



**WESTERN UNION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.
WESLEY CHAPEL VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES**

Present: Vice-Chair Tom Smith (Weddington), Amanda Fuller (Wesley Chapel), Angel Martin (Marvin), Rick Becker (Mineral Springs), John Gemignani (Waxhaw),
Wesley Chapel Staff: Amy Mumpower

1. Open the Meeting and Determination of Quorum

Vice-Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Delegate Becker made a ***motion*** to adopt the agenda as presented. The ***motion*** passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes

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Delegate Martin made a ***motion*** to approve the minutes as presented. The ***motion*** passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Public Comments

No Public Comments.

5. Delegate and Municipality Reports

Rick Becker (Mineral Springs) - Delegate Becker reported that there was no notable news to report on within the town.

Amanda Fuller (Wesley Chapel) - Delegate Fuller reported that Wesley Chapel has also been quiet. Development is progressing on the Village's commercial center. The dam repair project at Dogwood Park remains paused due to ongoing issues. They will be hosting an upcoming art show featuring students from a local elementary school. The Village is currently awaiting completion of its audit and is preparing for the upcoming budget season.

Tom Smith (Weddington) - Vice-Chair Smith had the following to share:

- Planning Board appointments were recently made, including the reappointment of one member and the appointment of a new member to fill a vacancy; the board is now fully staffed.
- Development ordinances are currently being reviewed and updated, particularly those related to conservation areas.
- Weddington Council recently approved a small residential development consisting of 11 lots on Forest Lawn Road. Additionally, three potential developments have been presented within the past month, with proposed home values ranging from \$2 million to \$5 million or more. The developments are located at the intersection of Providence Road and Rea Road; near Twelve Mile Creek Road; and at the intersection of Weddington-Matthews Road and Beulah Church Road. These developments are located at the intersection of Providence Road and Rea Road; near Twelve Mile Creek Road; and at the intersection of Weddington-Matthews Road and Beulah Church Road.
- A bomb threat was reported at Weddington High School earlier that morning, resulting in an evacuation during the morning commute time. Vice-Chair Smith said that there is not an official statement of the situation yet, but it has been indicated that the threat was not credible and appropriate measures were taken.
- Council and staff are getting ready for the upcoming budget season and are waiting to hear what the contract amount will be for services from the Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO).
- The town continues to await installation of a traffic light at Forest Lawn and Antioch Church Roads. The installation was initially expected last winter and are now being told it will be Spring; however, there has been no indication of the project starting. A roundabout is planned for the intersection of Forest Lawn and Potter Roads but is a ways off from construction.
- The town is looking at options to beautify two roundabouts.
- They are in the preliminary stages of considering building a park behind their Town Hall.

Angel Martin (Marvin) - Delegate Martin reported the following for the Village of Marvin:

- Council and staff are currently developing a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the roads they currently own, as well as those that will be turned over from NCDOT within the next couple of years. With a significant number of new subdivision roads expected to be added to their system, they are working to determine how to fund this additional infrastructure without increasing taxes.
- Houston-Ross Park will soon be opened. It is named in honor of Marvin's founders, noting that the founding history is very interesting.
- A 5,000 gallon underwater storage tank is currently being installed. It will recirculate rainwater for conservation and irrigation projects and have a waterfall feature. The project cost is approximately \$130,000 and grant funding will cover all but an estimated \$20,000 to \$30,000.
- They are having issues with fiber installation creating a mess in resident's yards. The contractors have been unresponsive in addressing the problems after initially stating that the issues would be resolved.

- The town is considering establishing a crime watch program in coordination with UCSO.

John Gemignani (Waxhaw) - Delegate Gemignani reported the following:

- Waxhaw Commissioners held a work session the previous Tuesday to set the direction and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. There was in-depth discussion on the budget, the process for selling town-owned property, and the master transportation plan, including sidewalks.
- The skate park is being resurfaced.
- The town is exploring ways to relocate the annual holiday/tree-lighting event from the park back to the downtown area to support local businesses and encourage patrons to shop. Delegate Martin commented on a European tradition in which children leave a shoe out on the eve of St. Nicholas' Day to be filled with treats, suggesting the idea as a potential "treasure hunt" activity for participating businesses.
- Support for North Carolina House Bill 929 (requesting prohibition of public water fluoridation) was also discussed at the work session. Commissioner Daunt will be providing sample resolutions for delegates to submit to the NC House and Senate to express support of the bill, as well as to South Carolina's Governor as the water source is shared with Lancaster County. Delegate Gemignani informed the other delegates that the Governor appoints members of the Lancaster Water Board and has authority related to the continuation of fluoridation practices. He encouraged all delegates to consider signing the resolution and sending letters of support.

6. Old Business

The Union County chapter of the American Legion has requested municipal donations to support its baseball programs. Vice-Chair Smith asked the delegates what responses they received from their respective towns. Delegate Fuller replied that Wesley Chapel does not typically provide funding to outside organizations but will include the request in their upcoming budget discussion. Delegate Becker stated that Mineral Springs has several ties to the organization and is considering either private funding or assisting with outreach for individual contributions, specifying that it is a Union County program with players from across the county who do not play travel baseball. Delegate Martin asked if there is a way to find out how many youth from Marvin participate in the program and whether the organization has also requested assistance from the county, given that children from multiple municipalities are eligible to participate. At this time, it is unclear how that information could be obtained; however, it is anticipated that the junior team will be coached by an individual from Marvin and will likely draw most of its participants from that area. The program will not begin until after the end of the school year but recruitment efforts are underway. Delegate Martin also noted that WUMA itself does not have any means in place to fund programs of this type. Additionally, concerns were raised that funding this program could prompt similar requests from other organizations. It was decided that further discussion is needed.

7. New Business

General discussion was held regarding each municipalities' budget preparation process, the high demand for housing in the area, and UCSO services.

8. Delegate Comments

Delegate Gemignani invited everyone to Waxhaw's annual Kaleidoscope Fest, which will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Smith commented that Weddington is in the process of creating a Parks and Events Board and will be appointing members soon. Once the board is established, they will be eligible to apply for grant funding for their recreational projects.

9. Adjournment

Delegate Martin made a ***motion*** to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. The ***motion*** passed with a unanimous vote.