apple City Herbs building qualify and per Public Works director it is not within the city limits and would not qualify. Mr. Simms asked if this would be brought before at the next meeting and Mr. Hester confirmed it would be on the agenda in September and that no action was needed at this time as it was just a discussion to put it in front of council for you to ask questions.

5. Multi-Family Dwellings; Multi-Purpose Buildings – Utility Billing N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented information regarding utility billing for multi-family dwellings and multi-purpose buildings. Mr. Hester advised that we currently have 4 multi-family dwellings, Ridgecrest, Ridgeway, Crest Knolls and Mountain Woods. Currently all of them have a master meter and are billed a min per door plus whatever gallon usage except for Ridgecrest. Ridgecrest currently is only billed by usage since early 2000. According to records there was no written contract with Frankie Keever to be billed this way so adjusting the billing to match how all other Multi-Family/ Multi-Purpose buildings are billed will fall under Ordinance 21.4 that has been in place since 1954. Mr. Hester has written a formal letter to Keever explaining the new billing rate moving forward that will start with the October 15th reading and will be on the December bill and they would not have and penalties.

Councilmember Bumgarner asked if a formal letter has already been mailed and Mr. Hester advised that it was written but would not been mailed until he made council aware of this issue.

Councilmember Simms asked if this will be passed on to the residents which are mostly on Section A Housing and was advised most likely yes, however Councilmember Bumgarner advised that other multi-family dwellings are billed this way and are also on Section A Housing.

Councilmembers unanimously agreed that all billing needs to be done the same for all multi-family/ multi-purpose buildings.

Staff Reports:

Finance:

Finance Director Kimberly Sager presented updated expenditures to councilmembers for June and advised that this is close to what the auditors will receive. The audit is to start the early October and is to be complete on time by December 31st 2026.

Public Works:

Public Works Director Aaron Wike provided an update on several upcoming Public Works projects. He advised that he spoke with West Consultants on the streets and sidewalks projects and there's a little over $200,000 left in it after all was said and done. Mr. Wike advised that the Town is exploring options for resurfacing Callaway Drive and determining the cost of completing the median project. Options include us

removing the existing median and they resurface or them completing the entire project. Councilmember Eric Bumgarner asked whether the purpose of the project would include adding parking. Mr. Wike confirmed that additional parking would be included, along with new lines and curb and gutter improvements. He noted that the project could provide a long-term, approximately 50-year improvement.

Mr. Wike also advised that he is obtaining pricing to address and resurface the intersection in the downtown area. The intent would be to allow the Town to investigate the existing water line and fire hydrant and address any necessary repairs before completing the resurfacing, rather than making multiple cuts and patches to the roadway.

Additionally, Mr. Wike advised that pricing is being obtained for the installation of a raised crosswalk near the Early College due to concerns regarding speeding in the area. He stated that Todd should have the project packet prepared for contractor review the following week. The work is anticipated to begin in early 2027 and is expected to be scheduled so as not to interfere with local events, with a goal of completing the work prior to the Apple Blossom Festival.

Mr. Wike further advised that a bid had been solicited for tree care services to remove three trees at the cemetery, with a goal of completing the work by the end of October.

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner asked about the scope of the Master Parks Plan. Mr. Wike explained that the plan would include an assessment of Matheson Park and Town Park, identification of potential enhancements and additions, and consideration of improvements that could increase the parks' visibility and attract visitors to Taylorsville. The plan would also consider the potential development of a future sports complex, including a preliminary layout and estimated costs.

Councilmember Jack Simms advised that he had secured an additional $50,000 in funding for the Town but needed the funding designation to be clearly specified. Town Manager Nathan Hester advised that the funds could be designated for “Town Parks.”

Mr. Wike advised that the Town could potentially combine the additional $50,000 with another $50,000 from the Town and pursue an additional $100,000 in funding, potentially providing a total of $200,000 for park improvements.

Councilmember Simms advised that he had discussed with Blair the amount of additional funding that would be needed for improvements at Matheson Park and Town Park.

