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# Taylortown Council Meeting

Taylortown Town Hall  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024  
5:00 p.m. Closed Session  
6:00 p.m. Open Session

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I. **Call to Order**

**It is Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This meeting of the Taylortown Council is now called to order at 5:00 p.m.**

II. **Roll Call**

**Ms. Cole, please call the roll.**

**Ms. Cole**

Mayor Gaddy  
Mayor Pro Tern Moody  
Councilwoman Cotton  
Councilwoman Parker  
Councilman Taylor

All present.

III. **Approval of Agenda**

**The agenda for this Town Council meeting was posted**

**at Town Hall and uploaded to our website. Agendas are also in the**

**holder on the back wall.**

**Councilmembers, is there anything you would like to add to the agenda?**

**If not, I seek a motion to approve the agenda.**

**Motion:**

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

**Second:**

Councilwoman Cotton



**Any questions? Any discussion?**

**Ms. Cole, call the roll.**

**Ms. Cole**

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

Councilwoman Parker

Councilman Taylor

All present.

**Motion passed.**

#### **IV. Minutes**

**Are we still on schedule to upload our minutes to the town's website by September 30<sup>th</sup>?**

**And this will include all of our corrected minutes from December 2023 to tonight's minutes?**

Cole

That is the plan.

#### **V. Closed Session**

I seek a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Cotton

**Second:** Mayor Pro Tem Moody

**Are there any questions? Any discussion?**

**Please vote yes or no.**

**Ms. Cole, call the roll.**

**Ms. Cole**

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

Councilwoman Parker

Councilman Taylor

All vote yes.

**The motion passed. We are now in Closed Session.**

**VI. Return to Open Session**

**I seek a motion to return to Open Session.**

**Motion:**

**Second:**

**Any questions? Any discussion?**

**Ms. Cole, call the roll.**

**Ms. Cole**

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

Councilwoman Parker

Councilman Taylor

All present.

**Motion passed. We are now back in Open Session.**

Good evening. Welcome to the Taylortown Council meeting. We thank you for being here. And welcome to the folks watching online.

We thank Mr. Demus Taylor, our founder for his vision and we thank all of the folks that worked hard to help us have Taylortown.

Let's keep working.

Please join us in a moment of silence.

## **VII. Closed Session Report**

We went into Closed Session to discuss some legal and personnel matters.

Chief Hobgood is retiring in November. We will be operating with an acting chief while we advertise the position.

We also discussed a potential lawsuit involving our 2023 audit.

There is nothing for us to vote on from closed session.

Mayor Gaddy states water bills are more accurate than they've ever been.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

It's time for public comment. Try not to be upset if we don't answer your questions. We are taking notes. We will prepare a response in accordance with state and federal Freedom of Information laws.

Come to the podium, give us your name, and limit your comments to 3 minutes, please.

Bill Gunther updates on the water situation.

Accuracy of water bills and water notes.

Yvette McCormick speaks about suspension of services instead of cut-offs; charging per 100 gallons instead of 2000 gallons.

**IX. Staff Reports**

**We are going to move into the part of our meeting where we discuss matters with our staff. This is not public time.**

**Please do not comment from the floor.**

**Ms. Cole, please do not respond to comments from the floor.**

**Staff Reports - Town Administrator - Carolyn Cole**

**1. Administration Department**

**Responses to Public Comment**

Ms. Marcella Alston requested financial information about the town. The audits and budgets are on the website at [www.taylortownnc.gov](http://www.taylortownnc.gov).

Additional information will be provided to the town council tonight. If any corrections are needed, we will make those corrections and upload the reports to the website.

**2. Finance**

- A. Financial Report (February - August, 2024)
- B. Budget to Actual
- C. Budget Variances
- D. Audit 2023
- E. Audit 2024

**3. Public Safety - Police Department, Chief Hobgood**

**4. Public Works & Utilities Department - Darnell Price, Mgr**

- A. Maintenance
- B. Buildings & Grounds
- C. Sanitation
- D. Water & Sewer

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## **5. Planning Department**

**The Planning Board met on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Town Hall. It is a public meeting. All are welcome.**

**Garry Brown was elected Chair.**

**Jeffrey Moody was elected Vice Chair.**

**Lottie Mason**

**Connie Pearson**

**Ms. Ronda Brady was absent.**

### **Chairman Garry Brown**

The Planning Board is focused on educating ourselves about the duties and responsibilities of a Planning Board.

We are responsible for planning and zoning. The town's zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan need updating.

The current zoning ordinance is on the town's website at [www.taylortownnc.gov](http://www.taylortownnc.gov).

We are looking forward to working with the town council, staff, and community to enforce existing laws and to create a community and economic development plan for the town's future.

We would like to request that Council change Planning Board to Planning Commission. It's a matter of preference. There is no legal distinction between the two that affects its duties and responsibilities. Those remain the same.

Mayor Gaddy: I seek a motion to change the name of the Planning Board to Planning Commission.

Motion:

Councilwoman Cotton

Second:

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Any questions? Any discussion?

Ms. Cole, call the roll.

**Ms. Cole**

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tern Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

Councilwoman Parker

Councilman Taylor

All present.

Motion passed. The Taylortown Council, from this point forward, recognizes the former Planning **Board** as the Planning Commission.

C. Cultural & Leisure Services - Mayor Pro Tern Moody

Harvest Fest in the park on Saturday, September 21, 2024 was a success.

X. Announcements

Councilmembers, do you have any announcements?

Moody: October 3<sup>rd</sup> there are plans to decorate the street poles at the museum. October 19<sup>th</sup> there is a community yard sale from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Children's festival October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Tufts archives the Academy Heights blueprint, prepare a proclamation.

Parker:

Cotton: Vacation Bible School crafts in the park.

Taylor:

Our next town council meeting October 8, 2024.

XI. Adjournment

I seek a motion to adjourn.

Motion: I move that we adjourn.

Councilwoman Cotton

Second:

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

**I have a motion and second.**

**Are there any questions or discussion?**

**No questions? No discussion? Ms. Cole please call the vote.**

**Ms. Cole**

Mayor Gaddy **yes**

Mayor Pro Tem Moody **yes**

Councilwoman Cotton **yes**

Councilwoman Parker **yes**

Councilman Taylor **yes**

**Motion passed. This meeting of the Taylortown Council is adjourned.**