

#### PROPOSED AGENDA

# Bermuda Run Town Council Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025 6:00 PM

#### Bermuda Run Town Hall

Mission: "The Town of Bermuda Run exists to provide core public services that enhance the quality of life for its residents and an environment for the business community to thrive".

- 1. Call to Order
  - a. Recognition of Quorum
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Moment of Silence

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4. Town of Bermuda Run Code of Ethics Statement-Town Attorney Brian Williams 5. Adoption of the Agenda Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ In Favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Approval of January 14, 2025 Town Council Meeting Minutes Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ In Favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Citizen Comments 8. Proclamation - Black History Month Mayor Brannon and the Bermuda Run Town Council recognize the month of February 2025 as Black History Month in the Town of Bermuda Run. 9. Recognition - Community Officer Mike Foster, Davie County Sheriff's Office 10. Action Item – Resolution to Restore the Authority for Local Governments to Initiate Down-zoning and to Repeal Subpart III-K of SB 382/Session Law 2024-57 and to Restore the Original Provisions of N.C.G.S 160D-601(d) Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ In Favor: \_\_\_\_ Opposed: 11. Presentation - Cameron Webb, Davie County Director of Emergency Management, Fire Marshal 12. Town Manager Report/Comments 13. Council/ Mayor Comments 14. Adjourn:

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ In Favor: \_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_

# Town of Bermuda Run

# **Town Council Meeting Minutes**

January 14, 2025 - 6:00 PM

The Town Council of Bermuda Run held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Bermuda Run Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mayor Mike Brannon, Rod Guthrie, Rae Nelson, Christy Schafer, and

Jeff Tedder

Council Members Absent: Mike Ernst

Also Present: Andrew Meadwell, Town Manager; Charlie Chapman, Management

Analyst; Brian Williams, Town Attorney; and Cindy Poe, Town Clerk

<u>Call to Order</u> Mayor Mike Brannon called the meeting to order and recognized the Quorum.

## Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Moment of Silence**

It is the intent of the Town Council to solemnize the proceedings of this meeting, and the business brought before the governing board to offer the opportunity of a reflective moment of silence.

## <u>Town of Bermuda Run Code of Ethics Statement/Voting Procedures – Town Attorney Brian</u> Williams

#### Adoption of the Agenda

Council Member Jeff Tedder made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Christy Schafer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

#### Approval of the December 10, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Rae Nelson made a motion to approve the December 10, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rod Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

#### Citizen Comments -

**Janet Huskins** of 118 Sycamore Park Lane stated that she is a member of the gate committee established by the mayor and that Allied Universal has been holding employees responsible.

"Chick" Henn of 228 Sycamore Ridge Drive feels that the town should continue managing gate operations.

**Phil Bargoil** of 210 Sycamore Ridge Drive has not met the new Mayor or Town Manager, but feels they need to improve credibility. He doesn't want anything done with the gates.

**Dr. Suzanne Hess** of 277 Orchard Park Drive thanked all members of the gate committee and feels that Allied Universal has been responsive to concerns and feels we should continue the current relationship. **John Nelms** of 222 Orchard Park Drive likes the gates just the way they are.

#### **Action Items**

#### A. Gate Operations

The Town Manager is requesting consent on pursuing the RFP process for Gate Operations that include a "Staffing Only Model" and "Staffing/Administration Model". This is required to get a contract with a vendor (which could be Allied Universal).

Council Member Jeff Tedder made a motion to approve the request to pursue the RFP process. Council Member Rae Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

#### B. "FPIC" Response letter to the NC Department of State Treasurer

Council Member Christy Schafer made a motion to approve the letter regarding the sewer fund as presented. Council Member Rod Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

**Town Manager Comments** – There will be no Planning Board Meeting in January. Still waiting for clarity regarding Senate Bill 382. Pedestrian Plan (BR East) Meetings next week. Leaf pickup ending this week; recent snow removal update.

