



Minutes of the Town Council held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 8:57 am

Council Members Present:

Mayor Brenda Brown, Bill Lumpp, Kate Burns, and Larry Taylor

Council Members Absent:

Xavien Harrison

Town Officials Present:

Randy Lansing, Francis Rasberry, Chris Joyner, Koy Worrell, Shawn Lucas, Tressa Rudd, and Caleb Shockley

1) Call to Order by Mayor Brown

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

2) Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3) Public Comments

Amy Trull, 4535 Cordiality Church Road, Rocky Mount, NC wanted to propose that the Council revisits a sidewalk being put in place for the local neighborhoods around Nash Central Middle School. Her son and several of his friends walk to school and there is a particular neighbor that will not allow the children to walk on the ditch side of their property. She would like to revisit the safety of the children at Nash Central Middle School.

4) Old Business

4.a) CDBG-NR Housing Rehab/Replacement Program Public Hearing

Ben Jones with Faltor Consulting Co., is working with the Town staff to prepare and submit a Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program application to rehabilitate or replace houses in Nashville that are owned

and occupied by low-income homeowners. He presented the addresses of the homes that he had surveyed that he is proposing be included in the grant program. The second of two public hearings need to be held to notify the public of the intent to apply and the intent of the program. Applications are due in Raleigh on October 29th, and Nashville will be applying for the maximum amount of \$950,000. This program will consist of 100% low- and moderate-income housing and these homes were selected based off a variety of criteria, namely income level, owner occupied, severity of need and other factors. The proposed activities include a list of seven houses, with some identified as alternates in case any of the primary selections are deemed ineligible during the due diligence process next year. The addresses under consideration are: 307 Battle Drive, Nashville, 528 Indian Trail, Nashville, 1020 Sunnyfield Road, Nashville, 122 Circle Drive, Nashville, 120 East 6th Street, Nashville, 912 South Break Street, Nashville, 124 Circle Drive, Nashville. This list represents the full scope of the project being proposed.

Motion made by Larry Taylor to enter public hearing on the CDBG-NR Housing Rehab/Replacement Program. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lumpp, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Taylor asked if anyone else had applied or inquired about the program that did not make the list. Director Shawn Lucas stated that he had one person inquire and he had passed it on to Mr. Jones, who said it might not be too late. He is going to see where they fall with the ratio of income to see if they would qualify.

Motion made by Larry Taylor to exit public hearing 4.a) CDBG-NR Housing Rehab/Replacement Program Public Hearing. Seconded by Bill Lumpp. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lumpp, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

4.b) Storm Water Detention Easements

BuildLabs will be constructing a 70,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility and 10,000 sq. ft. office building at 101 Industry Court and Braswell Family Farms will be adding 6 loading docks to its 40,000 sq. ft. building at 111 Industry Court. Project engineers for both projects have determined that neither company has enough area on its property to construct the required on-site storm water detention facility. Punic Chugh with BuildLabs and Trey Braswell with Braswell Family Farms are asking for an easement on the north half of the Town's west water tower lot to construct and maintain a joint storm water detention facility. Kevin Varnell, the Town's engineer, stated that both sites need additional storm water to serve their proposed impervious area on their lots. The logical locations is in between the lots. He has looked at the request and says there is enough available space on the Town's west water tower lot to construct a joint storm water detention facility. The design will allow will access through and around this pond down to the future greenway. Council Member Taylor asked if the ownership of the land remain with the Town. Mr. Varnell stated that yes, that is what the easement is for, but the maintenance of the pond will be on the two property owners. Council Member Taylor asked if the pond would take away from the storage area under Tower. Mr. Varnell stated that the pond is outside of the fence. Council Member Burns asked if a vehicle would be able to access the pond, Mr. Varnell stated that yes, that it would be accessible due to having to be maintained. Council Member Burns asked would there be able to be a wet pond to be visually appealing due to the Town's plans for Stoney Creek Park. Mr. Varnell showed examples of ponds that had native plants and flowers that was

being proposed to be placed at the site. Council Member Burns wanted to make sure if the property were to be sold then the future owners would maintain the site as agreed upon. Mr. Varnell stated that he wrote the operation and maintenance agreement for the Town for storm water ponds and it mimics or follows the state guidance for that so each property owner will have to sign that document separate and it gets recorded, that gets transferred from owner to owner. Council member Lumppp asked, “we are making this change to allow BuildLabs and Braswell Farms to build an off-site stormwater detention pond on the Town’s property at the owner’s request not because the Town made a mistake or error in the past?” Varnell responded, Correct, BuildLabs and Braswell are both using nearly all-of their properties for their building projects and having no place left on their properties to construct the required storm water detention. This off-site storm water easement allows both build their respective projects and still meet the Town’s and the State’s requirements for detaining storm water runoff from new development. Anticipating the Council would be agreeable to the request, the Town Attorney has prepared the attached storm water detention facility easements on the Town's west water tower lot that will allow BuildLabs and Braswell Family Farms to construct and maintain a joint storm water detention facility on the Town's property.

