



Town of Clayton
Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall
111 E. Second Street

Pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 143-318.10(e), these minutes provide a general summary of the Town Council meeting and do not represent a verbatim transcript. A complete video recording of this meeting is available for public access on the Town of Clayton's official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofClaytonNC>.

Council Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Andria Archer
 Council Member Ruth Anderson
 Council Member Porter Casey
 Council Member Amanda Underwood
 Council Member Gretchen Williams

Council Absent:

Mayor Jody McLeod

Staff Present:

Rich Cappola, Town Manager
 Jim Cauley, Town Attorney
 Heidi Holland, Town Clerk
 Meredith Mumford, Deputy Town Clerk
 Dolores Gill, Chief of Staff and Strategic Initiatives
 David Ranes, Fire Chief
 Nathanael Shelton, Communication Director
 Joseph Stallings, Economic Development Director
 Todd Melton, Budget Manager
 Conrad Olmedo, Planning Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Call To Order

Mayor Pro Tem Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Archer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- c. Invocation

Ms. Williams led the invocation.

2. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

- a. Adjust or Adopt the Agenda

The agenda was adjusted to add closed session items: to discuss a Legal Matter in accordance with NC GS 143-318.11(a)(3) and to discuss Purchase of Real Property in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5).

Adoption of Agenda as Adjusted

Result:	Passed 5-0
Mover:	Porter Casey
Second:	Gretchen Williams

Yes:	Andria Archer, Ruth Anderson, Porter Casey, Amanda Underwood, Gretchen Williams
No:	None
Absent:	Jody McLeod

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda adopted as presented.

Adoption of Agenda as Presented

Result:	Passed 5-0
Mover:	Porter Casey
Second:	Gretchen Williams
Yes:	Andria Archer, Ruth Anderson, Porter Casey, Amanda Underwood, Gretchen Williams
No:	None
Absent:	Jody McLeod

- a. Minutes:
 June 15, 2026 - Regular Meeting
 July 20, 2026 - Work Session
 July 20, 2026 - Regular Meeting
 July 20, 2026 - Closed Session
Presenter:
 Heidi Holland, Town Clerk
- b. Municipal Records Retention and Disposition
Presenter:
 Heidi Holland, Town Clerk
- c. Johnston County Emergency Services Agreements FY26-27
Presenter:
 David Ranes, Fire Chief
- d. Community Service Hours Policy
Presenter:
 Kenya Walls, Human Resources Director
- e. Novo Nordisk Confined Space Rescue Agreement, Amendment No. 2
Presenter:
 Shaun Mizell, Procurement, Contracts, and MWBE Manager
- f. Clayton Village Center (2025-015-CD | 2022-158-CZM) Wastewater Allocation
Presenter:
 Alena Cook, Development Plan Reviewer
- g. Resolution Awarding Badge and Service Weapon to Retiring Police Officer, Lieutenant Gregory Earp
Presenter:

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Greg Tart, Police Chief

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- a. Clayton4U:
Call 811 Before You Dig

Presenter:

Nathanael Shelton, Communication Director

Mr. Shelton shared tonight's episode which discussed Calling 811 Before You Dig.

5. INTRODUCTIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Twining, 40 Red Crabapple Ct, Clayton: Mr. Twining addressed concerns regarding existing and anticipated traffic congestion along Business Highway 70 (Clayton Boulevard). He noted that the planned addition of a Target store and Costco warehouse near the existing Walmart is expected to significantly increase traffic volumes in an area that already experiences substantial congestion, particularly during weekday afternoon peak hours. Mr. Twining urged the Town Council to take a proactive approach before traffic conditions worsen. He requested that the Council formally petition the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to evaluate and prioritize a roadway widening project along Clayton Boulevard. Specifically, he recommended adding one additional travel lane in each direction between approximately 900 feet west of Town Center Boulevard and 700 feet west of the Culver's restaurant. He also suggested exploring an encroachment agreement with NCDOT if it could expedite improvements. Mr. Twining emphasized the importance of coordinating transportation infrastructure with the Town's rapid growth, stating that roads, intersections, and traffic capacity should keep pace with development. He concluded by asking the Council to advocate for highway widening now to help preserve mobility, improve safety, support local businesses, and prevent future gridlock.

