



# Town Council Meeting Recap

March 25, 2025

## ✓ Approved

- MC 2025-0014 amendment to the Municipal Code Title 114 Solicitations. The amendment modifies the application fee from \$100 to \$25 to align with North Carolina State Statute, which prohibits this specific fee from being greater than \$25. The amendment also separates door-to-door solicitations from pan handling.
- The budget amendment and reallocation of \$810 in ARPA interest dollars to be used for Union West Rotary. The Council also approved the amended ARPA Grant Project Ordinance. The Union West Rotary was awarded \$15,000 of ARPA-enabled funds for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) to provide every student at Sardis Elementary School with a new pair of tennis shoes. The updated student count is larger than when the request was first made. The \$810 will cover the shortfall.

## 💬 Discussed

- Law Enforcement update from Captain Andy Mullis.
- Through a consensus of the Council, Town staff will engage the consultant for a design fee for the proposed new roadway access to Chestnut Square Park. On Jan. 28, the Council voted to proceed with a site analysis of the current park property to determine if a future community center facility could fit. During that presentation, staff discussed how to maximize the property by eliminating the Shady Bluff improvements project and using those funds to construct a new roadway from the new parking lot area on the west side of the property through the newly acquired property that fronts Indian Trail Road. Staff recommend moving forward with the design of the new roadway now, rather than waiting for the community center analysis to be completed. Staff believe that regardless of how the Council decides to proceed with this project, the new roadway should be built based on the alignment presented on Jan. 28 to maximize the overall property.
- Assistant Town Manager McLamb provided an ARPA Update:
  - The Emerald Woods neighborhood waterline project is near completion, which will allow residents to begin connecting to it.
  - Staff are working to purchase and deliver items to FY25 ARPA-enabled funds recipients.
- Moores Park waterline project: The project is in design with Union County. Nine out of 42 potential homeowners have said they would like to tap into the line when it's complete. Residents must let the Town know by May 1 if they would like to connect.
- Mowing NCDOT rights-of-way: The Town is mowing 83 shoulder miles of NCDOT rights-of-way. Council Member Barber asked how the costs for the mowing program align with the original estimate and if the Town could scale back on the number of roads it mows, per the contract with NCDOT. McLamb said taking into account NCDOT's reimbursement and being able to cancel the annual stormwater contract, the five-year cost is less than originally estimated. Additionally, the Town would be able to scale back on the number of roads if the Council chose to do so. While the contract is negotiable, if the Town releases some roads back to NCDOT, they would not mow and care for them to the Town's standards. Town Manager McLaurin said the right-of-way mowing is part of the Town's Highway 74 beautification efforts. McLaurin said it is a good program and the Council was briefed on the additional personnel and types of equipment needed. He explained that during years one and two, The Town needed to fund some upfront costs to get started. McLaurin concluded we are receiving positive comments about the work.
- Town Manager's Procurement Policy: McLaurin discussed the Town's approved financial policies and how they affect the spending of public funds. He said the Town's budget book contains the Town's financial policies and approved budget ordinance. These documents guide how Town funds are spent. He also explained the various checks and balances the Town uses to process payments. He concluded by saying any citizen or Council Member could meet with them to have their questions answered.

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## Manager's Report

- On March 19, the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) awarded the Town more than \$6 million for two transportation-related projects - Indian Trail-Fairview Road/Younts Road/Stinson Hartis Road intersection improvements and Indian Trail Road improvements.
- The right-of-way acquisition for the Indian Trail Road Complete Street project is complete. Staff is now working on applying for reimbursement for these funds.
- The Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager visited Mint Hill's new Public Works facility.
- There are several light industrial projects planning to locate in Indian Trail.
- Staff and the Council want to make Indian Trail accessible for everyone, which is why we've put an emphasis on the ADA Transition Plan. The Parks and Recreation Department recently held an Abilities in Action event to celebrate the abilities and achievements of individuals with special needs and included a sensory tent and inclusive games and other activities.
- At the upcoming **April 8 meeting**, the council will hear presentations from the Council on Aging and Crisis Assistance Ministry, vote on a tax report, street acceptance in the Heritage and Sagecroft subdivisions and a resolution for surplus property. These items are subject to change.



## Meeting Recording

- For more information about these items, watch the March 25 meeting recording at <https://youtu.be/JlwFrGQ1e0c>.

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