

TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 5, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Fleta Byrd, Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett, Councilmembers David McGowan, Carolyn Dobbins, and Randy Jernigan.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Leighanna Worley, Town Clerk Emily Matthews, Planning Director Wendy Oldham, Public Works Director Patrick Moore, and Human Resources Director Jenny Martin.

ABSENT Councilmember Tim Brown and Finance Officer Sherry Hudson

CONVOCATION: Mayor Byrd declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:11am.

Town Administrator Worley said the main items to be discussed in reference to the Town Hall Campus Master Plan are the sign in front of Town Hall, the Veterans Memorial, and the Police Department. She said when the renovations for the canopy began at Town Hall we had to take down the "Town Hall" letters across the front of the building. She said the letters are too tall to reuse elsewhere. Council discussed the idea of a monument sign in front of Town Hall with our new logo or a sign that reads "Wilson's Mills Town Hall." She said she thinks whatever Council decides, the sign needs to have "Wilson's Mills" on it. She said a specific sign vendor was awarded the bid for the sign at the back of Town Hall that will be put in during the current renovations. She said she can contact the same company for the sign in the front of Town Hall. She said hopefully the sign can be added to the cost of the current renovations. Mayor Byrd said the signs should be V-shaped so it can be seen from both directions on the highway and she doesn't think it needs to be a digital sign. Ms. Worley asked if the development next to the Town Hall property would have anything that would block a sign in that area. Planning Director Wendy Oldham said they may have natural buffers but she is meeting with the developers this afternoon and she can discuss it with them. Ms. Worley said as long as they do not have any buffers that are higher than what is currently there, it should not block the sign. Councilmember Jernigan and Mayor Pro-tem Triplett both agreed it should be a V-shaped sign. Ms. Worley asked if Council wanted to use the town logo on the sign and Councilmember McGowan said people will not be able to see the logo when going down the highway. Ms. Worley suggested using the same font as the logo and for the surrounding masonry to match the other signs in town. Councilmember McGowan asked if there will be lights and Ms. Worley said yes. Mayor Byrd said the old Town Hall letters should be saved for use in the future and Councilmember McGowan agreed. Ms. Worley will work on getting designs of the sign and bring them back to Council.

Ms. Worley said regarding the Veteran's Memorial, she and Events Coordinator Peter Vantine have looked into agencies that could give us a list of people in town that served in any branch of the military. She said they have encountered several roadblocks while doing the research. Regarding listed individual names in the memorial based on the information that was found, Councilmember McGowan said he thinks individual names shouldn't be listed so that no one is left out unintentionally. Ms. Worley asked if

Council thinks each branch should be listed separately or if it should be a memorial that encompasses all branches together. Councilmember McGowan said he feels it should be all inclusive rather than having each branch listed specifically. He also said he thinks it should include people who served and are still living as well as those that have passed away. Human Resources Director Jenny Martin said she previously worked in Archer Lodge and they had a Veteran's Memorial and mentioned they allowed people in the community to purchase bricks for the memorial in honor or in memory of a veteran. Planning Director Oldham said she like the idea of it being all veterans rather than just veterans that are from Wilson's Mills. Councilmember McGowan agreed. Ms. Worley asked if we want to have an American flag at the memorial as well as elsewhere on campus with the state and town flags. Mayor Byrd said she thinks there needs to be one at the memorial as well as one on campus elsewhere.

RECESS

Mayor Byrd called a 5 minute recess at 9:38am.

Mayor Byrd called the meeting back to order at 9:44am.

Ms. Worley said Moseley Architects recently sent her a sketch design for the Police Department, the sketch is based off a similar Police Department the company designed for Gibsonville. She said she has a sketch of the Police Department as well as a map of the entire campus as it is currently. The Town Campus map as well as the design for the Police Department were both viewed by Council. Mayor Byrd said the Animal Control building needs to be removed to allow for additional parking and all other buildings on campus should stay in place until we find a use for them. Mayor Pro-tem Triplett and Councilmember McGowan agreed about the removal of the Animal Control building. Public Works Director Patrick Moore said we would need to relocate the animal cages used for Animal Control. Ms. Worley said the building wouldn't be removed until after the Police Department is built. She also suggested upfitting the 6 bay building on the Town Hall campus and moving Public Works into the building and moving the Police Department into the current Public Works building. Mr. Moore said the 6-bay wouldn't be difficult to upfit. Council discussed a traffic circle on campus that would branch off to each building. Councilmember McGowan asked if we could place the Veteran's Memorial to the right of Town Hall and Mr. Moore said there are drainage issues in that area. Council discussed the possibility of an American flag mural in the memorial rather than a physical flag. They also discussed the possibility of a physical flag and a mural of the different military branches. Ms. Worley said the first step would be to have drawings completed.

Council reviewed the sketches of the Police Department from Mosely Architects.

Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for being in attendance today and giving their input.

Mayor Pro-tem Triplett said he thinks this has been one of the best meetings of Council. Councilmember McGowan said it was very productive and thought the drawings helped with the conversations.

Ms. Worley reviewed next steps. She said she would talk to the sign company about options for the sign at the front of Town Hall and start the process of getting quotes. For the Veterans Memorial she said the next step would be to

find and do a Request For Qualifications by an engineer to do a scaled drawing based on setbacks and wetlands. Mayor Byrd said the architect will be at our next meeting about the design of the Police Department. She also said Ms. Worley will set up a meeting with Mosely representative and Chief Williams to discuss the design further. Ms. Worley said the Moseley representatives will go over the contract with Council at the meeting and be available to answer any questions they may have. She said the funds used for the Police Department design will be from a grant we received. So we need to start the process moving forward.

ADJOURN:

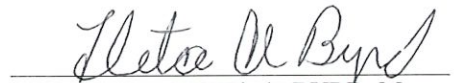
A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Randy Jernigan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.



ATTEST


EMILY MATTHEWS, CMC
Town Clerk


FLETA A. BYRD, Mayor