Town of Woodfin
Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025
5:00 pm

ACTION MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present

Mayor Jim McAllister
Vice Mayor Elisabeth Ervin
Council Member Philip Cohen
Council Member Ken Kahn
Council Member Hazel Thornton
Council Member Johanna Young

Council Members Absent

Town Staff Present

Shannon Tuch, Town Manager
Sheri Powers, Finance & Budget Director
John Henning, Town Attorney
Jacqui Boykin, Police Chief
Adrienne Isenhower, Project & Facilities Director
Ricky Hurley, Planning Director
Gena Powers, Town Clerk / PIO

The meeting video can be seen in its entirety at:
https://www.youtube.com/live/3JM00FJhmto?si=oFdjZQFHmto6q_75

Mayor McAllister called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

A. Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Cohen made a motion to approve the agenda, with one addition to New Business a discussion of the I-40 managed lanes proposal from the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO). Vice Mayor Ervin seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 5-0.

B. Proclamations

1. A proclamation to honor October as Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Month was read by Vice Mayor Ervin.

C. Consent Agenda (7:40)

1. Approval of September 16, 2025, regular session meeting minutes.
2. Approval of September 30, 2025, work session meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the tax collection report for the period ending August 2025.
4. Authorization to Accept Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant Award and Approval of Ordinance 2025-19 Budget Amendment related to DOJ grant award number 15 JCOPS-25-GG-00726-PPSE.
5. Approval of Ordinance 2025-20 General Fund FY2025-26 Budget Amendment.
6. Approval of Resolution 2025-10 disposal of a surplus vehicle for Woodfin Police Department.

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

D. Public Comment (9:33)– The public is invited to attend this meeting in person or view this meeting on YouTube Live: https://www.youtube.com/live/mW1GYyGFBFc?si=CSgchOZx28g4XwQW . All documents related to agenda items not published on the website may be viewed in advance of the meetings in person at Town Hall, 90 Elk Mountain Rd, Woodfin.

Resident Bob Sterr of Westridge Farm Road, who is also the ABC Board chairperson, spoke to Town Council in support of Jackie Craig's reappointment to the ABC Board. He also to ask council members not to make

disparaging remarks about the ABC Board or the ABC Store Staff, but to rather come to the ABC Board directly if they have any questions or comments, so they can be addressed directly without negative repercussions to the staff or store.

Citizens may address the Board concerning various topics after being recognized by the mayor and are limited to 3 (three) minutes speaking time.

E. Presentations & Reports (11:55)

1. ABCCM Update – Sheryl Olsen, ABCCM Senior Site Coordinator
2. Community Garden Update – Katie Cox & Lily Dancy-Jones
3. Subcommittee Updates – Woodfin Town Council
4. Town Manager Report – Shannon Tuch, Town Manager

F. New Business (1:01:46)

1. Interviews and an appointment of an ABC Board member. -Woodfin Town Council

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to increase the Woodfin ABC Board from 3 to 5 members and appoint all three candidates (Michael Carroll, Jackie Craig, and Ronnie Lunsford) to the ABC Board. Council Member Kahn seconded the motion, which passed 3-2, with Council Member Ervin, Kahn, and Thornton voting for the motion and Council Members Cohen and Young voting against the motion.

2. Municipal Code Enforcement Overview – Shannon Tuch, Town Manager

3. Discussion of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) vote to study the feasibility of a 16-mile toll lane for east and westbound lanes of I-40 located in West Buncombe and Haywood Counties. – Mayor Jim McAllister

Town Council agreed that Mayor McAllister should vote no on the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization vote to study the feasibility of a 16-mile toll lane for east and westbound lanes of I-40 located in West Buncombe and Haywood Counties.

G. Adjournment-

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Thornton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously,5-0.

Mayor McAllister adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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James C. McAllister/Mayor

Attest: Gena Powers/Town Clerk