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Minutes of the Meeting of
The Liberty Town Council
Held on September 23, 2024 5:30 pm

Present

Mayor : The Honorable Filmore York

Council: Don Herndon, Tyson Nixon, Greg Carpenter, and Terry Caviness

Town Manager: Scott Kidd

Town Clerk: Jessica Brown

Town Attorney: Robert Giles II

Staff: Finance Director; Kathy Bond, Assistant Town Manager; Janie Phelps, Parks and Rec Director; Kolby Mcpherson Police Chief; David Semrad, and Public Works Director; Joseph Walsh

To Order

The Mayor welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. He remarked that Council Member Larry Coble is unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Mayor Filmore York led the Pledge of Allegiance and then the Mayor asked everyone to join in a Moment of Silence.

Adoption of Agenda

Council Member Terry Caviness made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8.2 Rose Garden Proposal under New Business. Council Member Don Herndon seconded the motion which passed unanimously: Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member Greg Carpenter, and Council Member Terry Caviness voted yes. The agenda was approved with addition.

Public Hearing Annexation RCC

This is a satellite annexation request by Shah Ardalan, on behalf of the owner of Randolph Community College (RCC), for parcels 8725963334 and 8725958598. The annexation is being requested in order to develop the property as a future site for an extension of RCC. The Mayor called the Hearing at 5:40 PM. Assistant Town Manager Janie Phelps came forward. She said the Town Clerk had certified the sufficiency of the request last week and she had nothing to add. Dr. Shah and Dr. Weldon of RCC are here for questions. Dr. Shah came forward and said it was good to see everyone. He is excited about this partnership. We will build an exemplary campus and it is the right place and the right time. Council Member Don Herndon asked what the particular focus would be.

Dr, Shah said the first building students will have access to a Bachelor's Degree and workforce development.

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Steve Isom came forward to ask what the proposed route for water and sewer will be. They said engineers will determine that. Roy Isom of Hwy 49 Liberty said looking at the map and he would like more clarification. Janie Phelps said that this Hearing is just for an annexation and does not have those details yet but it will come back through for a Special Use Hearing. Council Member Nixon asked if the water was coming from the county. The Town Manager said yes. Council Member Nixon asked if we would provide water and sewer and the Town Manager said that there would be a discussion with the Town and the County. Mayor York closed the Hearing at 5:50 PM. Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to approve the annexation request for RCC located at 5269 NC Hwy 49 N Liberty. Council Member Terry Caviness seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members: Terry Caviness, Don Herndon, Tyson Nixon and Greg Carpenter voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report

Paul Fuller with State Code Enforcement, Inc. came forward to give the report. 122 W Swannanoa has accumulated A\$62,000 in fines so far. There has been no communication from them but letters were delivered. Council Member Nixon asked if a lawsuit would be successful. Attorney Giles said to an extent they could try to get a temporary restraining order to stop people from staying there and eventually could foreclose on the property. He said the next step is to send a time sensitive letter and then file with Randolph Superior Court.

Finance Report

Finance Director Kathy Bond came forward to give her reports for August and September. She went over Payroll, Utilities and Accounts Payables. She said there has been an increase in repairs for vehicles but they are finding the money in the departments so far. Sales and Use tax is up. The Town Manager said the ladder truck needed repair due to failing inspection and PD needed tires, streets department needed tires and brakes. We will have to continue to be vigilant as to how we spend. We told LGC we would put \$140,000 in savings. He does think we will see tax revenue increase as more buildings are completed. Council Member Don Herndon made a motion to approve the Finance Report. Council Member Tyson Nixon seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members: Terry Caviness, Don Herndon, Greg Carpenter and Tyson Nixon voting yes.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session August 19, 2024, Closed Session August 19, 2024 and the Council Meeting August 26, 2024. Council Member Greg Carpenter seconded the motion which passed unanimously : Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member Terry Caviness voted yes, and Council Member Greg Carpenter voted yes. The minutes were approved.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda includes: Road Closure Resolution #22 - Homecoming Parade Providence Grove, Road Closure Resolution #23 - Fit for Liberty Event, Budget Amendment # 6 - Library Pulse Design Invoice, Resolution AIA Grant Application, and Recommendation for the RFQ for Library Expansion HBM Architecture. Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member

Greg Carpenter seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members: Terry Caviness, Don Herndon, Greg Carpenter and Tyson Nixon voting yes.

