



**WESTERN UNION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, 4:00 P.M.
WESLEY CHAPEL TOWN HALL
6490 WEDDINGTON ROAD, WESLEY CHAPEL NC 28104
Minutes
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1. Open the Meeting and Determination of Quorum

Vice Chair Fuller called the meeting to order.

Quorum was determined with the following:

Present: Vice Chair Amanda Fuller (Wesley Chapel), Delegates Rick Becker (Mineral Springs) and Steven Ayers (Stallings); Alternates David Boyce (Wesley Chapel) and Anne Pruitt (Weddington)

Absent: Weddington Chairman Jeff Perryman, Joe Pollino (Marvin), and Alternate Andy Wortman (Marvin).

Visitors: Deputy Kropp

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Vice Chair Fuller added to the Agenda: Deputy Kropp's presentation under Public Comments and Elections under New Business.

Motion: Rick Becker (Mineral Springs) made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Approve August 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Fuller motioned to approve the August 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Public Comments

Deputy Kropp, a contract deputy in Weddington, shared information regarding scammers targeting elder residents. The calls sometimes claim to be from Publishers Clearing House, and they request citizens send gift cards to them. He retrieved substantial amounts of gift cards that a local resident was trying to send to the scammers. They rent an Airbnb for an address, and have mules wait for the packages to arrive, they take their cut, and then send the packages to their manager. Other scams involve claims of a Microsoft issue, and then they take over the citizen's computer, pre-fill a form to show an amount like \$300 to "fix a problem", and then edit the form to actually take \$30,000 from the citizen. Deputy Kropp provided information on the National Elder Fraud Hotline at 1-833-372-8311 (1-833-FRAUD-11) and a link to useful information at https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_money-smart-for-older-adults-resource-guide_2021-06.pdf. Residents are urged to contact the Union County Sheriff's Office if they have been a victim of fraud. DO NOT EVER send cash, gift cards, or allow remote access to your home computer. If you have questions regarding a certain situation, please contact the UCSCO out of an abundance of caution.

5. Delegate and Municipality Reports

Weddington: Anne Pruitt reported they are moving to contract negotiations with Active Waste for town wide trash collection. Citizens will pay half of what their current bill is. Their park is planned to be greenspace for now, they are scaling back.

Stallings: Delegate Ayers noted they are involved in a lawsuit that may last several years; there is also a potential purchase of land in the downtown area. Stallingsfest in mid-October will be scaled back. They hope to receive substantial funding from the State for the Potter and Pleasant Plains Road intersection. Powell Bill only provides enough funds to pave less than one mile each year. The election may result in several new members on their Board.

Mineral Springs: Delegate Becker reported they are in the midst of their Comprehensive Plan update working with Benchmark and a survey was mailed out. There are road issues to fix the traffic light.

Wesley Chapel: Vice Chair Amanda Fuller commented that Wesley Chapel is also working on the Comprehensive Plan with Benchmark's help and community conversations will be held next week. The Village is involved in two lawsuits and there are problems with the dam at the park. There were complaints regarding vehicles' speed near the Cresswinds development construction site, and DOT is conducting a study. Village events are on hold. The new urban forester gave a presentation to Council and he will be working on various items with the towns.

6. Old Business

a. American Rescue Plan Funding

There is a six-session free SOG training class on the funding that will be offered in October.

b. Airbnb's – covered in previous meetings.

7. New Business

a. Elections

Delegate Ayers noted they have several candidates running, plus a write in campaign which could result in several new elected officials. The Delegates compared situations in the various towns.

8. Delegate Comments

- Alternate Delegate Anne Pruitt: asked for input on content on the WUMA website.

The next WUMA meeting will be held in Weddington on October 28th at 4:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Rick Becker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:30 pm.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.