

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – MAY 8, 2025
4:00 P.M. - Town Hall

Present: Mayor Davis, Council members Wesley Hutchins, Caroline Jones, Peggy Leight, Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Mayor Davis calls the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and opens with a prayer.
Doc: Are there any additions to the agenda. NO

Discussion Items for the May 8th, 2025 Meeting

1. DISCUSSION OF PRELIMINARY FY 2025 – 2026 BUDGET

Scott leads this discussion. Budget recommendations will be presented at the May meeting. Waiting to see what the County will do with fire services and how that will impact our budget.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE WALKERTOWN BYPASS TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM AND THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN**

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: CAROLINE JONES

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)**

3. PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads this discussion.

- The Sullivantown Road/Depot Street Sidewalk Project

Doc: The project is funded with a 80% federal & 20% Walkertown Split on funds. We should have the ROW acquired by end of June. Bid by June or July. Plan to award the contract by August.

- The final remediation on the gravel lot next door to the Town Hall will begin next week. Completion in one week. If clear, we can pave the lot at the same time as the sidewalk work.

- Ruxton Road Sidewalk Project
Preliminary agreement submitted to DOT

- Friendly Road/Elementary School Crosswalk
The crosswalk will have flashing lights.

Doc: Scott, have we taken over the Whitehall streets?

Scott: Yes. They will be included on next year's Powell Bill.

Wesley: Where are we with the Second Chance Cycle sale?

Scott: We will put it up for sale after the completion of the sidewalk project.
The zoning is General PB now. We will have Gary look at the uses and move to a PB-S zoning with limited uses.

Wesley: We should start discussing uses soon.

- Wickenham Park
(Scott shows online views of the property)

Scott: As you can see, this part of the property is a deep steep hill which would be expensive to grade for ball fields.

Peggy: Any grant funding available?

Scott: Maybe.

Wesley: Any other space available? For instance, around the maintenance shed.

Scott: Not enough land.

Wesley: This is a recurring problem. Could we sell it?

Scott: Not as ball fields. It is zoned residential. Municipalities are allowed recreational use in all zonings.

Wesley: Could the PTRC do a feasibility study?

Peggy: Yes. They already did. They came to the fall festival to interview residents.

Scott: Walkertown actually has a lot of ball fields for its size. More than any town in Forsyth County except for Winston-Salem & Kernersville.

House Bills

Peggy: Donnie Lambeth is against 765.

Wesley: Referred back to committee.

Peggy: The COG is petitioning towns to stand against this bill.

- Townhomes on Poindexter

Scott: The developer is working to change to single driveway access to the back.

Peggy: Will that require adding SIDA?

Scott: Yes, 2 acres.

Doc: The schedule?

Scott: With the changes, the earliest may be July or August.

- Airbnb

No news.

Doc: There was no use over the weekend.

- This year's paving

Yadkin Valley Paving will begin work next week if weather allows.

The project consists of milling, paving and completing shoulder repair work on Celeste Dr. and Christian Cir., and patching Rock Lane Dr. and Swain Ln.

Work should take a week to complete.

Doc: First Horizon grand opening will be on 5/14 @9:00. Council, please come if you can.

Scott: The county commissioners meeting will be on 5/22. They will be discussing the fire tax overlay. We could offer to join the tax overlay. Middlefork Elementary is having an event on 5/22. I will email details.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 6:30

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer, Town Clerk

