Town of Woodfin
Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
5:00 pm

ACTION MEETING MINUTES

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

Town Staff Present
Sheri Powers, Finance & Budget Director
Jacqui Boykin, Police Chief
Gena Powers, Town Clerk / PIO
John Henning, Town Attorney
Ricky Hurley, Planning Director

The meeting video can be seen in its entirety at:
https://www.youtube.com/live/OuLMFB3lsbU?si=TP0Ve-pH_CsSAlgg

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

A. Approval of the Agenda
Council Member Parton made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Kahn seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 6-0

B. Consent Agenda (1:29)
1. Approval of August 18, 2026, regular and closed session meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the tax collection report for the period ending July 2026.
3. Approval to open a portion of June 16, 2026, closed session minutes.

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Bowers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 6-0.

C. Public Comment (1:51)– 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.

Police Chief Boykin introduced Lieutenant Matthew (Ryan) Craig as a new member of the Woodfin Police Department. The Town Council welcomed him to Woodfin.

D. Presentations & Reports (03:36)
1. MSD Report-Tom Hartye, General Manager

E. New Business (54:17)

1. Approval of Resolution 2026-09 Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. -Mayor McAllister & Vice Mayor Ervin

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-09 recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Council Member Parton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 6-0.

2. Planning Board of Adjustment Interview -Woodfin Town Council

Town Council Members asked Ms. Pitrolo questions regarding her qualifications and interest in serving on the Woodfin Planning Board of Adjustment.

Council Member Parton made a motion to approve Melanie Pitrolo as a member of the Woodfin Planning Board of Adjustment. Council Member Kahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 6-0.

3. Approval of Ordinance #2026-11 - a request to conditionally rezone a 0.5-acre portion of a 1.67-acre parcel located at 291 Weaverville Rd. The proposal seeks to change the zoning designation from Community Shopping (CS) to Community Shopping 2 – Conditional Zone (CS2-CZ). The property is identified in the Buncombe County tax records under PIN 9731-73-0523. The applicants/property owners are Brent Shaw, on behalf of New Vision Trust. -Ricky Hurley, Planning Director

Director Hurley presented the rezoning request and answered clarifying questions from the board.

Mayor McAllister opened the public hearing at 6:18

Mr. Jonathan Gilbert of 209 Mostert Drive addressed the council regarding the rezoning request. He does not live adjacent to the property but drives by the property to get to his property. He is concerned about the traffic volume already on Baird Cove Road and the additional traffic this new development would cause. He also requests that the council consider requiring new development on Weaverville Road to be required to put in sidewalks.

Mayor McAllister continued the public hearing until the October 20th, 2026 Town Council Meeting.

F. <u>Adjournment-</u>

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Kahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 6-0.

Mayor McAllister adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

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Attest: Gena Powers

Gena Powers/Town Clerk