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STATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL PRE-AGENDA MEETING MINUTES – December 1, 2025

CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 5:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor Kutteh presiding, Jones, J. Johnson, Hudson, Pearson, S. Johnson, Allison, S. Johnson, Robertson, Pfeufer, Nicholson, Hendrix, Pressly, Wasson, Lawton

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Ron Smith, Messick, E. Kurfees, Hubert, G. Kurfees, Harrell, Hills, Martin, Vaughan, Lawrence

I. Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation, Rev. C. Jeremy Cannada (Only at the Regular Meeting)

Mayor Kutteh stated that Rev. Cannada from First Presbyterian Church will say the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance (Only at the Regular Meeting)

IV. Adoption of the Agenda (Only at the Regular Meeting)

V. Code of Ethics and Front and Center Strategic Plan

VI. Presentations & Recognitions

1. Presentation from Governor Stein's Office

OLD BUSINESS

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All items below are considered to be routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered with the other items listed in the Regular Agenda.

A. Consider approving the November 13, 2025 Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes and the November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. (E. Kurfees)

REGULAR AGENDA

VIII. Recognition of outgoing Mayor Costi Kutteh, Council Member Jap Johnson, Council Member Steve Johnson, Council Member Joe Hudson, and Council Member Kim Wasson.

Mayor Kutteh stated that he will ask for each council member to go to the podium to provide some remarks. Then, Smith will introduce Mayor Kutteh.

IX. Other Business

X. Closed Session (Following Pre-Agenda)

XI. Adjournment

NEW BUSINESS

I. Call to Order

Council Member Jones will call the second meeting to order.

II. Swearing in of the newly elected Mayor and Council Members by Superior Court Judge Joseph N. Crosswhite.

After swearing in, Mayor Kutteh will pass the gavel to Mayor Hendrix.

III. Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore

The Board will select a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Regular Agenda

IV. Advisory Boards Meeting Minutes - None

V. Other Business

The Council provided some comments for the outgoing council members.

VI. Adjournment

Council Member Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Council Member Allison. The motion passed unanimously.

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STATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – December 1, 2025
CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 6:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor Kutteh presiding, Jones, J. Johnson, Hudson, Pearson, S. Johnson, Allison, S. Johnson, Hendrix, Pressly, Pfeufer,

Council Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ron Smith, Messick, E. Kurfees, Bridges, Hubert, Bailey, Vaughan, Kirkendall, Pierce, G. Kurfees, Harrell, Caulder, Leis, Adkins, Galliher, Pierce

I. Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation, Rev. C. Jeremy Cannada

Rev. Cannada said the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kutteh led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Kutteh asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Council Member J. Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Lawton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Code of Ethics and Front and Center Strategic Plan

VI. Presentations & Recognitions

1. Presentation from Governor Stein's Office

Smith introduced Walter Bowers from Governor Stein's office.

Bowers stated that he is the director of Charlotte office for Governor Stein. He explained that the Long Leaf Pine is the highest honor of civilian service to the state.

He presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Mayor Kutteh, Council Member J. Johnson, and Council Member Hudson.

OLD BUSINESS

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All items below are considered to be routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered with the other items listed in the Regular Agenda.

A. Consider approving the November 13, 2025 Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes and the November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. (E. Kurfees)

Mayor Kutteh asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Council Member J. Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

VIII. Recognition of outgoing Mayor Costi Kutteh, Council Member Jap Johnson, Council Member Steve Johnson, Council Member Joe Hudson, and Council Member Kim Wasson.

Mayor Kutteh introduced Council Member Wasson. Council Member Wasson thanked the council for their work. She also congratulated the new board.

Mayor Kutteh introduced Council Member Hudson. Council Member Hudson stated that he came to work for the City on December 1, 1986, and is now leaving the City on December 1, 2025. He thanked the Council for their work.

Mayor Kutteh introduced Council Member Steve Johnson. He provided some advice to the new council.

Ron Smith introduced Mayor Kutteh. He provided an overview of his time as Mayor.

Each council member received a plaque for his or her service to the City.

IX. Other Business

X. Closed Session (Following Pre-Agenda)

XI. Adjournment

Council Member J. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Jones called the meeting to order.

II. Swearing in of the newly elected Mayor and Council Members by Superior Court Judge Joseph N. Crosswhite.

Judge Crosswhite swore in Mayor Elect Doug Hendrix.

Judge Crosswhite swore in Council Members Doris Allison, Trey Robertson, Kristi Pfeufer, Tip Nicholson, and James Pressly.

Mayor Kutteh passed the gavel to Mayor Hendrix.

III. Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore

Mayor Hendrix asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem

Council member Lawton nominated David Jones. Council Member Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

IV. Advisory Boards Meeting Minutes - None

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment

Mayor Hendrix asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Jones made the motion to adjourn, and Council Member Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.