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Old Business

Road Closure Resolution # 24 - The Kingdom

Council Member Terry Caviness said there was still concern for blocking off a street downtown for all the other businesses. There was no motion to approve.

Rose Garden Club Proposal

Town Manager Scott Kidd provided a handout. This is a continued discussion for \$23,000 to complete repair of drainage issues at the area between Farmer's Market and Veterans' Memorial to allow the Rose Garden Club to complete their grant project. The Town Manager said there is no time line to spend this money and thinks it would be best to push out to spring when we can see where we are with taxes. He said he does appreciate what the Garden Club does. Council Member Herndon said he thinks there are other entities interested in helping. The Town Manager said any donations are perfectly fine. The Town will donate the labor. Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to go ahead with the full repair to the pipe. Council Member Terry Caviness seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members: Terry Caviness, Don Herndon, Tyson Nixon, and Greg Carpenter voting yes.

Mayor Comments

Mayor York said he has nothing against the Garden Club project, he just thought it may be better to wait until spring and see where the money is at.

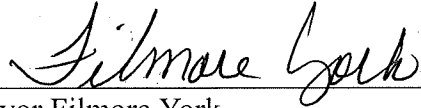
Closed Session NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)

Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to go into Closed Session per NCGS 043-318.11 (a) (6). Council Member Terry Caviness seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members: Terry Caviness, Don Herndon, Greg Carpenter, and Tyson Nixon voting yes. The Liberty Town Council went into Closed Session at 6:35 PM.

Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Council Member Don Herndon seconded the motion with Council Members: Terry Caviness, Don Herndon, Greg Carpenter, and Tyson Nixon voting yes. The Council came out of Closed Session at 6:55 PM.

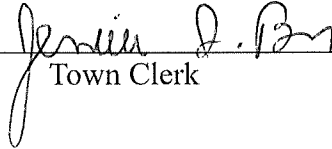
Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Don Herndon seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote: Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member Terry Caviness voted yes, and Council Member Greg Carpenter voted yes. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Filmore York

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

Certified Copy

**An Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Liberty,
North Carolina**

WHEREAS, the Liberty Town Council has been petitioned under G.S 160A- 31 to annex the area described below; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Town Council has by resolution directed the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition; and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at the Liberty Town Hall 239 S Fayetteville Street September 23, 2024 5:30 PM after due notice by posting in the newspaper on September 10, 2024 and September 17, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Liberty Town Council finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-31;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Liberty Town Council of the Town of Liberty, North Carolina that:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 10A-31. The following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the Town of Liberty September 23, 2024.

5269 NC Hwy 49, Liberty NC 27298
Parcel Number 8725963334 and 8725958598
21.963 acres
(see attached also)

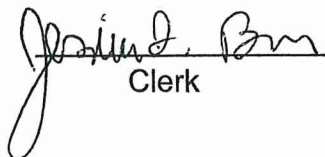
Section 2. Upon and after September 23, 2024, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the Town of Liberty North Carolina and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the Town of Liberty North Carolina. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

Section 3. The Mayor of The Town of Liberty North Carolina shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Randolph County, and in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 above, together with a duly certified copy of this ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the Town of Liberty North Carolina Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Town of Liberty Attorney

ATTACHMENT D

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF AREA TO BE ANNEXED

Beginning at a point located at the intersection of the southern right of way line of Turner lake Road, a 60 foot right of way, (SR 2519) with the western right of way line of N.C. Highway 49; THENCE from said Beginning point with the western right-of-way line of N.C, Highway 49, South 16 degrees 00' 37" West 36.64 feet to an existing right of way monument; thence continuing with said right of way line, South 11 degrees 20' 05" West 55.52 feet to a rebar, the northeast corner of the property of Theodore M. White as recorded In Book 2505 Page 1158 Randolph County Register of Deeds Office;

