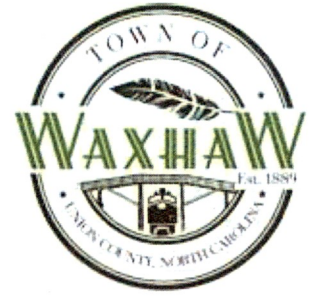


# Board of Commissioners

## Regular Meeting \* PD Community Room

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 6:30 PM



The Board of Commissioners held a regularly called meeting at the Police Department Community Room located at 3620 Providence Road South. The following Board members attended this meeting:

**Present:** Mayor Robert Murray III, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda McMillon, Commissioner Jason Hall, Commissioner Susanna Wedra, Commissioner Richard Daunt and Commissioner Tracy Wesolek

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Town Manager Jeffrey Wells, Town Attorney Cindy Reid and Town Clerk Barbara Bruce

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. A quorum was established as all board members were present.

### **CEREMONIAL OPENING**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited. Everyone remained standing for for a moment of silence.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** was made by mayor Pro Tem McMillon to adopt the agenda, as presented.  
**MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mr. Loflin, a resident, expressed his concerns regarding the Waxhaw Parkway Design Alternatives, especially the project that proposed a bridge over the railroad directly behind the Smoke Stack and the development behind the old cotton mill. one of the Parkway Alternatives. He had the pleasure of bring Whitehall Nursing Home into the town during his tenure on the Waxhaw Board of Commissioners.
- Mr. Brian Helms, Union County Board of Commissioner, expressed personal comments related to the resolution passed by the Waxhaw BOC at their last regular meeting, Waxhaw's growth, the issues related to water capacity, and the Waxhaw

Parkway.

- Mayor Rick Becker, Town of Mineral Springs, expressed personal comments related to the Waxhaw Parkway.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Adoption of Proclamation (PRO2024010) in Support of Independent Retailer Month for July**

*Proclamation (PRO2024010) is attached and incorporated herein by this reference.*

### **Adoption of Resolution (RES2024016) Clarifying Intent of Authorizing NCDOT Abandonment of a Section of Pine Oak Road**

Resolution (RES2024016) is attached and incorporated herein by this reference.

### **Approval of 2024-2025 Pay and Classification Plan**

### **Approval of Parking License Agreement Between the Town of Waxhaw and Eduardo Duran**

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem McMillon to approve the consent agenda, as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

## **RECOGNITIONS**

### **Recognition for Melody Shuler, Assistant to the Town Manager, for Her Years of Service with the Town and for Her New Position as the Town of Mayodan's, Town Manager**

Town Manager Jeff Wells recognized Melody Shuler for her years of service with the Town of Waxhaw and her new position as Town Manager for the Town of Mayodan. The Waxhaw Board of Commissioners and Town Staff wish her all the best in her new role.

### **Introduction for the Town of Waxhaw's New Town Attorney, Cindy Reid**

Town Manager Jeff Wells recognized Cindy Reid, of the Irvin Law Group, as the new Town Attorney for the Town of Waxhaw. Welcome Cindy!

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Waxhaw Parkway Design Alternatives**

The Board of Commissioners received as information design alternatives for the Waxhaw Parkway.

Mr. James Kelly, Traffic/Transportation Project Engineer provided background and historical information, and the challenges related to the Waxhaw Parkway Design. He

explained the parkway was needed to ensure the health and safety for the entire region. It would address solutions for local and regional traffic demands, preserve Waxhaw's downtown historic nature and properties, enhance economic generation and vitality of Waxhaw along planned corridors, and advance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. Additionally, he added, the goal of the proposed CRTPO CTP amended alignment

Mr. Kelly explained the goal of the proposed CRTPO CTP amended alignment was to minimize the impact to property owners while maximizing traffic away from downtown Waxhaw. He identified the amendment process for 2023 to 2024 with three (3) remaining steps needed before action, which are CRTPO FYI, TCC Recommendation, and CRTPO action. Currently, there's a delay in the procedural project due to Mineral Springs and Union County's new position on the Parkway.

Mr. Kelly identified the following alternatives and provided the pros and cons related to the Waxhaw Parkway:

- **Alternative 1:** Extend Broome Street South and tie into roundabout (U-6248) - Proposed alignment
- **Alternative 2:** Ski Trail Routes - Utilizes existing roadways but impacts 100+ privately owned parcels. Identified the following routes:
  - Mill Pond Drive
  - Grover Rogers Road
  - McNeely Road
  - Collins Road
- **Alternative 3:** Convert Broome Street to one-way and construct grade separation - the proposed footprint is within the Town limits but impact 30+ privately owned parcels.
- **Alternative 4:** Revise Waxhaw Parkway East alignment to be out of Mineral Springs - utilizes existing roadways but impacts 20+ privately owned parcels.
- **Alternative 4B:** Variation on Alt 4 - proposed footprint is out of Mineral Springs and avoids FEMA floodplain impacts but impacts 20+ privately owned parcels.
- **Alternative 5:** Construct a New Roadway from Howie Mine to Old Providence - utilizes current alignment design, in the town limits, less impact to the historic district, and grade separation at rail the crossing but impacts 30+ privately owned parcels and coordination with CSX railroad.
- **Alternative 6:** Widen NC-75 to 4-lane divided from Rehobeth to Old Providence - increases traffic along NC-75 and in the town limits but impacts 30+ privately owned parcels, historic district and downtown businesses, does not decrease any traffic volume on NC-16 and NC-75, does not address rail safety of grade-separated crossings.

In conclusion, Mr. Kelly added, that CRTPO CTP proposed amendment was the most optimal alignment for the Waxhaw Parkway Design. Fostering collaboration and support with all stakeholders would ensure a successful implementation and aid in a mutual understanding of the alignment objectives, strategies, equitable and beneficial outcomes, and by maintaining open and transparent communication among stakeholders was vital. Additionally, he added, without the Waxhaw Parkway project, most intersections along NC-16 would operate at a level of service (LOS) E or F by year 2045, whereas with the project, the intersections LOS improved over no-build.

## TOWN LEADERSHIP REPORTS

### Town Manager, Jeffrey Wells

- Provided the Board of Commissioners with the final copy of the Budget Book for FY 2024-25.
- Expressed his gratitude to Town Staff and Volunteers for all their hard work on the July 4th Parade, which was a huge success.

### Parks & Recreation Director, Dena Sabinske

- Provided an update on the Park Programs and Events.

### Business Development Director, Ashley Nowell

- Provided an update on business development projects.

### Assistant Town Manager/Engineering Director, Matt Hubert

- Provided an update on engineering projects.

### Deputy Chief, Brad Coan

- Provided an update on the Police Department.

### Board of Commissioners

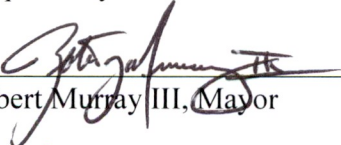
- Commissioner Daunt congratulated and welcomed new Town Attorney Cindy Reid. He expressed his gratitude to the elected officials that attended the meeting and provided comments during the Public Comment period. Also, he congratulated Melody Shuler for her new role as Town Manager of the Town of Mayodan and wished her all the best in her new adventure.

## ADJOURNMENT

Being no additional business, Mayor Murray entertained a motion to adjourn. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wesolek to adjourn the regular meeting. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert Murray III, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Barbara Bruce, Town Clerk



PROCLAMATION: PRO2024010



**A Proclamation in Support of  
Independent Retailer Month - July**

**WHEREAS**, Independent Retailer Month provides a time to celebrate the independence of the citizens of Waxhaw, North Carolina and the entrepreneurial spirit represented by our local independent retailers;

**WHEREAS**, the individual decisions we make today shape the future of our communities;

**WHEREAS**, local independent retailers help preserve the uniqueness of the communities we call “home” and give us a sense of place;

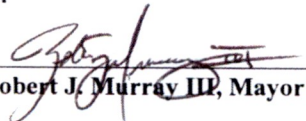
**WHEREAS**, independently-owned retailers give back to our communities in goods, services, time and talent;

**WHEREAS**, the health of our economy and that of each community depends on our support of businesses owned by our friends and neighbors;

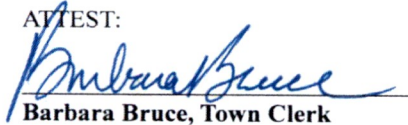
**WHEREAS**, independent retailer owners and employees enrich our purchasing experiences with their knowledge and passion;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, I, Robert J. Murray III, do hereby proclaim the month of July as Independent Retailer Month and salute our citizens and local independent retailers who are integral to the unique flavor of our country and honor their efforts to make our communities the places we want to live and work.

**Duly adopted and effective this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.**

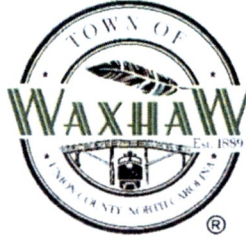
  
Robert J. Murray III, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Barbara Bruce, Town Clerk



Resolution: RES2024016



**A Resolution Clarifying Intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Waxhaw in Support of Authorizing North Carolina Department of Transportation to Consider the Abandonment of a Section of Pine Oak Road**

North Carolina

County of: Union

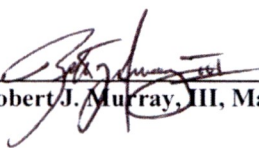
Road Descriptions: Pine Oak Road SR-1304, NCDOT abandon 0.45 miles to Town of Waxhaw from intersection of NC 16 to Bridge 890359, leaving NCDOT 0.81 miles.

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Town Council of the Town of Waxhaw, Union County, requesting that the above-described road, the location of which has been indicated on the attached map, be abandoned from the Secondary Road System; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Waxhaw is of the opinion that the above described section of road should be abandoned from the Secondary Road System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Waxhaw of the County of Union that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above-described road, and to abandon 0.45 miles of Pine Oak Road to the Town of Waxhaw, leaving NCDOT 0.81 miles.

Duly adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024, in Waxhaw, North Carolina

  
Robert J. Murray, III, Mayor

Attest:

  
Barbara Bruce, Town Clerk

