

**TOWN OF GARLAND  
PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016  
6:00 PM**

The public hearing for the Resolution of Intent to Change the Ordinance amending the Charter of the Town of Garland changing the Mayoral Term from four years to two years of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, N.C. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Haywood Johnson  
S. J. Smith  
Ralph Smith  
Carolyn Melvin  
Judy C. Smith

Also present were Attorney Michael Porter, Ms. Sylvia Chestnutt of the Sampson Weekly and Mr. Chase Jordan of the Sampson Independent. There were also 9 citizens in attendance.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Mayor Winifred Murphy called the public hearing to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. Town Clerk, Pamela Cashwell, was present recording notes for the hearing.

**QUORUM**

Mayor Murphy and Clerk Pamela Cashwell established there was a quorum present.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Attorney Porter announced the public hearing was being held to hear public comments and concerns on the proposed changes to the mayoral term for the Town of Garland.

Attorney Porter read the Resolution of Intent to Change Ordinance amending the Charter changing the Mayoral term from Four years to Two years in its entirety.

Attorney Porter then opened the floor for public input and comments.

Mrs. Sylvia Carter addressed the Board and reviewed the roles of the Mayor and Board members. She highlighted different areas of government that have terms ranging from two years to four years. She encouraged everyone to work on conflicts before they become major battles.

No other citizen signed in to speak and the floor was left open for additional comments and none were forthcoming.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson made a motion to exit the public hearing at 6:15pm, seconded by Commissioner Ralph Smith and carried unanimously.

*Pamela Cashwell*

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Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

**BOARD APPROVED:**



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Haywood Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem