



301 W. Main St.  
Town Hall  
Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro  
Meeting Minutes  
Town Council**

**March 4, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers - Room 110**

**Present:** Mayor Barbara Foushee, Council Member Catherine Fray, Mayor Pro Tem Danny Nowell, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Jason Merrill, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Cristóbal Palmer

**Also Present:** Patrice Toney, Town Manager; Lamar Joyner, Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

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**POETRY READING**

Carrboro Poet Laureate Liza Wolff-Francis read her poem "I Want to Yell to the Girls."

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**PROCLAMATIONS**

Creek Week Proclamation

International Women's Day Proclamation

Femicide Awareness Proclamation

Resolution calling for the immediate lifting of the stop work order on foreign assistance programs and the re-opening of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

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**TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Town Manager Toney provided updates.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brianna Clarke-Schwelm, Executive Director of North Carolina Global Health Alliance, voiced concern about the federal stop work order on foreign assistance programs, and commended Council for their resolution on the immediate lifting of the stop work order and the re-opening of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

**REQUEST TO ISSUE A STREET CLOSING PERMIT FOR THE VOLUNTEERS FOR  
YOUTH INAUGURAL ANNUAL 5K RUN.**

PURPOSE: To request the Town Council consider adopting a resolution to issue a Street Closing Permit Application submitted by Volunteers for Youth, a non-profit corporation, for the temporary closing and usage of West Weaver Street, East Weaver Street, West Main Street, Simpson Street, North Greensboro Street, East Poplar Street, and Oak Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025, for the Volunteers for Youth Inaugural Annual 5k Run.

#### **2025 CLEAN FUELS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY GRANT**

PURPOSE: This agenda item seeks approval from council to apply for the 2025 Clean Fuels Advanced Technology Grant. This grant is administered by the NC Clean Energy Technology Center at NC State University with federal funding provided by the NC Department of Transportation.

**Mayor Pro Tem Nowell made a motion to move the consent agenda.**

**Council Member Posada seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

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#### **GENERAL AGENDA**

#### **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ON DRAFT 2028-2037 STIP - CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR SPOT PRIORITIZATION 8.0**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Town Council with an update on the development of the 2028-2037 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the prioritization schedule, and the proposed list of Town projects for consideration for SPOT Prioritization 8.0 (P8).

Becca Eversole-Robinson, Planning Administrator, provided a PowerPoint presentation that included information about the proposed list of Town projects for the Council to consider for SPOT Prioritization 8.0.

**Council Member Posada made a motion to move Attachment A, prioritizing five projects:**

- 1. NC Hwy 54 Side Path Project**
- 2. Phase 2 of Bolin Creek Greenway Construction**
- 3. Phases 3 and 4 of Bolin Creek Greenway**
- 4. Morgan Creek Greenway**
- 5. Seawell School Road Side Path**

**Council Member Haven O'Donnell voiced that she is not in support of moving forward with Phases 3 and 4 of Bolin Creek Greenway.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Nowell seconded the motion.**

**Motion Carried, 6-1.**

**Ayes: Mayor Barbara Foushee, Council Member Catherine Fray, Mayor Pro Tem Danny Nowell, Council Member Jason Merrill, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Cristóbal Palmer**

**Nays: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

**Council Member Posada made a motion to move into closed session.**

**Council Member Fray seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

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#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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123 **Council Member Posada made a motion to open the closed session.**

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125 **Mayor Pro Tem Nowell seconded the motion.**

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127 **Motion carried, 7-0.**

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129 **§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions. (a)**

130 **(3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to**  
131 **preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which**  
132 **privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed**  
133 **session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting**  
134 **that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the**  
135 **public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an**  
136 **attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation,**  
137 **arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a**  
138 **settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed**  
139 **session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into**  
140 **its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.**

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144 **ADJOURNMENT**

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146 **Council Member Posada made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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148 **Council Member Fray seconded the motion.**

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150 **Motion carried, 7-0.**

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