Micah Patterson, 215 Vinson Ridge Lane: Mr. Patterson spoke regarding concerns about the Town's use of Flock license plate reader cameras. He acknowledged that the cameras can assist law enforcement in preventing and solving crimes but expressed concerns about privacy and the collection of vehicle location data without a warrant. Mr. Patterson referenced a U.S. Supreme Court case involving the collection of geolocation data and stated his belief that similar legal safeguards may eventually be applied to license plate reader technology. He expressed concern that interconnected camera networks can compile and retain vehicle movement data across large geographic areas, potentially allowing individuals' movements to be tracked over time. Mr. Patterson reiterated his previous request for an audit of the camera system to help ensure the technology is being used responsibly and to prevent issues experienced in other communities. He thanked the Council for its consideration.

Nicholas Picariello, 308 Waterford Dr: Mr. Picariello spoke regarding concerns about the Town's use of Flock license plate reader cameras. He expressed concerns about privacy, data collection, and the long-term implications of information being stored and shared through a

network operated by a private company. Mr. Picariello noted concerns about camera locations near the hospital on Veterans Parkway and near the Neuse River Trail on Covered Bridge Road, stating that residents may feel uncomfortable having vehicle data collected while traveling to community destinations. While acknowledging the goal of improving public safety and preventing crime, he stated that he believed the cameras raised concerns about individual freedoms and privacy. He also referenced reports from other communities involving misuse of license plate reader data and stated that residents should feel secure from unwarranted monitoring of their daily activities. Mr. Picariello urged the Council to further examine the use of the technology and its potential impact on the community and thanked the Council for its service.

11. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Town Manager

No report.

- b. Town Attorney

No report.

- c. Town Clerk

No report.

- d. Other Staff

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Mayor and Council Comments

13. CLOSED SESSION

The agenda was adjusted to add: To discuss a Legal Matter in accordance with NC GS 143-318.11(a)(3) and to discuss Purchase of Real Property in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5).

Motion To Go Into Closed Session

Result:	Passed 5-0
Mover:	Ruth Anderson
Seconder:	Porter Casey
Yes:	Andria Archer, Ruth Anderson, Porter Casey, Amanda Underwood, Gretchen Williams
No:	None
Absent:	Jody McLeod

Motion To Return To Open Session

Result:	Passed 5-0
Mover:	Porter Casey

Seconded:	Ruth Anderson
Yes:	Andria Archer, Ruth Anderson, Porter Casey, Amanda Underwood, Gretchen Williams
No:	None
Absent:	Jody McLeod

14. ADJOURNMENT

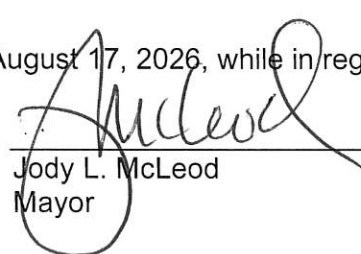
a. Adjourn

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

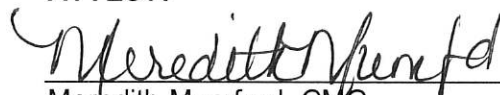
Motion To Adjourn

Result:	Passed 5-0
Mover:	Ruth Anderson
Seconded:	Porter Casey
Yes:	Andria Archer, Ruth Anderson, Porter Casey, Amanda Underwood, Gretchen Williams
No:	None
Absent:	Jody McLeod

Duly Adopted by the Town Council on Monday, August 17, 2026, while in regular session.


Jody L. McLeod
Mayor

ATTEST:


Meredith Mumford, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk

