

MINUTES TOWN OF STOKESDALE SPECIAL CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 8325 ANGEL-PARDUE ROAD STOKESDALE, NC 27357 NOVEMBER 02, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>Town of Stokesdale Town Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy, Councilman Jimmy Landreth, Councilman Tim Jones, Councilman Jim Rigsbee.

Town of Stokesdale Town Staff: Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II

<u>Stokesdale Fire Department:</u> Stokesdale Fire Chief Todd Gauldin, Stokesdale Deputy Fire Chief Chris Southern

North Carolina Department of Transportation: Chris Smitherman (Division Project Team Lead – Division 7); Brian Ketner (Contracted Project Manager – NCDOT - Division 7)

Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): Craig McKinney (Transportation Planner)

Piedmont Triad Regional Council: Dawn Vallieres (PTRPO Coordinator)

01. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Darrell Freeman, from Stokesdale Baptist Church, delivered the opening invocation.

02. Review and Adopt the Agenda: November 02, 2023.

Councilman Landreth made a <u>Motion</u> to adopt the agenda as written. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	ABSENT	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	YES
Councilman Landreth	YES	Councilman Rigsbee	YES
Councilman Jones	YES		

The motion carried (4-0).

03. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-Minute Limit per Speaker).

No citizen's comments were made from the floor.

04. Joint workshop meeting between the Stokesdale Town Council and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) District Engineer and NCDOT Project Engineers for NCDOT projects within the Town of Stokesdale.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy asked for introductions from the officials from NCDOT and Contracted Consultant, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC). Mayor Pro Tem Foy recognized Fire Chief Todd Gauldin and Deputy Fire Chief Chris Southern from Stokesdale Fire Department as being present tonight as well.

Chris Smitherman, NCDOT introduced Brian Ketner, RK & K Civil Engineering, Consultant and former NCDOT Project Engineer. Mr. Ketner presented the background of the projects in the area of the Hwy. 158 and Hwy 65 intersection, specifically two round-a-bouts. He then explained the processes used to formulate their current recommendations. He presented numerous maps and statistical data for each project.

Council presented questions about the round-abouts being recommended by NCDOT and Mr. Smitherman and Mr. Ketner addressed each scenario.

Council asked about the Hwy. 158 Bypass and the northern loop. A discussion was held. A goal to slow traffic and to deter large truck traffic through downtown was identified. Mr. Craig McKinney advised that the Town could request that the MPO remove the Hwy. 158 bypass from the Street Thoroughfare and Collector Plan, if so desired.

At the conclusion of the discussion, both the NCDOT Representatives and MPO representatives indicated that they have listened to the Council and will revisit their recommendations to see if they can be tweaked to address as many concerns as possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy opened the floor for comments regarding the aforementioned road/highway projects.

Citizen Name: Mark Nadel, 8211 Wendy Gale, Stokesdale, NC 27357

 Comment: Asked if it is possible to eliminate commercial through traffic on the Hwy. 158 and Hwy. 65 section. He also asked about the possibility of having speed cameras in this area and whether or not the Town could collect that revenue.

Citizen Name: Jeffrey Blackburn, Blackburn Insurance Stokesdale NC

Comment: Asked about the need for a right turn lane at the Hwy. 158/Hwy. 65 intersection (old Bi-Rite). He believes that traffic will take the Ellisboro Road connection over to Hwy. 158/Hwy. 65.

Citizen Name: Kurtis Gentry, 8110 Belews Creek Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357

Comment: Alternate Member of the Planning Board. Discussed issues in front of
his house. He lives a short distance from the new Bi-Rite. He bought his house
knowing the concerns that exist, however asked for help to encourage people to

obey the speed limit and slow down the traffic. He asked the Town to request Guilford County Sheriff's Office to increase patrol on this road.

Citizen Name: Sammy Logan Jr, Sam's Trading Post, 8701 NC Hwy. 65, Stokesdale, NC

• Comments: Son of the owner of Sam's Trading Post. He asked for clarification on NCDOT's plans for the intersection on Hwy. 65 at Sam's Trading Post.

Citizen Name: Pastor Darryl Freeman, Stokesdale Baptist Church, Stokesdale, NC

Comments: He stated that he is in favor of closing off one end of Stokesdale St. He
asked for clarification of traffic accidents at the intersection of Stokesdale St. and
Hwy. 158.

Citizen Name: Amanda Hodierne, Attorney, Green Valley, Road, Greensboro, NC

Comments: Attorney for Don & Angel Best, property owners in Stokesdale. She
asked for clarification of Hwy 158 bypass and noted the impact it has on her
client's property. At what point does a property owner need to be burdened with
long term plans that may or may not happen.

05. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-Minute Limit per Speaker).

Citizen Name: Kurtis Gentry, 8110 Belews Creek Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357

 Comment: Wanted to add to his earlier comments and noted that there are no solutions, only trade-offs. As a commuter to Winston Salem daily, he asked that the Town try to minimize the impact this will have on the property owners, and to consider all the options to make traffic easier and safer along our roads. He thanked everyone who is here tonight and for their efforts in putting this information together.

06. Council Comments:

Councilman Rigsbee thanked everyone for coming out. Council is here to listen and make the best judgement call they can.

Councilman Landreth also thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilman Jones also thanked everyone for coming out. He also thanked the Council for agreeing to hold a meeting on this matter again and for everyone sharing their ideas.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy echoed the other's comments and thanked NCDOT and MPO for taking their comments back with them. He thanked Chief Gauldin and Deputy Chief Southern for coming out.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy read the following announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Announcements:

- a) The 2023 Town of Stokesdale Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 07, 2023, from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM inside the Stokesdale Town Hall Building, located at 8325 Angel-Pardue Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357.
- b) The Town of Stokesdale Town Council will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, November 09, 2023, at 7:00 PM inside the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 8325 Angel-Pardue Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357.
- c) CANCELLED: The Town of Stokesdale Town Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM inside the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 8325 Angel-Pardue Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357.

ADJOURNMENT:

07. Adjournment of Meeting.

Councilman Jones made a <u>Motion</u> to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	ABSENT	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	YES
Councilman Landreth	YES	Councilman Rigsbee	YES
Councilman Jones	YES		

The motion carried (4-0).

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

Approved: April 11, 2024.

Derek Foy Mayor Pro Tem Town of Stokesdale

ATTEST:

Robbie Lee Wagoner II

Town Clerk

Town of Stokesdale