Motion made by Larry Taylor to approve to grant buildlabs and Braswell Family Farms an easement on the town's west water with the easement and access to the walking trails behind the retention pond being able to be maintained by a vehicle along as space allows.. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lumppp, Brenda Brown, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

5) New Business

5.a) Acceptance of Donated Land

Parks Recreation and Cultural Resource Director Koy Worrell advised that Elaine Robinson and Patsy Smith own a 0.79-acre wooded lot along Stoney Creek that abuts the Stoney Creek Environmental Park. Ms. Robinson and Ms. Smith feel the property would be a nice addition to Stoney Creek Environmental Park, and they want to donate it to the Town for recreation use. The property is in the Floodway and 100-year floodplain, so it cannot be developed or built upon. The property is landlocked with no street or road frontage, and there is no known easement to get to it from the nearest street, which is Clark Circle. The property is also on the opposite side of Stoney Creek from the Stoney Creek Environmental Park. The Town does have a sanitary sewer main that runs through the property, generally southwest to the northeast, which is a good reason for accepting ownership of the property despite the property being on the other side of Stoney Creek from Stoney Creek Environmental Park.

Motion made by Larry Taylor to approve the acceptance of .79 acres of land along stoney creek e p to add to the scep. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lumppp, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

5.b) 3rd Annual New Year’s Eve Egg Drop

Town Manager Randy Lansing advised that Braswell Family Farms has submitted a Street and Special Events Permit application for the 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Egg Drop to be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at the Nashville Junction. The event is slated for the Nashville Junction from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and will impact traffic on Railroad Street and Barnes Street between W. Cross Street and W.

Railroad Street and between W. Railroad Street and S. Boddie Street. The event will feature live bands, face painting, balloon twisting, food and drink vendors, a raffle, fireworks, and an egg drop. The event is free to attend and geared towards families and community members of all ages. The TRC Committee has met and discussed this application and has made recommendations.

Motion made by Bill Lumpp to enter public hearing on the 3rd annual new year eve egg drop special event permit. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lumpp, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Trey Braswell with Braswell Family Farms spoke shared that the event has exceeded expectations and turned out even better than anticipated. Planning efforts have been underway for this year, and the schedule is being extended slightly, not too much longer, but enough to allow more time for additional music. He also explained that new bands are being considered for the lineup. While the first year was a success, the second year stood out because of improvements such as opening the junction and expanding food options. With more food trucks available, attendees were able to eat without waiting in long lines. He expressed gratitude for the community's strong turnout and support, and he feels that the event seems to fulfill a real need for connection and celebration.

Council Member Taylor wants to make sure that our Officers get the chance at the off-duty assignment before any other agency to cover this event.

Motion made by Larry Taylor to exit public hearing on the 3rd annual new year eve egg drop special event permit. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lumpp, Brenda Brown, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion made by Kate Burns to approve the 3rd annual new year eve egg drop. Seconded by Bill Lumpp. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lumpp, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

signed application 

5.c) 2025 Nash Edgecombe Wilson (NEW) Mitigation Plan

Motion made by Kate Burns to approve Resolution 2025-29 adopting the 2025 Nash Edgecombe Wilson mitigation plan. Seconded by Bill Lumpp. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lumpp, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The Upper Coastal Plains Council of Government has contracted with Abby Moore, with WSP Consulting Firm, to collaborate with neighboring counties, towns, and cities to update the Nash Edgecombe Wilson (NEW) Mitigation Plan. Members from various areas were invited to join the task committee and provide input for enhancing the plan. The updated plan has received approval from both the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These agencies are now requesting that the respective municipalities and counties formally adopt the plan as their own. The 2025 NEW Mitigation Plan is 753 pages, so a link was provided to Council for them to review the document.

