



January 5, 2026, City Council Meeting Recap

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation by Pastor Hunter Strength from Beacon Baptist Church.

3. Recognition of Eagle Scouts- Henry Levanthal, Brody Kerins, and Torin Kerins

Mayor Hooks recognized three individuals from Troop 47 in Mebane, a Family Troop officially approved under the Scouts BSA model that allows boys and girls to participate in the same troop unit. Family Troops offer an alternative to traditional single-gender troops, enabling families to scout together while maintaining youth protection standards and the Patrol Method.

Henry Levanthal, Brody Kerins, and Torin Kerins were recognized for achieving the rank of **Eagle Scout**, the highest honor in Scouting America (formerly the Boy Scouts of America). This prestigious achievement reflects exceptional leadership, community service, and dedication, requiring Scouts to earn at least 21 merit badges, demonstrate Scout Spirit, serve in leadership roles, and complete a significant community service project before the age of 18. Earning the rank of Eagle Scout represents a lasting commitment to the core values of Scouting and is often recognized as a milestone with lifelong impact.

4. Public Comments

- Frederick Masi

5. Consent Agenda was approved 5-0 by the Council.

a. Approval of Minutes- December 8, 2025- Regular Meeting

b. Final Plat Approval- Heritage Downs, Ph. 1

c. Final Plat Reapproval- Cambridge Park, Ph. 4

d. Final Plat Reapproval- Oakwood, Ph. 1B

e. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vac Truck

f. Amended Council Meeting Calendar- Mayor Pro Tem Tim Bradley asked the Council to consider changing the following meeting dates due to a scheduling conflict:

- The January 12, 2026, Budget Workshop to be moved to Thursday, February 12, 2026.
- The March 2, 2026, City Council Meeting to be moved to Monday, March 9, 2026.
- The March 5, 2026, Budget Workshop to be moved to Thursday, March 12, 2026.
- The addition of an extra Budget Workshop to be scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

6. Public Hearing-

a. General Rezoning- 1111 South Fifth Street- R-20, Residential District, and R-6, Residential District to O&I, Office & Institutional District (Councilwoman Katie Burkholder excused herself due to a conflict of interest on this matter.)

The applicant, David Rucker, requests to rezone +/- 1.88 acres at 1111 South Fifth Street from Residential District to Office and Institutional District to allow for the development of a childcare center that can accommodate 200 children. The applicant, representing Children's Campus, explained that the organization currently operates three 5-star childcare centers in Chapel Hill and Durham and has provided early childhood education to North Carolina communities since 1995. Children's Campus is a family-owned, locally operated business. The proposed facility would serve infants through five-year-olds, supporting working families while also creating new employment opportunities. The property is under contract to purchase, contingent upon approval of the rezoning request. Surrounding land uses include medical offices, general offices, and single-family and multifamily residential developments.

- The Council voted 4-0 to approve the O&I zoning as presented and finds that the application is consistent with the objectives and goals in the Mebane 2045 Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, the request:
 - Is for a property identified as Urban Neighborhood in the Future Land Use Map
 - Helps to strengthen a nearby activity node
 - Supports Goal 9: Range of Community Services by providing zoning that permits land uses to help "residents meet needs locally."

7. Adjournment

Announcements:

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, at 1 p.m. in the Council Chambers for a Staffing Study Review Work Session.

Kelly Hunter
Public Information Officer

Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation from the City Council meeting for more information.