Mr. Wike explained that funding is currently available for the water line that crosses the culvert at Matheson Park. As part of that project, the Town plans to extend the culvert approximately 30 feet into the park. However, additional funding would be needed to relocate the sewer line from its current location to the new culvert. Mr. Wike estimated the cost of the sewer relocation at approximately $70,000 to $80,000. He also noted that the Town is considering extending the sidewalk along with constructing a new restroom facility at the park.

Regarding Town Park, Mr. Wike advised that the bleachers are deteriorating, drainage issues are present, and the retaining wall is experiencing erosion. While the exact cost of replacing the retaining wall has not been determined, he noted that it would be a significant expense. Mr. Wike stated that, realistically, the Town should consider requesting approximately $500,000 in additional funding for park improvements.

Councilmember Bumgarner suggested that improvements at Matheson Park should include lighting, a paved walking path, and potentially a pickleball court to create an attractive recreational destination near the center of Town.

Town Manager Nathan Hester advised that it would be strategic to request $500,000 in funding for the current year to address infrastructure improvements at the parks. He stated that once the Parks Master Plan is completed, the Town could evaluate additional grant opportunities, including the RF Grant, to continue funding future park improvements.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Nathan Hester provided the Town Council with several updates.

Former Hospital Property: Mr. Hester advised that he met with Tim and Lori Mason of the Spring Group regarding the former hospital property. Mr. Hester stated that Mr. Mason continues to express interest in demolishing the hospital himself and has obtained estimates from local contractors. Mr. Hester advised that the Town is also exploring potential grant funding that could assist with the demolition. He is researching federal grant opportunities that may allow the Town to re-engage the TVA in a partnership with Mr. Mason and potentially fund the demolition. If grant funding is not secured, Mr. Mason intends to proceed with the demolition independently, with a goal of completing the work by the end of the year. Mr. Hester further advised that Mr. Mason is exploring the development of a healthcare complex at the site through potential federal funding opportunities, which could provide additional healthcare services and options for the community.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan: Mr. Hester advised that a contract for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be presented to the Town Council for consideration at the September meeting. He also advised that a contract for GIS mapping services for the cemetery will be included on the agenda.

Downtown Building: Mr. Hester advised that he has contacted one of the owners of a downtown building to determine whether the owner would be interested in selling the property to the Town through one of the Commercial District Grant programs.

Park Facilities: Mr. Hester advised that he hopes to have the contract with the design group in Bethlehem for the park restroom facility and related building available for review in the near future.

Town-Wide Yard Sale: Mr. Hester advised that the Town-wide yard sale remains scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2026. At the time of the meeting, five participants had paid the registration fee, although several additional individuals had expressed interest. The event is being promoted through newspaper and radio advertisements, and Mr. Hester anticipated additional participation as the event date approaches. Yard sale signs have also been purchased and will be placed throughout Town.

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner suggested that the Town consider displaying a banner for the event next year to increase visibility for residents and visitors traveling through Town. He also expressed interest in donating a significant portion of the event proceeds to a charitable organization while reserving a portion of the proceeds for advertising the following year's event.

Town Attorney: Mr. Hester advised that he had contacted Mr. Ian McCreary regarding the Town Attorney position. Mr. McCreary is originally from Hickory and currently resides in Ellendale. He practices law in the area and is a member of the Rotary Club. Mr. Hester noted that Mr. McCreary does not have municipal government experience but does have experience with federal civil rights litigation and contracts.

Mr. Hester further advised that the Town has advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit proposals from interested law firms. Due to the number of projects currently underway, the Town is seeking municipal legal counsel. The current deadline for submitting qualifications is September 4, 2026. Mr. Hester stated that the current Town Attorney remains available and that he had contacted him prior to the Regular and Special Called Meetings to review contracts. The current Town Attorney indicated that he would continue to assist the Town as needed during the transition.

Oval Audio System: Mr. Hester presented information regarding an assistive audio system for use during Town Council meetings to assist residents who have difficulty hearing. He advised that the system would allow residents to better hear and follow Town Hall meetings. The base system is $895.00, with additional receivers available for $100.00 each, plus $70.00 for shipping.

Councilmember Jack Simms asked whether the system could be installed without incurring additional installation costs. Mr. Hester confirmed that no additional installation expense would be necessary. Councilmember Eric Bumgarner expressed support for the purchase and acknowledged the importance of providing residents with improved access to meetings. The Town Council expressed consensus in favor of moving forward with the purchase.

Council General Discussion:

Councilmember Tamara Odom spoke advising that she was amazed with all the things that are being accomplished in the Town. She advised that “we are moving in the right direction” and that it’s been good hear and see people excited for everything that is being done.

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner advised that he was excited about the improvements in downtown with the new restaurant and the remedy for the vacant building. Councilmember Bumgarner advised that in the future he would like to see money for a town trash truck. He also advised that he was pleased with the Staff and that they are a Great Team.

Councilmember Jack Simms asked about the trash sweeper and when it would be back on route and per Public Works Director Aaron Wike, they are behind due to the trash sweeper being sent out for maintenance.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember Jack Simms seconded by Councilmember Tamara Odom, and approved unanimously.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:29 p.m.

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Mayor

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Councilmember Councilmember

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Councilmember Councilmember

Attest: _____

Christina Childers, Town Clerk

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND
THE TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE
FOR THE PROVISION OF
CEMETERY MAPPING
JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2028

This AGREEMENT, entered into on this the first day of July, 2026, by and between the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (hereinafter referred to as the "Planning Agency") and the Town of Taylorsville, North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the "Customer"); WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Planning Agency is empowered to provide technical assistance by the North Carolina General Statutes and by resolution passed by the Planning Agency on April 17, 1972. Technical assistance shall consist of the provision of services as described in Attachment A, which is herein made a part of this Contract;

WHEREAS, the Customer has requested the Planning Agency to provide such technical assistance to the Customer and;

WHEREAS, the Planning Agency desires to cooperate with the Customer in every way possible to ensure that the proposed activities are conducted in an efficient and professional manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Personnel.** That during the period of this Contract, the Planning Agency will furnish the necessary trained personnel to the Customer.

2. **Travel/Printing.** The Customer will pay for expenses related to conferences, conventions, seminars, local travel, etc. of the personnel when the Customer requests or approves travel related to the Customer's planning program, or if it is beneficial to both parties, the costs will be shared on an agreed-upon ratio.

   The Customer will also pay expenses related to printing reports(s), mailings to advisory boards, and other costs not related to normal travel and staffing costs associated with personnel furnished by the Planning Agency.

3. Compensation. That for the purpose of providing the funds for conducting this Contract, the Customer will pay the Planning Agency a fee not to exceed $19,480 (Nineteen thousand four hundred eighty dollars) during the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028. These fees will be billed over fiscal years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, with no more than $10,000 billed in either fiscal year.

4. **Termination/Modifications.** The Customer may terminate the Contract by giving the Planning Agency a thirty-day written notice. Furthermore, if there is a need to amend the proposal outlined in Attachment A, either party may do so with the written consent of the other.

5. **Time of Performance.** The Planning Agency shall ensure that all services required herein shall be completed and all required reports, maps, and documents submitted during the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028.

6. **Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees of the Planning Agency, Members of the Local Government, or Other Public Officials.** No member, officer, or employee of the Planning Agency or its agents; no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated; and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during his tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the program assisted under this Agreement. Immediate family members of said members, officers, employees, and officials are similarly barred from having any financial interest in the program. The Planning Agency shall incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, in all such contracts or subcontracts, a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purpose of this section.

7. **Nondiscrimination Clause.** No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination with any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds available under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 109.

8. **Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended.** No qualified person shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from federal financial assistance.

9. **Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.** No qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from federal financial assistance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Planning Agency and the Customer have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

CUSTOMER:
TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE

PLANNING AGENCY:
WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOV'TS.

By: _____
Town Manager

By: _____
Executive Director

PLANNING AGENCY:

By: _____
Chair

Pre-audit statement:

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner prescribed by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

By: _____
Finance Officer

ATTACHMENT A
WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND
THE TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE
FOR THE PROVISION OF
CEMETERY MAPPING
WORK PROGRAM
JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2028

The following work program and budget are presented as descriptive of the work and dollar amounts called for in the agreement concerning planning activities by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments for the Town of Taylorsville. The product(s) of the planning activities shall be:

WORK PROGRAM/DELIVERABLES

1. Two web-hosted sites will be created: one for Town management and editing use and one for sharing with the public.
2. Available deeds, plot records, and pictures provided by the Town will be linked to the appropriate plots as part of the information stored in the interactive site maps.
3. A field application will be created, and WPCOG staff will conduct up to two weeks of fieldwork to map and document grave and plot information for up to 5,000 graves, including a point location and picture of each visible headstone and a footstone picture where applicable.
4. A grid system of identifying graves will be applied to help organize up to 5,000 graves contained in the cemetery; WPCOG staff will propose this to the Town and implement the design decided upon.
5. The sites will be able to produce printable maps in *.pdf form for sharing digitally if needed.
6. Town staff will be trained by WPCOG to update and use the cemetery sites.
7. The Town's current GIS licenses will be used for the applications, and WPCOG GIS staff will provide project support during the contract period.

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND
THE TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE
FOR THE PROVISION OF
TECHNICAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026- JUNE 30, 2027

This AGREEMENT, entered into this first day of September, 2026, by and between the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (hereinafter referred to as the "Planning Agency") and the Town of Taylorsville, North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the "Local Government"); WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Planning Agency is empowered to provide Technical Assistance by the North Carolina General Statutes and by resolution passed by the Planning Agency on April 17, 1972. Technical assistance shall consist of the provision of services as described in Attachment A, which is herein made a part of this contract;

WHEREAS, the Local Government has requested the Planning Agency to provide such technical assistance to the Local Government and;

WHEREAS, the Planning Agency desires to cooperate with the Local Government in every way possible to the end that the proposed activities are carried out in an efficient and professional manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Personnel.** That during the period of this Contract, the Planning Agency will furnish the necessary trained personnel to the Local Government.

2. **Travel/Printing.** The Local Government will pay for expenses related to conferences, conventions, seminars, local travel, etc. of the personnel when the Local Government requests or approves travel related to the Local Government's planning program, or if it is beneficial to both parties, the costs will be shared on an agreed-upon ratio. The Local Government will also pay for expenses related to printing of report(s), mailings to advisory boards, and other costs not related to normal travel and staffing costs associated with personnel furnished by the Planning Agency.

3. **Compensation.** That for the purpose of providing the funds for carrying out this Contract, the Local Government will pay the Planning Agency a fee not to exceed **$23,000.00** (Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars) during the period beginning September 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These fees will be billed in quarterly payments.

4. **Termination/Modifications.** The Local Government may terminate the Contract by giving the Planning Agency a thirty-day written notice. Furthermore, if there is a need to amend the proposal outlined in Attachment A, either party may do so with the written consent of the other.

5. **Time of Performance.** The Planning Agency shall ensure that all services required herein shall be completed and all required reports, maps, and documents submitted during the period beginning September 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

6. **Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees of the Planning Agency, Members of the Local Government, or Other Public Officials.** No member, officer, or employee of the Planning Agency or its agents; no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated; and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during his tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the program assisted under this Agreement. Immediate family members of said members, officers, employees, and officials are similarly barred from having any financial interest in the program. The Planning Agency shall incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, in all such contracts or subcontracts, a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purpose of this section.

7. **Nondiscrimination Clause.** No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination with any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds available under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 109.

8. **Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended.** No qualified person shall, based on age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from federal financial assistance.

