

Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle called a special session of the Amherst Town Council to order on March 4, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street.

It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P	D. Dwayne Tuggle	P	Andra Higginbotham
P	Janice N. Wheaton	P	Michael Driskill
P	Sharon W. Turner	P	Kenneth S. Watts

Also present were the following staff members:

Sara E. McGuffin	Town Manager
Vicki K. Hunt	Clerk of Council
Tracie Morgan	Office Manager

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed 2024/25 capital improvement plan and 2024/25 budget.

Council discussions involved concerns related to the garbage fund balance and future rates, purchase of automated water meters; salary increases for town staff; donations to non-profit groups; and realtor business license fees. Council directed staff to provide further information to determine trash rate, determine course of action for immediate purchase of automated water meters, and prepare a salary comparison chart of base pay raises for employees for consideration by council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M., until March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on motion of Ms. Wheaton, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, and carried by 6-0 as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Andra Higginbotham	Aye
Janice N. Wheaton	Aye	Michael Driskill	Aye
Sharon Turner	Aye	Kenneth S. Watts	Aye

D. Dwayne Tuggle, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council