Mayor Comments – Thanked all attendees and speakers. Recognized Smith Grove Fire Chief Howard. Continue to keep everyone affected by California wildfires in thoughts/prayers. Jamon Gaddy's presentation regarding Davie County Tax revaluation is on the Town's website <a href="https://www.townofbr.com">www.townofbr.com</a>. Discussed Senate Bill 382 in more detail and how it affects the desire to manage growth in the town - Land Use/Zoning changes to align to vision of the Comprehensive Plan. Community Officer Mike Foster will be leaving his position in March to pursue other opportunities with the Sheriff's Department. Plans are to recognize his outstanding job as Community Officer at the February Council Meeting. Davie County Fire Marshal Cameron Webb is scheduled to present at the February Council Meeting. Thanked Stacy Cornatzer and team for their hard work on snow removal this past weekend. He also thanked Blakely Landscaping for their great job of leaf removal this season.

#### Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Council Member Jeff Tedder made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Rod Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Approved	Respectfully Submitted	
Mike Brannon, Mayor	Cindy Poe, Town Clerk	



# PROCLAMATION BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, much of The Town of Bermuda Run's honor, strength, and stature can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this great town; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played significant roles in the history of North Carolina's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their determination, hard work, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to the Town of Bermuda Run and our state, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, which goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced, and innovative societies in our history that we can all draw inspiration from; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mike Brannon, Mayor, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as Black History Month in the Town of Bermuda Run.

Signed this, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.



# **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-001**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN'S DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO SUPPORT HB 24 LEGISLATION THAT RESTORES THE AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING AND TO REPEAL SUBPART III-K OF SB 382 / SESSION LAW 2024-57 AND TO RESTORE THE ORIGINAL PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. 160D-601(d)

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 382, entitled "AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW ("SB 382"), became law on December 11, 2024 (Session Law 2024-57); and

WHEREAS, Subpart III-K of SB 382 entitled LOCAL GOVERNMENT (the "Down-zoning Provision"), amends N.C.G.S. 160D-601(d) by prohibiting local governments from enacting or enforcing any zoning regulations, or zoning map amendments, that would constitute "down-zoning" without first obtaining the written consent of all property owners whose property would be subject to such an amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of Session Law 2024-57 has severely affected the Town's implementation of its costly and statutorily required comprehensive land use plan by severely limiting or prohibiting town-initiated zoning and development standards within its Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, as a practical matter, passage of Session Law 2024-57 eliminates the authority of a local government to adopt a zoning text amendment applicable to entire nonresidential zoning districts and severely limits the authority of a local government to adopt regulations related to residential zoning districts given the time, effort, and cost of identifying all of the owners of parcels within such zoning districts, and the implausibility that all owners will consent to the amendment. In short, the new law empowers a single property owner to override the will of a unanimous governing board, a developer, and perhaps all or a vast majority of the other property owners affected by the amendment; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolina local governments continue to face planning challenges presented by growth and development. Each local government's zoning authority has historically provided a rational means to balance those challenges with the needs of its community based upon the will of the people as determined through public engagement, and ultimately, elections. The down zoning provisions of SL 2024-57 effectively freeze local government zoning in nonresidential districts as such zoning regulations existed on June 11, 2024 (the 180-day lookback date of the new law), and as such greatly diminishes the paramount local government authority to manage growth and change consistent with the needs of its jurisdiction;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BERMUDA RUN COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the elected representatives for the Town of Bermuda Run who serve in the North Carolina General Assembly are hereby requested to support HB 24 and/or secure the passage of any subsequent legislation to repeal the provisions of Subpart III-K of SB 382 (Session Law 2024-57) so that the original provisions of N.C.G.S. 160D-601(d) are restored, and or in the alternative, to add the Town of Bermuda Run and its extra territorial area as a covered jurisdiction in Section 2.(a) of Senate Bill 11 (DRS35007-MQ-12) filed on January 29, 2025 currently entitled "An Act To Restore The Authority To Initiate Down-Zoning in Stanly County" and House Bill 25 (DRH40012-MQ-9) currently entitled "Restore Down-Zoning Auth./Stanley & Catawba."

<u>Section 2</u>. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Steve Jarvis, member of the North Carolina Senate, and the Hon. Julia Howard, member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Approved unanimously by the Town Council	of the Town of Bermuda Run on this day
, 2025.	
Mike Brannon, Mayor	Cindy Poe, Town Clerk