9. **Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.** No qualified handicapped person shall, based on handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from federal financial assistance.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, The Planning Agency and the Local Government have executed this Agreement as of the date first above Written.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:	PLANNING AGENCY
TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE	WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS
By:_____	By:_____
Mayor	Executive Director
By:_____	By:_____
Town Manager	Planning Agency Chair

Pre-Audit Statement

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner prescribed by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

By: _____

Local Government Finance Officer

ATTACHMENT A

TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE
TECHNICAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026- JUNE 30, 2027
WORK PROGRAM/BUDGET

The following work program and budget are presented as descriptive of the work and dollar amounts called for in the agreement concerning planning activities by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments for the Town of Taylorsville The product(s) of the planning activities shall be:

WORK PROGRAM

The WPCOG will complete a Comprehensive Systemwide Parks and Recreation Plan for the Town of Taylorsville. The total value of the support shall not exceed $23,000.00 per the following scope:

The WPCOG shall provide support in accordance with the scope specifications below:

1. **Project Initiation & Existing Conditions**
    a. Conduct an existing recreation inventory
    b. Imagery of key recreation sites (Town Park, Matheson Park)
    c. Existing Conditions Summary
2. **Demographic Analysis & Needs Assessment**
    a. Public Recreation Survey and Results
    b. Recreation needs assessment analysis
    c. Parkland and facility need evaluation
3. **Community Engagement**
    a. Two general public engagement meetings & three Steering Committee meetings.
    b. Public input summary and analysis
4. **Recommendations & Implementation**
    a. Recreation goals and recommendations
    b. Capital Improvement Program
    c. Grant Funding & Partnership Opportunities
    d. Conceptual renderings of proposed recreation improvements
5. **Plan Preparation & Adoption**
    a. Preparation of final Comprehensive Systemwide Parks & Recreation Plan
    b. Maps of parks, facilities, and recreation connections
    c. Final presentation to Council

Deliverables

- Project schedule and stakeholder roster.
- Existing recreation facility and asset inventory
- Imagery of key recreation sites, including Town Park and Matheson Park
- Existing conditions summary
- Demographic analysis
- Public recreation survey
- Survey results summary and analysis

- Recreation needs assessment
- Parkland and facility needs evaluation
- Two (2) general public engagement meetings
- Three (3) Steering Committee meetings
- Public input summary and analysis
- Recreation goals and recommendations
- Prioritized recreation improvement recommendations
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Planning-level cost estimates for recommended improvements
- Grant funding and partnership opportunities
- Conceptual renderings of proposed recreation improvements
- Implementation strategy and project prioritization
- Draft Comprehensive Systemwide Parks & Recreation Plan
- Maps of parks, facilities, and recreation connections
- Final Comprehensive Systemwide Parks & Recreation Plan
- Final presentation to Town Council
- Digital PDF of the final plan and supporting maps

BUDGET

The contract budget, including all salaries, fringe benefits, travel expenses, and indirect costs, totals **$23,000.00** (Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars) during the period beginning September 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These fees will be billed in quarterly payments per work program item.

To: Town Council

Fr: Nathan Hester
Town Manager

RE: Street Closure Request – Main ave Dr.

Mayor & Town Council,

I would like to request the closure of Main Avenue Dr. between Emergency St. and Town Park Ave. on Saturday, September 5th, 2026, from 7: 30 AM until 3:00 PM for the 1st annual Town Yard Sale to be held on Town Park Ball Field.

Respectfully,
Nathan Hester
Town Manager

Date Approved:

Town of Taylorsville
BUDGET AMENDMENT

Distribution:
Original - Town Clerk
Copy - Town Manager/Board of Commissioners

FUND	General Fund	**FUNCTION**	**PROGRAM AREA**	**ACTIVITY**
		Amendment		

The following amendment(s) is required:

Fund balance transfer to Police Department Capital Outlay for purchase of radar signs approved in FY 2025-2026 budget year.

Account # and Title	**Amount**	**Account # and Title**	**Amount**
10.3500.000 Fund Balance	$18,355.96	10.5300.561 Police Department Capital Outlay	$18,355.96
Total	$18,355.96	**Total**	$18,355.96

Reason and justification for Amendment:

The Radar Signs purchase was approved and budgeted for in FY 2025-2026; however, the equipment was not received before June 30, 2026. As a result, the unused appropriation reverted to fund balance at fiscal year-end. This budget amendment appropriates fund balance and increases the capital outlay line item budget in FY 2026-2027 to complete the purchase.

Town Manager	Date	Finance Director Review	Date
Date Approved by Council:			