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301 W. Main St.
Town Hall
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**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council**

February 17, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Barbara Foushee, Council Member Catherine Fray, Council Member Fred Joiner, Council Member Jason Merrill, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Cristóbal Palmer, Council Member Eliazar Posada-Orozco

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

POETRY READING

Poet Laureat Dr. Amanda Bennett read her poem “Sweetness Comes Late, Unglamorous”.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

None

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Toney provided updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Isaac Woolsey stated his issues with the building of luxury apartments in Orange County and Town of Carrboro instead of affordable housing.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes from Town Council meeting held on February 3, 2026
- Pre-authorization to Apply for 2026 NC Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Grant
- Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Amendment #4

Council Member Nowell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Posada-Orozco seconded and the motion passed, 7-0.

GENERAL AGENDA

- **Tropical Storm Chantal Recovery Update and FEMA Public Assistance Overview**
Will Potter, Fire Chief, provided an update on the Town’s recovery efforts following Tropical Storm Chantal with an overview of FEMA Public Assistance (PA) projects, major cost categories, and key interagency coordination issues. The Public Assistance process was explained, to include timelines

58 and critical decision points, to support Council awareness and inform future policy and financial
59 considerations.

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61 • **Review of the Stormwater Enterprise and Stormwater Rates**

62 Dylan Kirk, Stormwater Manager, and Matt Simon, GIS Administrator, provided a presentation
63 on the Stormwater Enterprise that described the GIS data necessary to calculate accurate impervious
64 surface calculations that are used to determine the tiered categories in the Stormwater Utility Fee.
65 Current funding, support mechanisms to assist residents who are struggling with utility costs, and future
66 considerations were also discussed.

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69 **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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71 Council Member Posada-Orozco moved to **appoint Lori Carter**, and **Imanie Williams** (Human
72 Services seat) to the **Housing & Human Services Advisory Commission**. Council Member Nowell
73 seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

74 Council Member Nowell moved to **appoint Darryl Carpenter, Lydia Vaughn, and Alyssa**
75 **Paul** (Youth seat) to the **Climate & Environmental Advisory Commission**. Council Member Posada-
76 Orozco seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

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79 **BOARD DISCUSSION**

80 • **Pilot for East Weaver Street Closure**

81 The Council gave direction to the Town Manager to pause the pilot for more feedback and
82 engagement.

83 Council Member Fray moved to pause the pilot for closing East Weaver Street for one year. A
84 friendly amendment from Council Member Posada-Orozco to include more engagement from impacted
85 business owners and traffic issues were accepted. A friendly amendment from Mayor Foushee to
86 investigate the option of using other locations was accepted. A friendly amendment from Council
87 Member Palmer to include more information gathering was accepted. Council Member Posada-Orozco
88 seconded and the motion passed, 7-0.

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91 **CLOSED SESSION**

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93 Council Member Palmer moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) to
94 consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client
95 privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, with no
96 possible action anticipated following the closed session. Council Member Posada seconded and the
97 motion passed 7-0.

98 The Board heard the update and had discussion regarding the matters. No action was taken.

99 Council Member Posada-Orozco moved to go back into open session. Council Member Fray
100 seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

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103 **ADJOURNMENT**

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105 Council Member Posada-Orozco moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Nowell seconded and
106 the motion passed, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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