Thence with White's northern line South 81 degrees 48' 39" West 117.95 feet to a rebar located In the eastern right of way line of U.S. Highway 421; thence with the eastern right of way line of U.S. Highway 421 the following ten (10) courses and distances; North 65 degrees 29' 30" West 110.75 feet to an existing right of way monument; thence North 64 degrees 29' 47" West 56.87 feet to an iron; thence North 64 degrees 29' 47" West 135.99 feet to an existing right of way monument;

Thence along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 1552.02 and a chord call and distance of North 58 degrees 55' 16" West 163.17 feet to an iron; thence continuing along the arc of the curve to the right, having a radius of 1552.02 and a chord call and distance of North 54 degrees 01' 08" West 102.31 feet to an existing right of way monument: thence North 48 degrees 10' 35" West, {passing an Iron at 9.5 feet), a total distance of 190.25 feet to an existing right of way monument;

Thence North 45 degrees 17' 04" West 232.31 feet to a rebar set; thence continuing North 45 degrees 17' 04" West 168.09 feet to an existing right of way monument; thence North 47 degrees 21' 54" West {passing a rebar set at 63.59 feet), a total distance of 294.41 feet to a rebar, the southwest corner of the property of Stephen M. Isom and wife Lisa M. Isom recorded In Book 2181 Page 1122 Randolph County Registry;

Thence with Isom's southern boundary line North 28 degrees 26' 09" East 780.98 feet to a rebar set; thence continuing North 28 degrees 26' 09" East 17.00 feet to a point in the center of Rocky River;

Thence with the center of the creek as it meanders (the actual property line follows the center of the creek) the following twenty-six (26) courses and distances; namely, South 51 degrees 15' 42" East 118.79 feet; South 58 degrees 59' 16" East 107.00 feet; South 58 degrees 59' 16" East 28.21 feet; South 17 degrees 04' 26" East 138.06 feet; South 44 degrees 48' 37" East 66.81 feet; North 79 degrees 34' 06" East 23.54 feet; South 17 degrees 12' 51" East 19.62 feet; South 17 degrees 12' 51" East 38.37 feet; South 43 degrees 23' 26" West 20.96 feet; South 44 degrees 13' 11" East 148.07 feet; South 09 degrees 44' 52" West 73.99 feet; South 62 degrees 32' 43" East 35.94 feet; South 62 degrees 32' 43" East 15.51 feet; South 30 degrees 11' 37" East 46.47 feet; South 13 degrees 19' 58" East 46.83 feet; South 52 degrees 28' 57" East 51.41 feet; North 89 degrees 23' 42" East 44.79 feet; North 40 degrees 33' 49" East 45.49 feet; South 24 degrees 47' 40" East 109.58 feet; South 21 degrees 27' 59" West 60.89 feet; South 22 degrees 37' 48" East 97.60 feet; North 74 degrees 57' 09" East 44.46 feet; South 13 degrees 24' 56" East 37.55 feet; South 60 degrees 16' 11" East 65.33 feet; South 34 degrees 49' 38" East 164.60 feet; and South 20 degrees 42' 41" East 191.61 feet to a point In the western right of way line of N.C. 49;

Thence with the western right of way line of said highway South 12 degrees 35' 54" West 75.29 feet to a right of way monument; thence continuing with said western right of way line South 12 degrees 35' 54" West 52.99 feet to a point in the northern right of way line of Turner Lake Road; thence with the northern right of way line of Turner Lake Road North 73 degrees 27' 06" West 172.63 feet to a point;

Thence with said right of way line of Turner Lake Road the following five (5) courses and distances, namely, South 68 degrees 36' 05" West 24.41 feet to a point; thence South 68 degrees 36' 05" West 29.52 feet to a point, the western terminus of Turner Lake Road; thence South 48 degrees 25' 06" East 27.98 feet to a point; thence South 48 degrees 25' 06" East 35.92 feet to a right of way monument;

Thence South 73 degrees 27' 06" East 161.48 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 21.955 acres, more or less, all according to a survey dated December 6, 2021 as prepared by J.M. Holland Land Surveying, Inc.

