



Town of Knightdale

Staff Report Cover Sheet

Title: Resolution Directing the Publication of Notice of Intent to Apply with Local Government Commission for a General Obligation (GO) Bond Referendum, Making Certain Findings of Fact and Determinations, and Appointing Bond Counsel in Connection with Proposed Referendum

Staff: Antwan Morrison, Assistant Town Manager

Date: April 15, 2026

PURPOSE

- During the summer of 2024 an online public survey was conducted, and community engagement sessions were held. The results of the survey provided that citizens would like to have a town-owned community center. Following the receipts of this survey a needs assessment was conducted by CLH Design and Davis Kane Architects and results provided in November 2024. In September 2025 staff presented to Town Council its recommendation to proceed with exploring the construction of the community center. Finally, at the Town Council retreat in November 2025 a presentation discussing the recommendation, financial implications and overview of the bond process was provided.
- The Town Council will consider the adoption of a resolution to proceed with a General Obligation Bond referendum for up to \$70 million to fund parks and recreation projects to include the Knightdale Community Center, as well as other related parks and recreation projects.
- If approved, the GO Bond Referendum will be held on November 3, 2026, general election ballot for consideration by the voters of Knightdale.

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY AREA(S)

- Active & Healthy

GENERAL STATUTE REFERENCE(S), if applicable

- NCGS 159-50

TYPE OF PUBLIC HEARING, if applicable

- N/A

FUNDING SOURCE(S), if applicable

- N/A

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Resolution #26-04-15-001 and Resolution #26-04-15-002
- Tentative Schedule for GO Bond Referendum

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Adopt Resolutions #26-04-15-001 and Resolution #26-04-15-002 to apply to the Local Government Commission for a General Obligation Bond referendum and make certain findings of fact
- Appoint Parker Poe as bond counsel in connection with the proposed referendum

Knightsdale Strategic Priorities



Safe



Connected &
Inclusive



Sustainable



Active & Healthy



Organizational
Excellence