Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle called a special session of the Amherst Town Council to order on April 25, 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 | A | Andra Higginbotham |
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| 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 | |
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| Vicki K. Hunt | Clerk of Council | |
| Tracie Morgan | Deputy Town Manager/Treasurer | |
| Greg Harler | Interim Police Chief | |

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed 2024/25 budget items.

Interim Police Chief Harler gave a short progress report on efforts to fill police officer vacancy in the department.

Council discussions involved concerns related to salary increases for town staff, and donations to non-profit groups. Further discussion was deferred to the May 8, 2024, meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M., until May 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on motion of Ms. Wheaton, seconded by Mr. Driskill, and carried by 4-0 as follows:

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

| | D. Dwayne Tuggle, Mayor |
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| Attest: | |
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| Clerk of Council | - |