Town of Mount Olive May 9, 2025 Recessed Board Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jerome Newton called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Those in attendance per roll call of Mayor J. Jerome Newton, Mayor Pro-Tempore Barbara Kornegay, Commissioner Vicky Darden, Commissioner Delreese Simmons, Commissioner Tommy Brown, Commissioner Danny Keel and Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant Sherry Davis.

Mayor Jerome Newton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Jerome Newton delivered our invocation and Mayor Pro-Tempore Barbara Kornegay led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jerome Newton read the Conflict-of-Interest Statement; there were no conflicts.

Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to approve the published agenda. Commissioner Tommy Brown made the motion. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jerome Newton then discussed Action-Memo 05-35 - **PURSUANT TO NC GENERAL STATUTE § 143-318.11. Closed sessions.** (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Danny Keel made the motion. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review the additional candidates from May 7,2025, for the Town Manager position. No action was taken.

Commissioner Danny Keel made a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 4:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Conference Room. Commissioner Danny Keel made the motion. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Jerome Newton Mayor Sherry Davis Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk