



MINUTES

Tuesday, May 27, 2025: 3:00 PM

Town Council Work Session

C. Michael Haney Community Room: Southern Pines Police Department
450 W. Pennsylvania Ave

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clement called the meeting to order. The following members of Town Council were present: Mayor Taylor Clement; Bill Pate; Ann Petersen; Debra Gray; and Brandon Goodman.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Town Manager Reagan Parsons reviewed the agenda.

- asked that Item 4a subsection 3 be removed since no bids were received.
- noted a correction to Item 4b - the statute number is incorrect and will be corrected.

Mayor Pro Tem Pate moved to approve the meeting agenda with the requested changes, seconded by Councilmember Petersen; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Pate moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Petersen; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

a. FY25 Budget Amendments

i. Skate Park Lighting Transfer and CPF Authorization

ii. Water Plant

iii. Whitehall Carriage House Project

b. Resolution awarding Lt. Jack Austin his service weapon and badge upon retirement

5. COUNCIL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. Airport Road Greenway Joint Project with Pinehurst

Town Manager Parsons will discuss a potential joint project with the Village of Pinehurst to construct Greenway Trail along Airport Rd between the Current Town trail and the Village Greenway. Partial Funding may be available through the SMPO and Carbon Reduction Funds.

Town Manager Parsons presented the item to the Council which consists of a potential joint project with the Village of Pinehurst to construct Greenway Trail along Airport Rd between the Current Town trail and the Village Greenway. Partial Funding may be available through the SMPO and Carbon Reduction Funds.

Discussion ensued and Council gave their support to the moving forward with the project.

b. Potential request to transfer Pinehurst Ave. and Murray Hill Rd. between US1 and US 15-501 to NCDOT for future maintenance.

Town Manager Parsons presented the item to the Council. With work on the "SuperStreet"/Synchronized Intersection projects for US1 and 15-501 starting and increased traffic on Pinehurst Ave. and Murray Hill Rd. likely, staff believe the time is right to request that the State accept portions of these corridors for ongoing maintenance ahead of any work that will be required following the project completion.

Discussion ensued.

Council approves the request to petition the State to transfer Pinehurst Ave and Murray Hill Rd to NCDOT for continued maintenance.

c. Concept Designs For DT Park Parking Lot Rehab

Asst. Town Manager/Fire Chief Mike Cameron presented several design options to the Council for rehabilitating the Downtown Park Parking Lot.

Discussion ensued.

Council requested to table the discussion to the July Work Session.

d. Budget Update

Town Manager Parsons will discuss the current status of the FY26 Draft Budget and any changes to be made ahead of the Final Hearing and requested adoption on June 10th.

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e. Planning Department Update

Planning staff will briefly update the Town Council on agenda items coming in June. Staff will also follow-up on prior discussions about the Planning Department's administrative fees and brief the Council on the progress of Phase 2 of Comprehensive Plan implementation.

Planning Director Grieve briefly updated the Town Council on agenda items coming in June.

Planning Director Grieve also spoke about prior discussions about the Planning Department's administrative fees and briefed the Council on the progress of Phase 2 of the Comprehensive Plan implementation.

Discussion ensued, and the Planning Staff will put together a list of recommendations regarding the administrative fee updates for the Council to review.

6. COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Councilmember Goodman

* Has concerns regarding the visibility at the intersection of W Illinois Ave. & SW Broad St. Cars disregard the yield signs, and he requests that staff review the area to increase visibility and highlight the yield signs.

- Town Manager Parsons pointed out that some of that area is within CSX right-of-way and will ask Town Engineer Michel to contact them regarding solutions.

- Council discussed some temporary solutions that could be implemented sooner including a barricade and/or removing the last parking spot.

- Town Attorney McCarley advised the Council to consult with Town Engineer Michel ahead of any actions to ensure regulatory standards are met.

* Questioned who was responsible for the maintenance schedule for the median on Morganton Rd.

- Town Manager Parsons advised that due to a misunderstanding the responsibility for the maintenance has lapsed but the issue was being resolved.

- * Asked for revenue statistics on Town-owned buildings from Asst. Town Manager Roth.

- * Questioned who was responsible for deciding when tree limbs needed to be removed.

- Asst. Town Manager Roth informed him that the Town Arborist Graham Purcell was responsible for those decisions and the that the limbs in question were most likely damaged or diseased.

Councilmember Petersen had nothing to add.

Mayor Pro Tem Pate

- * Complimented Asst. Town Manager/Fire Chief Cameron on his efforts when dealing with an unhappy constituent.

- * Questioned if the dead trees on the Carolina Greenway will be replaced?

- Asst. Town Manager/Fire Chief Cameron stated that the trees will need to be replaced before the project is granted final approval but that it is also a current zoning violation. The applicant is aware and currently working on fixing that issue and the irrigation issue that caused the deaths.

Councilmember Gray

- * Complimented staff on their quick response to a resident who reported that there was a right-of-way that was overgrown and making it difficult to see. Once reported to the Town, staff immediately came out to clear away the green foliage.

Mayor Clement

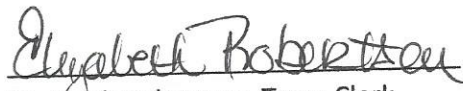
- * Was happy to have presented a proclamation of appreciation for Public Works Week at the Public Works Annual Staff Olympics.

- * Expressed gratitude for all of her hard work to Senior Town Planner Alaina Mallette whose last day with the Town is Thursday.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pate, seconded by Councilmember Goodman and carried unanimously, Council adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk



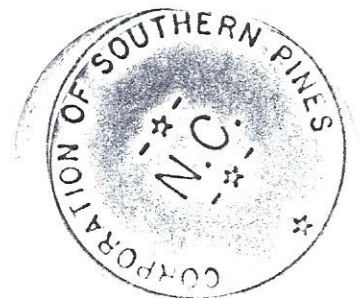
ORDINANCE #3119
AMENDING THE 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines in regular session assembled this 27th day of May, 2025 that the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 be and hereby is amended as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
Water Treatment Plant	Contractual Services	60-710-4500	\$ 40,000	
Water Treatment Plant	Equipment Maintenance	60-710-1600	\$ 40,000	
Water Treatment Plant	Utilities	60-710-1800	\$ 20,000	
Utility Fund	Fund Balance Appropriations	60-397-6000	\$100,000	

I certify that this ordinance was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines at its meeting of May 27, 2025 as shown in the minutes of the Town Council for that date.


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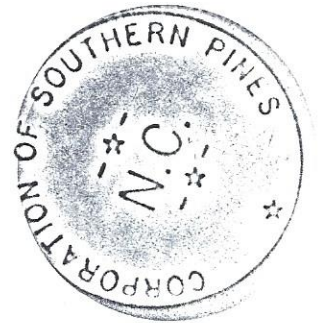
**ORDINANCE #3118
AMENDING THE 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
CP Recreation Improvements – Skatepark Lighting**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines in regular session assembled this 27th day of May, 2025 that the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 be and hereby is amended as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
General Fund	Transfer to – CP Recreation Improvements	10-670-5800	\$28,000	
General Fund	Recreation Donations	10-366-0300	\$10,000	
General Fund	Fund Balance Appropriations	10-397-1000	\$18,000	

I certify that this ordinance was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines at its meeting of May 27, 2025 as shown in the minutes of the Town Council for that date.


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ORDINANCE #3117
AMENDING THE RECREATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND
BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town of Southern Pines Town Council, that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project budget is hereby amended:

Section 1: The project authorized is for the purpose of various recreation & park improvements.

Section 2: The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

Section 3: The following additional amount is appropriated for the project:

Construction	<u>\$ 28,000</u>
Total Additional Project Appropriation	<u>\$ 28,000</u>

Section 4: The following additional revenue is anticipated to be available for this project:

Transfer In – General Fund	<u>\$ 28,000</u>
Total Additional Project Revenues	<u>\$ 28,000</u>

Section 5: Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Section 6: This amended ordinance becomes effective May 27, 2025.

I certify that this ordinance was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines at its meeting of May 27, 2025 as shown in the minutes of the Town Council for that date.


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk





RESOLUTION #1115
DECLARING THE BADGE AND SERVICE WEAPON CARRIED BY
LIEUTENANT JACK AUSTIN AS SURPLUS AND AWARDING IT TO
HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, G.S. 17F-20 provides that the governing body of the municipal law enforcement agency may, in its discretion, award to a retiring member the badge and service sidearm of such retiring members; and

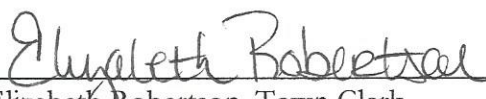
WHEREAS, Sergeant Brian Edwards has been a sworn law enforcement officer for 28 years, and has served as a member of the Town of Southern Pines Police Department for a period of 28 years, and will retire from the Town of Southern Pines Police Department on August 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines that the badge, "**Lieutenant**", and service weapon, a **9mm Glock, model number 45, serial number CBSM312**, issued to and carried by Lieutenant Jack Austin, be declared surplus and awarded to him on the occasion of his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed to Lieutenant Jack Austin for the dedicated service rendered by him during his employment with the Town of Southern Pines.

Adopted this 27th day of May 2025.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines at its meeting of May 27, 2025, as shown in the minutes of the Town Council for that date.


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