The above described property is also known as Tax PIN 8725-96-3334.00 which lies on the eastern side of US Highway 421 as shown in the Randolph County Tax Supervisor's Office as presently constituted.

DESCRIPTION OF SMALL AREA TO BE ANNEXED

BEGINNING at an existing right of way monument in the northwest intersection of N. C. Highway 49 North and U. S. Highway 421, (specifically the northbound entrance ramp from N. C. Highway 49 North to get onto U. S. Highway 421);

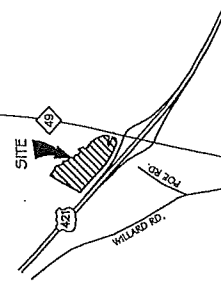
Thence from said beginning point North 11 degrees 20 minutes 05 seconds East 65.44 feet to a point; thence South 81 degrees 48 minutes 39 seconds West 117.95 feet to a point; thence South 65 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds East 114.17 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Said property being a small triangular shaped parcel and being the only property of the Grantors lying North of U.S. Highway 421.

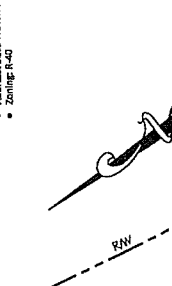
Said legal description is drawn in accord with a survey prepared by J. M. Holland Land Surveying, Inc. dated 12-6-2021 and specified as Job #2110088.

For back reference see deed recorded in Book 2564, Page 1011, Randolph County Registry.

The property that is the subject matter of this conveyance is not the primary residence of the Grantor.



SITE DATA
• The PIN: 2725-05-3324
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• Zoning: R-40



TURNER LAKE
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RANDOLPH CO., NC
SCALE 1" = 100'
REVISED: AUGUST 26, 2024

J.M. Holland Land Surveying, Inc.
164 JOYCE SCHOOL ROAD
MAYESVILLE, NC 27554
JACOB@JMHOLLANDSURVEYING.COM
FIRM LICENSE NO. C-5765

Table with 2 columns: CURVE, DISTANCE. Lists curve data for various points along the survey line.

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CERTIFICATE OF GPS SURVEY
I, Jacob M. Holland, certify that this map was drawn under my supervision and that the information was obtained from the following:
(1) Class of Survey: "A"
(2) Precision Accuracy: 0.17
(3) Type of GPS Field Procedure: RTK
(4) Type of GPS Processing: Post-Processed
(5) Datum (Geoid): NAD83(2011)
(6) Published/Fixed-control used: NORTN
(7) Geoid Model: GEOID18
(8) Vertical Datum: NAVD83
(9) Units: U.S. Survey Feet

