Town of Woodfin
Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026
5:00 pm

ACTION MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present
Mayor Jim McAllister
Council Member Dan Bowers
Council Member Max "Chip" Parton
Vice Mayor Elisabeth Ervin
Council Member Philip Cohen
Council Member Johanna Young

Council Members Absent
Council Member Ken Kahn

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

The meeting video can be seen in its entirety at:
https://youtube.com/live/JapJ6re22tw?feature=share

Mayor McAllister called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

A. Approval of the Agenda
Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to approve the agenda adding #5 to the consent agenda; the approval of the amended Town Council Meeting Schedule, adding a special called meeting on June 8th at 3:30 pm for an Excellence in Governance Discussion, and August 31st at 4:00 pm for a New Town Hall Work Session. Council Member Parton seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 5-0.

B. Consent Agenda (02:30)
1. Approval of the April 21, 2026, regular meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the May 5, 2026, budget work session meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the May 12, 2026, budget work session meeting minutes.
4. Approval of the tax collection report for the period ending March 2026.
5. Approval of the amended Town Council Meeting Schedule, adding a special called meeting on June 8th at 3:30 pm for an Excellence in Governance Discussion, and August 31st at 4:00 pm for a New Town Hall Work Session. (Added as an amendment to the agenda)

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

C. Public Comment (02:46)– 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.

There was no public comment.

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

D. Presentations & Reports (03:10)

1. Presentation of Intermediate Certificate to Officer Alaura Godwin -Jacqui Boykin, Police Chief
2. Town Manager Report – Shannon Tuch, Town Manager
3. Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2027 and Establish Public Hearing Date – Sheri Powers, Finance Director & Shannon Tuch, Town Manager.

E. New Business (43:20)

1. Public Hearing-Consideration of Ordinance 2026-04 a request for a 12-month moratorium on data centers in Woodfin Town Limits. -Shannon Tuch, Town Manager

Mayor McAllister opened the public hearing at 5:49 pm.

There was no public comment.

Mayor McAllister closed the public hearing at 5:50 pm.

Council Member Young made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-04 establishing a 12-month moratorium on data centers in the Town of Woodfin. Vice Mayor Ervin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

2. Public Hearing- Consideration of Ordinance 2026-05 A request for a text amendment to Chapter 54 Town of Woodfin Code of Ordinances to add accessory dwellings as a Limited Use to the Community Shopping District and update the standards found in Sec. 54-144(a)1.-Ricky Hurley, Planning Director

Mayor McAllister opened the public hearing at 5:55 pm.

There was no public comment.

Mayor McAllister closed the public hearing at 5:56 pm.

Council Member Cohen made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-05 the proposed text amendment, and find that the request is reasonable, is in the public interest, is consistent with the Woodfin Together Comprehensive Plan, and meets the development needs of the community in that the request: 1. Promotes an integrated mix of housing types and affordability options and designed with people in mind (1.1.2). 2. Balances the supply of land for housing and employment and protects land for economic development and ensures an adequate supply of appropriately located and sized employment space (3.1.5, 3.2.5). Council Member Parton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

F. Adjournment-

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

Mayor McAllister adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.

James C. McAllister/Mayor

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Gena Powers/Town Clerk