

TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
June 16, 2025

**PRESENT:** Mayor Fleta Byrd, Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett, Councilmembers David McGowan, Carolyn Dobbin, Tim Brown, and Randy Jernigan.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Administrator Leighanna Worley, Town Clerk Emily Matthews, and Town Attorney Gabriel Du Sablon.

**CONVOCATION:** Mayor Byrd declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**PLEDGE** Mayor Byrd led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Byrd gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Byrd added the following agenda items: Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) "...consult with attorney..." and "Call for Public Hearing: Rezone of Parcel ID 05I05021E."

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Byrd asked for approval of the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Mayor Pro -tem JC Triplett to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> OPEN FORUM** Mayor Byrd opened the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Forum at 6:34pm.

With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Byrd closed the 1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum at 6:35pm.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**MAYOR FLETA BYRD:** Mayor Byrd said the public hearing that was called for this month for the annexation of parcel id 05I05021E has been postponed and will be heard next month on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Attorney Du Sablon asked if the public hearing will be readvertised and Mayor Byrd said yes.

**Call for Public Hearing – Rezone of Parcel ID 05I05021E:** Planning Director Wendy Oldham said parcel id 05I05021E is currently zoned as CRM by the Town of Clayton. She said a rezone application was received to rezone this to C-70 which is commercial within our town limits. She asked for public hearing to be called to rezone this property at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and said this is the property that is also up for annexation in July.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Randy Jernigan to call a Public Hearing for the Rezone of Parcel ID 05I05021E on July 21, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Wilson's Mills Elementary School Cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER:** Mayor Byrd said she attended the Town Hall dinner in Clayton with Town Administrator Worley, Town Clerk Emily Matthews, and Councilmember David McGowan.

**TOWN  
ADMINISTRATOR'S  
REPORT – Leighanna  
Worley:**

Town Administrator Worley said we are still waiting on the comprehensive utilities study. She said comments were sent from the County and TRC representatives are still reviewing the comments so a final draft can be presented to Council.

Ms. Worley said Council discussed last month that they would schedule a retreat, she said she is looking at a weekday in July to get the retreat scheduled. She said she should be able to send out date options this week.

Councilmember David McGowan said a resident asked if there will be trees at the dog park. Ms. Worley said once the dog park is open to the public, the plan is to place shade canopies.

**Town of Wilson's  
Mills Internal Social  
Media Policy:**

Town Administrator Worley referenced the Internal Social Media Policy in Council's packets and asked if there were any questions.

Councilmember McGowan asked for clarification on the need for the policy and why there are 2 different policies. Ms. Worley said the internal policy states that any creation of an official account must clarify they are associated with the Town. Attorney Du Sablon further clarified the policy covers what is allowed to be posted to any account affiliated with the Town. Ms. Worley also said any public concern related to the Town on a personal account, employees and officials must include a disclaimer stating "the views expressed on this account are my own and do not reflect the official position of the Town of Wilson's Mills."

A motion was made by Councilmember Tim Brown and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to adopt the Town of Wilson's Mills Internal Social Media Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**Town of Wilson's  
Mills Public Social  
Media Policy**

Ms. Worley said this policy relates to the town's platforms such as the Town's Facebook, Instagram, and any other social media platforms associated with the Town and how what is posted on the platforms must adhere to the NC Public Records Law.

A motion was made by Councilmember Randy Jernigan and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to adopt the Town of Wilson's Mills Public Social Media Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE OFFICER  
Sherry Hudson**

Finance Officer Sherry Hudson referenced the Audit Contract in Council's packets and asked if there were any questions.

**Audit Contract:**

Mayor Byrd asked if this is the same company we have used in the past for our audit and Ms. Hudson said yes. Councilmember McGowan referenced some typographical errors on the contract and Ms. Hudson said she will have those changed before having the contract signed by Mayor Byrd.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Randy Jernigan to approve the Audit Contract for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE to  
Amend Budget for  
Fiscal Year 2024-  
2025 – Budget  
Amendment #2 –  
Sewer and Master  
Plan:**

Finance Officer Sherry Hudson referenced the Sewer and Master Plan Budget Ordinance #2 for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and asked if there were any questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to adopt the Following Ordinance to Amend Budget for Fiscal

Year 2024-2025 – Budget Amendment #2 – Sewer and Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024  
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS  
FY 24-25 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Wilson's Mills, County of Johnston, State of North Carolina, and meeting in regular session this 16th day of June 2025 that the Town Budget adopted on June 17, 2024, for **FY 2024-2025** is hereby amended and adopted.

Section I. That the following Revenue items in the Sewer Fund Budget be **DECREASED** by the following amounts:

SEWER FUND	REVENUES	DECREASE	INCREASE
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30-3900-911	JoCo Public Utilities	\$360.00	
		\$360.00	\$0.00

Section II That the following Expenditure item in the Sewer Fund Budget be **DECREASED** by the following amount:

SEWER FUND	EXPENSES	INCREASE	DECREASE
	<u>Line Item</u>	-	
	Sewer	-	
30-7140-199	Professional Services	\$0.00	\$360.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0.00	\$360.00

Section III. That the following Revenue items in the Master Plan Budget be **INCREASED** by the following amounts:

MASTER PLAN	REVENUES	DECREASE	INCREASE
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
70-3831-000	Interest		\$83,097.00

Section IV. That the following Expenditure items in the Master Plan Fund be **INCREASED** and **DECREASED** by the following amount:

MASTER PLAN	EXPENSES	INCREASE	DECREASE
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Line Item</u>		
	<b>MASTER PLAN</b>		
70-4001-359	Contract Services	\$200,000.00	
70-4001-550	Capital Outlay Expenses	\$0.00	\$116,903.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$116,903.00</b>

ORDINANCE to  
Amend Budget for  
Fiscal Year 2024-  
2025 – Budget  
Amendment #4 –  
General Fund:

Finance Officer Sherry Hudson referenced the General Fund Budget Ordinance #4 for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Byrd asked if this will be the last budget amendment for this fiscal year and Ms. Hudson said yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin to adopt the following Ordinance to Amend Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – Budget Amendment #4 – General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024  
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS  
FY 24-25 BUDGET AMENDMENT #4

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Wilson's Mills, County of Johnston, State of North Carolina, and meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of June 2025 that the Town Budget adopted on June 14, 2024, for FY 2024-2025 is hereby amended and adopted.

Section I. That the following Revenue items in the General Fund Budget be **DECREASED** and/or **INCREASED** by the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	REVENUES	DECREASE	INCREASE
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10-3100-120	<u>Vehicle Tax</u>	\$24,500.00	-
10-3100-170	Penalties & Int. on Taxes	\$1,000.00	
10-3198-110	Ad Valorem Prior	\$500.00	
10-3199-110	Ad Valorem Current	\$13,500.00	
10-3231-310	Sales & Use Tax		\$15,000.00
10-3231-312	Motor Fuel Tax		\$8,800.00
10-3322-310	Beer & Wine Taxes	\$3,378.00	
10-3322-310	ABC Board - Local		\$1,033.00
10-3324-310	Electric Tax		\$20,000.00

10-3324-311	Tele Tax	\$50.00	
10-3324-312	Video Tax	\$300.00	
10-3431-431	Ticket & Violation Fees	\$300.00	
		\$43,258.00	\$44,833.00

Section II. That the following Expenditure items in the General Fund Budget be INCREASED and/or DECREASED by the following amounts:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
-	<b>Governing Board</b>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10-4110-181	Salaries & Wages	\$650.00	
10-4110-181	FICA	\$275.00	
10-4110-552	Capital Outlay-Projects		\$20,000.00
10-4110-693	Emp./Vol. Appreciation	\$1,061.00	
10-4110-192	Legal Fees	\$4,000.00	
	<b>Administration</b>		
10-4120-121	Salaries & Wages	\$3,000.00	
10-4120-126	Salaries Part Time	\$84.00	
10-4120-181	FICA	\$3,000.00	
10-4120-398	Drug Testing	\$55.00	
	<b>Police</b>		
10-4310-126	Salaries - Part Time	\$10,000.00	
10-4310-213	Vest Expenses	\$500.00	
10-4310-251	Gas & Oil		\$13,000.00
10-4310-260	Dept. Supplies	\$5,000.00	
10-4310-353	Vehicle Maint.	\$5,000.00	
	<b>Public Works</b>		
10-4410-126	Salaries - Part Time	\$1,000.00	
10-4410-212	Uniforms	\$1,000.00	
10-4410-395	Employee Training	\$850.00	
	<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>		
10-4910-199	Professional Services		\$10,000.00
10-4910-353	Vehicle Maint.	\$1,200.00	
10-4910-359	Contracted Services		\$17,633.00
10-4910-370	Advertising	\$62.00	



	Park & Events		
10-6120-693	Festivals / Events	\$201.00	
10-6120-992	PW Comm. Park	\$25,000	
		\$61,938.00	\$60,633.00

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Byrd asked for any Councilmember comments and Councilmember Brown pointed out a typographical error in the Budget Ordinance. Ms. Hudson said she will have that corrected before having the Mayor sign the ordinance.

**2<sup>nd</sup> OPEN FORUM**

Mayor Byrd opened the 2nd Public Forum at 7:07pm.

With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Byrd closed the 2nd Open Forum at 7:08pm.

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown to go into Closed Session at 7:08pm pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) "...consult with attorney..." Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tim Brown and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to come out of Closed Session at 7:23pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tim Brown and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.



ATTEST:

*Emily Matthews*  
 EMILY MATTHEWS, CMC  
 Town Clerk

*Fleta A. Byrd*  
 FLETA A. BYRD, Mayor