STEPHEN M. ISOM
AND WIFE
LISA H. ISOM
D.B. 21-01-FC-1122
P.D. 43-FC-70

21.955 Ac. ± (D.B. 20-15-FC-05)
+ 0.083 Ac. (D.B. 2309-FC-1759)
22.038 Ac. ± (TOTAL)

100 YEAR FLOOD HAZARD LIMITS
FOR MAP #971 (0072-000X)
PANEL EFFECTIVE DATE 1/2006

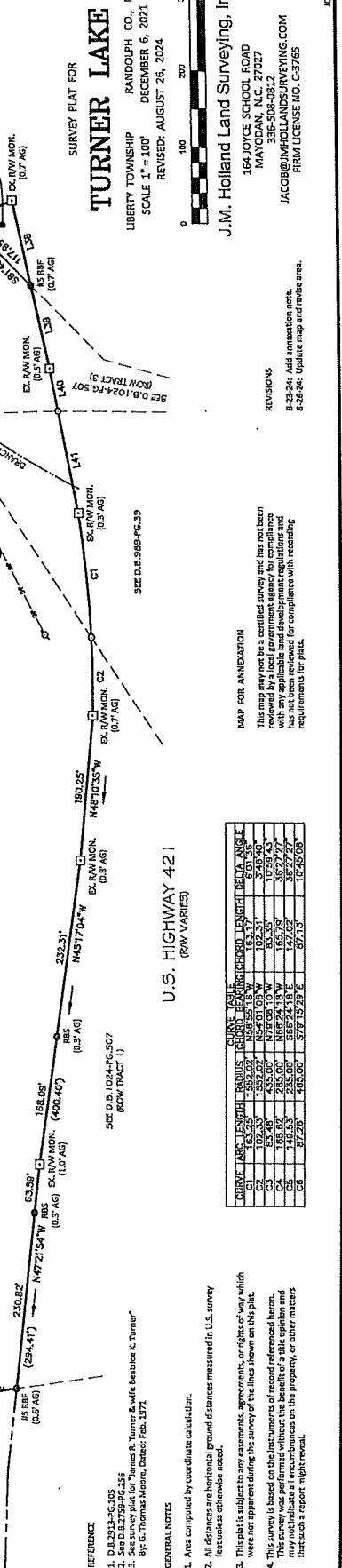


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GENERAL NOTES
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2. All distances are horizontal ground distances measured in U.S. survey feet unless otherwise noted.
3. This plat is subject to any easements, agreements, or rights of way which were not apparent during the survey of the lines shown on this plat.
4. This survey is based on the instruments of record referenced herein.
5. This survey was performed without the benefit of a title opinion and may not indicate all incumbrances on the property, or other matters that may affect a report might require.

MAP FOR ANNOTATION
This map may not be certified, copy, or used for any other purpose without the written consent of J.M. Holland Land Surveying, Inc. Any use of this map without the written consent of J.M. Holland Land Surveying, Inc. has not been reviewed for compliance with recording requirements for plat.

REVISIONS
8-22-24: Add annotations to plat.
8-26-24: Update map and notes area.

LEGEND
IP - EXISTING IRON PIPE
SP - EXISTING IRON SPIKE
RFB - REBAR FOUND
RFB 45 - REBAR SET
C - CENTERLINE
RW - RIGHT OF WAY
E - EDGE OF PAVING
P - OVERHEAD POWER
C - COMBINE WITH
DC - BELOW GRADE

STATIONS NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ARE POINTS

REFERENCE
1. D.B. 2013-FC-105
2. See D.B. 2755-FC-135
3. See D.B. 2755-FC-135
By: S. Thomas Wilson, District Reg. 1374

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RESOLUTION 2024-22

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIBERTY CODE OF ORDINANCES § 90.33**

WHEREAS, the Town of Liberty is willing to accommodate temporary street closures for civic events; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager will have appropriate traffic control devices installed to give notice of the temporary street closing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Liberty Chief of Police has received a written request for a temporary street closing from Cody Moran and recommends said closing per the attached map; and

WHEREAS, this event will benefit the community and not hamper other Town of Liberty activities on the date of request; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Liberty, North Carolina, meeting in regular session on the 23rd day of September, 2024 allow the temporary street closing below:

On Friday November 1, 2024 for the purpose of the Providence Grove Homecoming Parade to occur there will be closures of N. Greensboro St from West E Luther Avenue to W Starmount Avenue for the parade route. The parade will start at 4 PM.



Filmore York, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jessica Brown, Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2024-23

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING IN
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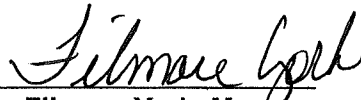
WHEREAS, the Town Manager will have appropriate traffic control devices installed to give notice of the temporary street closing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Liberty Chief of Police has received a written request for a temporary street closing from Parks and Rec Director Kolby McPherson and recommends said closing per the attached map; and

WHEREAS, this event will benefit the community and not hamper other Town of Liberty activities on the date of request; and

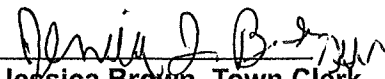
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Liberty, North Carolina, meeting in regular session on the 23rd day of September, 2024 allow the temporary street closing below:

