



MINUTES

Tuesday, November 18, 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 and requested the following addition: Action Items b) - Budget Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Pate moved to adopt the agenda with the requested addition of Action Item B, seconded by Councilmember Petersen; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Resolution #1137 — Directing the Clerk to Investigate an Annexation Petition Received Under G.S. 160A-31

The Humane Society of Moore County is petitioning to annex a property off NC Highway 22. Mayor Clement introduced the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Pate moved to approve Resolution #1137 — Directing the Clerk to Investigate an Annexation Petition Received Under G.S. 160A-31, seconded by Councilmember Goodman; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

b. Approve Ordinance 3151 – Budget Amendment to Accept Additional SRF Grant Funding

Town Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director James Michel presented the ordinance to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Pate moved to approve Ordinance #3151 — Budget Amendment for Additional SRF Grant Funding, seconded by Councilmember Goodman; the vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

5. COUNCIL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. Golf Cart Discussion Follow-up

Opportunity to discuss a draft map based upon previous conversation and advise staff as to desired next steps.

Police Chief Nick Polidori addressed the item with the Council, explaining the presented map and the challenges associated with allowing golf carts to be driven on some roadways.

Discussion ensued. Any additional suggestions are to be emailed to Town Manager Parsons and the item will be revisited in January.

b. Planning Department Update

Staff will update Council on applications advancing from the Planning Board to Council and implementation efforts related to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Director BJ Grieve addressed the Council.

- A current topic to be addressed is reviewing the current code restrictions on political signs and identifying changes that could be made to improve it. Some issues identified were:

- knowing the difference between state roads and local roads where the requirements are different.

- where to measure your distance from the back edge of the curb or the edge of the pavement.

- size of sign on state right-a-way 42' high and 84 sq inches sign size

Town Manager Parsons requested that a provision be added to not allow political signs in front of Town facilities except those being used as a polling place on election day.

Mayor Pro Tem Pate suggested the use of pictures to identify where signs can and cannot be placed and then distribute them around election time.

Discussion ensued.

Council would like staff to proceed with the code revision ordinance and bring back to Council for vote.

- Planning Director Grieve shared a portion of the Comprehensive Plan Conservation of Development map, highlighting an area on the north end at the corner of Hwy 22 and Waynor Rd extending down into the Tyler's Ridge development is designated R for Regional Activity Center, Mixed Use and Employment Center, with the intention of having good design standard and accommodating a mixture of uses with a growing population. The Planning Department is getting a lot of inquiries for different uses in that area and would like to make the Council aware of those inquiries should they be contacted.

6. COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Councilmember Gray shared the following:

- her bishop has appointed her to a church in Lee County, New Endland Zion AME Church.

- Thanked Councilmember Goodman for moving to adopt a policy for dissolving late fees for water bills

- Thank you to Councilmember Goodman for contacting DOT regarding needed paving in West Southern Pines after Tropical Storm Chantal.

- Shared her appreciation for Councilmember Goodman's service and friendship

- Welcome to Mr Curtin and congrats to Councilmember Petersen on their election victories.

- Trinity Zion AME Church is still giving out food on Saturdays to those in need and thanked councilmembers who came out to help.

- Matthew Walden has asked to share that the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration will be held on January 18th at the West Southern Pines Cultural Center and that councilmembers are invited to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Pate:

- he attended a class on ethics and conflict of interest where Town Attorney McCarley's guidance on such issues has been spot on.

- Shared that he enjoyed working with Councilmember Goodman. He added a Mr. Curtin and shared his congratulations to Councilmember Petersen.

Councilmember Petersen addressed the draft meeting calendar for 2026 that was handed out to Council prior to the meeting. She shared her concern for other Councilmembers with small children and their ability to attend on the proposed date for the 2026 Budget Retreat on April 2nd. After discussion April 16th was proposed as an alternate.

- Councilmember Gray asked that the meeting time be moved up to 8:00 am.

Councilmember Goodman thanked Chief Cameron for facilitating the last few requests he made and thanked staff for all that they do for the citizens of Southern Pines.

Mayor Clement:

- Attended the Moore County Economic Development Board Meeting last week as well as the Entrepreneur Summit.

- Delivered the proclamation to the Herrera's at the Veteran's Day Parade.

- Attended the Humane Society groundbreaking with Town Manager Parsons.

- A substantial donation is being made to the food bank in part due to the information the Town put out on social media.

- Attended the ComSat meeting

- Attended the Tri-Cities meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Pate and spoke with Luke from the Nature Conservancy regarding water management.

- 2 meetings with the School of Government, Council Procedures and Guidelines and a Mayor's Meeting.

- Festival d 'Avion is this Saturday.


- The Boys and Girls Club is holding a mock council meeting on Thursday with Mayor Clement attending as Mayor.

Town Manager Parsons shared that as a result of conversations regarding blocked and/or crowded sidewalks in the Downtown Area, staff is holding a meeting the next day and invited all of the Downtown Business owners in an effort to address code compliance and police concerns for security over the holidays.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Goodman and carried unanimously, Council adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk





ORDINANCE #3151
AMENDING THE SANITARY SEWER MODERNIZATION 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 identifying, investigating, rehabilitating and/or replacing the Town's sewer infrastructure.

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:

Sewer Rehab Grant Expenses	<u>\$ 2,916,947</u>
Total Additional Project Appropriation	<u>\$ 2,916,947</u>

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

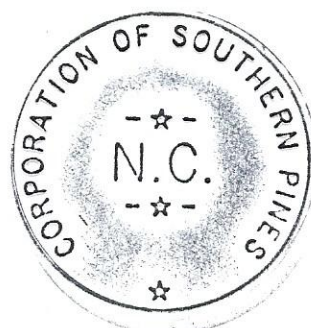
Grant Proceeds	<u>\$ 2,916,947</u>
Total Additional Project Revenues	<u>\$ 2,916,947</u>

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 November 18, 2025.

I certify that this ordinance was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines at its meeting of November 18, 2025 as shown in the minutes of the Town Council for that date.


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk





RESOLUTION #1137
DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER
G.S. 160A-31
AX-03-25: Humane Society NC Highway 22

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition was received on November 10, 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines; and

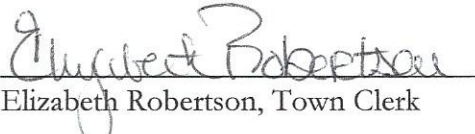
WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Town Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the Town Council the result of her investigation.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2025.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines at its meeting on November 18, 2025, as shown in the Minutes of the Town Council meeting for that date.


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk

