



Minutes of Special Called Meeting
&
Strategic Budget Planning Workshop
February 3, 2025

The Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderswomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held on February 3, 2025 at 11 am. Present were:

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor
Leroy Ruffin, Mayor Pro tem
Oscar Mooring, Alderman
Tim Howell, Alderman
Wayne Jackson, Alderman
Joyce M. Artis, Alderswoman/Interim Town Clerk

Absent: Annie Lewis, Alderswoman

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Jonathan Allen, Finance Officer Shannon Moats, Police Chief Paul Moats, Interim Public Works Director, Kenneth Stanley, and Fire Chief Jeff Brooks.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order: Mayor Yelverton called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

Invocation: Town Administrator Jonathan Allen gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman Oscar Mooring led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Yelverton asked for a motion to approve the agenda. *Alderman Mooring made a motion to accept the agenda as printed. The motion was seconded by Alderswoman Joyce Artis.*

Mayor Yelverton asked for any discussion. There was none. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

Satellite Annexation Exemption Request – Town Administrator Jonathan Allen

Mr. Allen asked Alderwoman Artis to explain this agenda item. Alderwoman Artis stated that Attorney Brian Pridgen informed her of the possibility of the Town running into an issue with satellite annexations in the future per NCGS 160A-58.1(b)(5). She went on to say that Attorney Pridgen recommended that Board would seek a statutory exemption from the satellite annexation limits set forth in North Carolina General Statute NCGS 160A-58.1(b)(5) through a local act of the North Carolina Legislature.

Alderwoman Artis informed the Board that Attorney Pridgen stated that the filing deadlines for local acts are coming up in February. In the Senate, local bills must be requested to legislative staff by Thursday, Feb. 13 and filed by 4 pm on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Alderman Jackson asked if this would affect the Town’s continuous annexation. Alderwoman Artis stated that this only involves properties outside of the Town’s Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

The Board agreed to have the staff contact our local legislation concerning the Satellite Annexation request.

Strategic Budget Planning Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Workshop – Town Administrator Jonathan Allen

Mr. Allen stated that the purpose of the Strategic Budget Planning workshop was to:

1. Revisit and develop the Town’s Vision and Mission Statements.
2. Prioritize potential Capital Projects for FY25-26
3. Prioritize potential Capital Projects for FY27-31
4. Discuss the impact of property tax reevaluations on the Town, which are still in the initial stages.

Mr. Allen stated that he welcomed questions, comments, and suggestions. He also stated that this workshop was a continuation of the Board Retreat that was held in October 2024.

Mr. Allen went on to say that, while at the Retreat, the Board composed the following vision statement: *“Our vision as a team that respectfully and openly communicates to establish our vision, sets priorities and goals and focuses positively accomplishing the plan.”*

Mr. Allen presented a slideshow presentation of the possible capital projects and other information that the Board could choose to work on.

After much discussion the Board decided to concentrate on the following projects for this and the upcoming fiscal year:

1. New Pad for the Fire Department
2. New truck for the Water & Sewer Department
3. Trimming limbs from power lines
4. Improving the Town’s Electrical Grid

Mayor Yelverton asked if there was a motion to end the workshop. Alderwoman Artis made a motion to adjourn the workshop. The motion was seconded by Alderman Howell

Mayor Yelverton asked for any discussion. There was none. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 1:42 p.m.

Eddie Yelveron, Mayor

Joyce M. Artis, Interim Town Clerk