On Saturday November 23, 2024 for the purpose of the Fit for Liberty Event to occur there will be closures of Depot Street from West Swannanoa to Starmount Avenue for vendors, and portajohns. North Fayetteville Street from West Swannanoa Avenue to Highfill Street for health trucks, food trucks, vendors, and Starmount Avenue from Depot Street to N. Fayetteville Street may be used for transit. Metal barricades at the entrance from Depot St. entrance to school will be open due to barricades at Highfill St and Fayetteville St/Swannanoa Avenue from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM



Filmore York, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jessica Brown, Town Clerk

Meeting Date September 23, 2024
 Resubmitted from August 26, 2024

Town of Liberty Budget Amendment (FY 2024-2025 #06) Council Approval Needed

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Liberty Town Council that the Town of Liberty Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2024-2025, which was adopted on June 17, 2024, be amended as follows:

This amendment is to move funds from General Fund Appr to the Library Dept expenditures line item to pay Pulse Designs Invoice. This invoice was paid in June 2024. However the company never received the payment. The payment was voided and a stop payment was issued. Once this

Section 1: The following revenue and expenditures in the General Fund Appr. and Library line items shall be increased by the amounts indicated:

10 Fund				
General Fund	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
General Fund Balance Appr	10-3990-000	0.00	1,415	1,415
Total Expenditures		0	1,415	1,415

10 Fund				
General Fund	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
Lib - Lowe Transfer for Bldg	10-6300-781	0	1,415	1,415
Total Revenues		0	1,415	1,415

Prepared By: Kathy Bond, Finance Director
 Reviewed By: Scott Kidd, Town Manager
 Town Manager Initials: SKK

Filmore York
 Filmore York, Mayor

Date: 9-23-2024

ATTEST:

Jessica J. Brown
 Town Clerk

Date: 9/23/2024

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Town of Liberty has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as the Liberty Water AIA Project and the Liberty Sewer AIA Project, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Liberty intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY:

That the Town of Liberty, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Town of Liberty to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Town of Liberty any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That Scott Kidd, Town Manager, the **Authorized Representative** and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

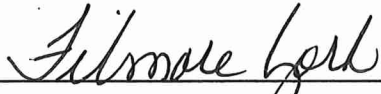
That the **Authorized Representative**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 23rd day of September 2024 at Liberty, North Carolina.

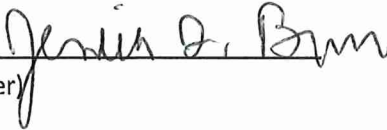
FORM FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Liberty does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Council duly held on the 23rd day of September, 2024; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of September, 2024. 2024

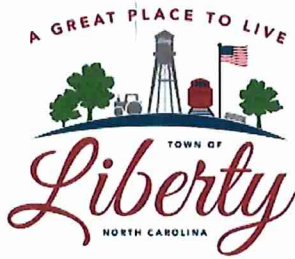


(Signature of Recording Officer)

Town Clerk -



(Title of Recording Officer)



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9/23/2024

To: Town Council

Last week at the Town of Liberty Council Work Session, there was a discussion about the Rose Garden Club project at the Farmers Market. The proposed projects ranged from \$6,000 to \$20,000.

After reviewing the Town of Liberty's budget for FY 25 it is my recommendation to not fund this project currently, but to re-evaluate the project in February of 2025. There will be more revenue and expense projections available for the FY25 budget year to make a better decision.

Department Issues that have been unexpected:

Ladder Truck cylinders on ladder truck needed replacing – estimated at \$20,000

Police Vehicle Repairs – multiple vehicles needing repair with repair cost being up drastically

Streets Vehicles needing repair – brakes and tires for a few vehicles

These departments have spent a large percentage of their budget and on 3 months into the FY.

Town currently has brought in 9% of its Revenue and spent 19% of its expenses. \$252,367 in the red which is not uncommon for this time of year.

Note: none of the major revenues have been received yet (Ad Valorem taxes \$1.8 million and Fire Tax \$345K)

The Town of Liberty is also on the UAL – we told the LGC we would put approximately \$140K back into the Town's savings account and I want to ensure we can do that before we commit to any additional projects not currently in the FY25 budget.

Scott Kidd – Town Manager – Liberty NC