2025-29 Resolution -
Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 DRAFT 06-23-2025 

5.d) Glover Park Naming Rights Policy

Motion made by Larry Taylor to approve the proposed J.W. Glover Memorial Park naming rights policy to offer naming rights on and proceed with the implementation of the naming rights policy. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lump, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Recreation Cultural Resource Director Koy Worrell advised that at one of the Budget work sessions there was discussions regarding the Glover Park Improvement Project, the PRCR's staff has explored alternative funding opportunities to support the planned upgrades. One of the primary opportunities identified is the implementation of a Naming Rights Program for facilities within J.W. Glover Memorial Park. There were three documents for the Council to review: J.W. Glover Memorial Park Naming Rights Policy, this policy establishes the general principles and guidelines under which naming rights may be granted, ensuring alignment with the Town's values and community goals. The Naming Rights Agreement, this agreement would serve as the standard contract between the Town and individuals or businesses who purchase naming rights, defining the terms, duration, and conditions, and the J.W. Glover Park Naming Opportunities (developed by Stocks Engineering). This document lists the specific facilities within the park available for naming rights, along with associated contribution levels. If approved, it will be used as a promotional and solicitation tool.

Council Members, the Town Attorney, and Director Worrell felt sponsorship pricing for new amenities should focus on larger, longer-term contributions by removing the one-year options on the picnic shelter, splash pad and pickle ball courts, while keeping amounts flexible as suggested donations to avoid discouraging sponsors.

5.e) Sale of Leased Lot to Braswell Milling

Motion made by Larry Taylor to approve Resolution 2025-28 the sale of leased lot to Braswell Milling. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lump, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Lansing advised that the Town of Nashville owns a .27-acre triangle-shaped industrial lot along Cross Street that abuts the Carolina Coastal Railway that Braswell Family Farms has been leasing from the Town for parking of semi-trailers and trucks. Braswell Family Farms has submitted an offer to purchase the lot from the Town for the lot's listed value on Nash County GIS - \$15,290. It is not known when or why the Town acquired this property, but it has not been used by the Town for the last 17 years. This property by itself is not large enough to erect a commercial building on and still meet the required front, side, and rear setbacks. Staff recommended that the Council declare the property surplus and sell it via the upset bid process.

2025-28 Cross St Industrial Lot Upset Bid Resolution 

5.f) Closed Session - Personnel and Economic Development

Motion made by Kate Burns to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of Economic Development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be

taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract. Seconded by Larry Taylor. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lump, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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Any action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session.

Motion made by Larry Taylor to exit closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of Economic Development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract.. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lump, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Abstains: Xavien Harrison . Motion carried.

8) Adjourn

Motion made by Larry Taylor to approve at 11:00 am.. Seconded by Kate Burns. Vote – Yeas: Bill Lump, Kate Burns, Larry Taylor . Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.


Brenda Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Louise Bennett, Town Clerk



TOWN OF NASHVILLE



STREET AND SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION

(Nashville Town Code of Ordinances – Chapter 34, Article IV)

•Explanation of Planned Activities of the Event:

Braswell Family Farms plans to host our 3rd annual “NYE Egg Drop” event at The Nashville Junction at 723 S. Barnes St. on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. This event will feature live music from 1-3 live artists/bands (amplified music), vendors offering services like face painting, inflatable bounce houses and games, food and drink vendors, a raffle and fireworks. This event is free to attend and focused on families and community members of all ages.

•Name, Address, and Phone of Person, Organization, or Entity Seeking to conduct or Sponsor the Event:

Braswell Family Farms
104 E Cross St
Nashville, NC 27856
252-459-2143

•Name, Address, and Phone of Individual in Charge of the Event:

Braswell Family Farms
c/o Trey Braswell, Brittany Armbruster
104 E Cross St
Nashville, NC 27856
252-459-2143

•Proposed Date and Time Period of the Event:

Wednesday, December 31, 2025
4 afternoon/evening hours (approx: 3:00pm-7:00pm)

•Proposed Streets to be Closed or Obstructed:

This event will be held at The Nashville Junction, located at 723 S Barnes St. We request road closures of:

- Railroad St./S. Barnes St. between W. Cross Street and W. Railroad Street
- W. Railroad St. between Clark Street and S. Boddie Street

•Dogs allowed at the Event: No

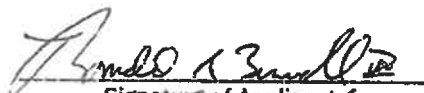
•Approximate Number of People Expected to Attend Event: 5,000

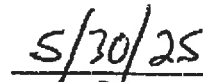
Required Attachments to Accompany this Application:


1. A fee of \$125.00 to defray costs of Legal Notices.
2. Sketch map showing: The area where the event is to take place – Streets to be closed or obstructed – Barriers or traffic control devices that will be erected – Locations of concession stands, booths, or temporary structures or facilities – Location of proposed fences, stands, platforms, benches or bleachers.
3. Request for specified services to be provided by the Town such as police, fire, public works personnel/equipment, etc.

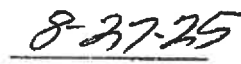
The Town Council, at its discretion, may require any or all of the following before a permit is issued for an event:

1. That the applicant obtains a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or comparable special events liability insurance policy.
2. That the applicant pays to the Town a fee sufficient to reimburse the Town for the costs of services and/or equipment provided.
3. That the applicant modifies its application to remove any objections to the issuance of the permit.
4. That the applicant posts a bond or other sufficient security to insure that the area where the event takes place is returned to the condition that existed prior to the event.
5. Applicant is responsible for obtaining North Carolina Department of Transportation Special Event Request Form – Revised 7/3/2019, completing , and providing a copy of the documentation of North Carolina Department of Transportation granting approval to applicant no less than 30 days prior to the event and attach with this form to the Town of Nashville.
6. Applicant is responsible for any cost incurred from the North Carolina Department of Transportation


Signature of Applicant


Date


Signature of Town Official


Date

THE 2025/2026 NEW YEARS EVE EGG DROP
BY BRASWELL FAMILY FARMS
AT THE NASHVILLE JUNCTION
723 S. BARNES ST., NASHVILLE, NC

REQUESTED ROAD CLOSURES:
RAILROAD ST/S.BARNES STREET BETWEEN
W. CROSS ST & W. RAILROAD ST.

W. RAILROAD ST BETWEEN CLARK ST. AND
S. BODDIE STREET

VOLUNTEER
+ VENDOR
PARKING

FOOD VENDORS

EVENT
AREA

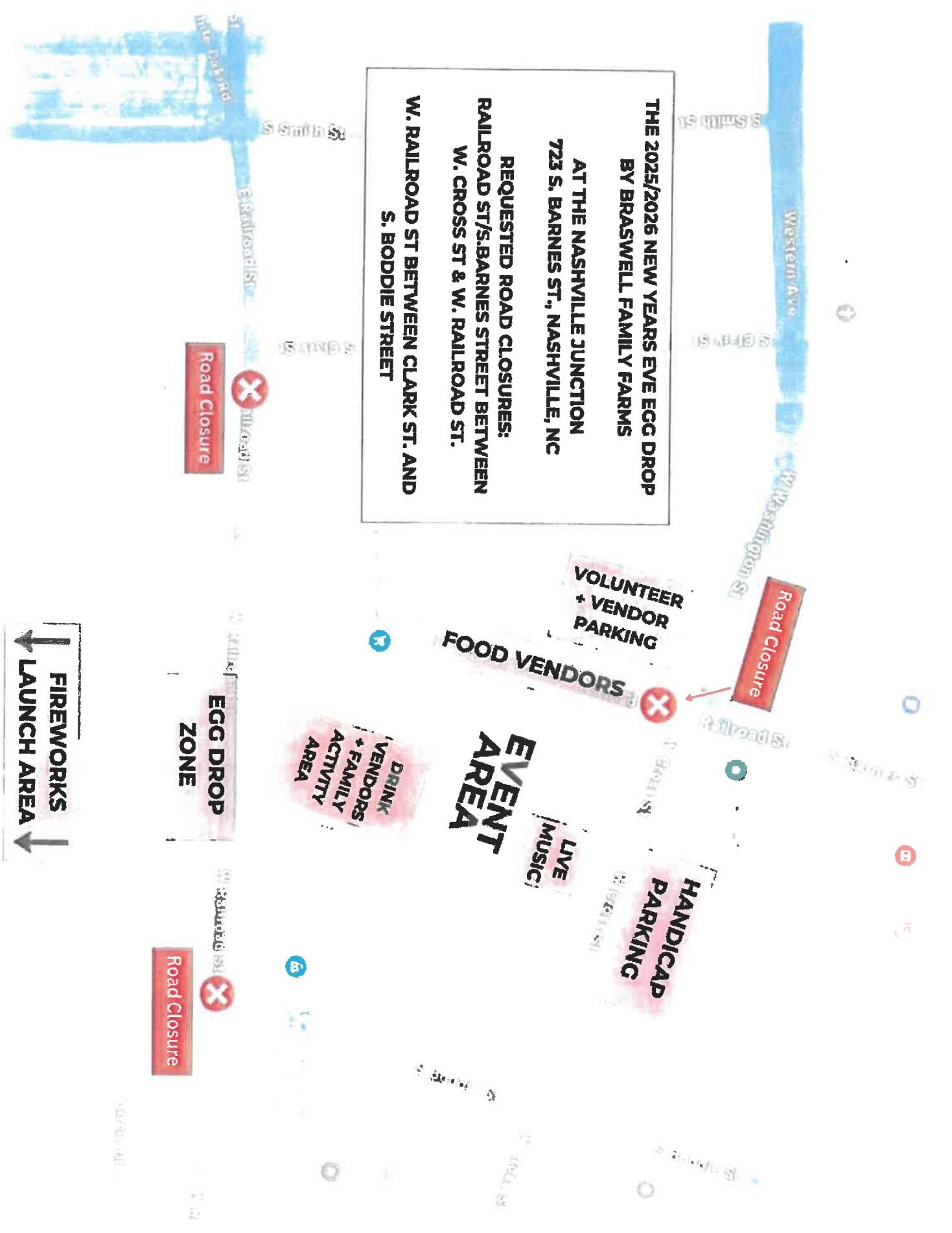
DRINK
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ACTIVITY
AREA

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PARKING

EGG DROP
ZONE

FIREWORKS
LAUNCH AREA



RESOLUTION 2025-28

AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF AN OFFER TO PURCHASE .27-ACRES
ALONG CROSS STREET OWNED BY THE TOWN OF NASHVILLE

WHEREAS, the Town of Nashville owns a .27-acre triangle shaped industrial lot along Cross Street and abutting the Carolina Coastal Railway,

WHEREAS, the Town has received a written offer from Braswell Family Farms, Nashville, NC to purchase the property for \$15,290, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Nashville is agreeable to selling the lot for \$15,290 offered price subject to the North Carolina General Statute 160A-269 Upset Bid process,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Nashville, North Carolina as follows.

Section 1. That the Town's .27-acre triangle shaped industrial lot vacant residential lot along Cross Street and abutting the Carolina Coastal Railway is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the Town.

Section 2. The Town Council accepts Braswell Family Farms' offer to purchase the lot for \$15,290 subject to the NCGS 160A-269 upset bid process, and the buyer and seller each paying their usual and customary closing cost.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall cause a notice of such offer to be published in the Nashville Graphic Newspaper in accordance with NCGS 160A-269.

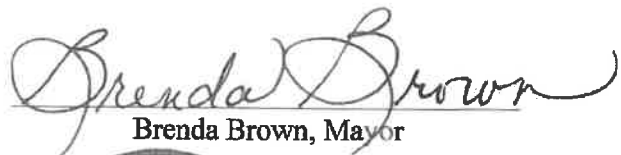
Section 4. Persons wishing to upset the offer must submit a written bid to the Town Clerk within ten (10) days after publication of the notice. The person making the bid must deposit with the Town Clerk a sum equal to five percent (5%) of his/her offer by certified check. Once a qualifying upset bid has been received, that bid will become the new offer.

Section 5. If a qualifying upset bid is received, the Town Clerk is directed to re-advertise the offer at the increased upset bid amount, and to continue with this process until a ten (10) day period has passed without receipt of a qualifying upset bid.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th day of August 2025.

Attest:


Louise Bennett, Town Clerk


Brenda Brown, Mayor



RESOLUTION 2025-29
ADOPTING N.E.W. REGIONAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within Town of Nashville are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the region are particularly vulnerable to dam/levee failure, drought, excessive heat, flooding, hurricane and tropical storm, severe winter weather, sinkholes, tornadoes and thunderstorms, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nashville desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Article 5, Section 160D-501 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS the Town of Nashville has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations and at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, and that the plans have been updated in accordance with federal laws including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201, and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town Council of Town of Nashville to fulfill this obligation in order that the Town will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the Town;


NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Council of Nashville hereby:

1. Adopts the N.E.W. Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Vests Town of Nashville with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
 - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.
3. Appoints Town of Nashville Emergency Management to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Town of Nashville Town Council for consideration.
4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this the 20th day of August 2025.


Brenda Brown, Mayor

Attest:


Louise Bennett, Town Clerk



Certified by: _____ (SEAL)

Date: August 20, 2025