

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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| Mayor: | Wayne Tuggle, Sr. |
| Council Members: | Donna Turner |
| | Jim Burnette |
| | Angela Hampton |
| | Jerry Epps |
| | Darryl Carter |
| | Neville Hall |
| | Jerry Ellis |
| City Manager: | Brad Corcoran |
| City Clerk: | Sheralene Thompson |
| City Attorney: | Erin Gilley |
| Deputy City Clerk: | Deanna Hunt |
| Representatives from Departments: | |
| News Media: | Dallas Britt, Eden News; |
| | Roy Sawyers, RCENO; Fox 8 News |

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Tuggle called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and works from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Roy Moulden, Pastor, Kings Highway Christian Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Proclamation: Eden Local 2723 Fill the Boot Proclamation

Mayor Tuggle asked Mr. Joe Powell to come forward. He then read the following proclamation recognizing Eden's Professional Fire Fighters Local 2723 and the Fill the Boot Campaign.

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Eden, Local 2723 Fill the Boot Proclamation

Whereas, the Eden Professional Fire Fighters Local 2723 and Eden first responders exemplify the most time-honored American ideals of public service and sacrifice, protecting the citizens of our community from tragedy on the home front; and

Whereas, the Eden Professional Fire Fighters Local 2723 members and Eden first responders are highly trained and dedicated individuals who demonstrate daily an extraordinary caliber of character and courage in the face of danger; and

Whereas, the Eden Professional Fire Fighters Local 2723 members and Eden first responders selflessly donate their time and energy to supporting the battle against muscular dystrophy by Filling the Boot each year for the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

Whereas, in the past year, the Eden Professional Fire Fighters Local 2723 and Eden first responders have raised more than \$8,800 for MDA through the annual Fill the Boot campaign; and

Whereas, the Professional Fire Fighters Local's 2723 and Eden first responders' endless service to MDA has given so much hope for families fighting neuromuscular diseases.

Now therefore, I, Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor of the City of Eden, NC, do hereby proclaim October 17th, 2015 as Eden Professional Fire Fighters Local 2723 and Eden first responders "Fill the Boot Day."

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr.
Mayor

b. Recognition for Turner Eye Care being in business in Eden for more than 60 years.

Recognition for Turner Eye Care being in business in Eden for more than 60 years. Mayor Tuggle and I will recognize Lee and Donna Turner on this milestone at the beginning of the meeting.

Mayor Tuggle asked Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Business & Economic Development to come forward.

Mr. Dougherty asked Dr. Lee Turner and Dr. Sheronda Harrell to come forward in recognition of Turner Eye Care being in business for more than 60 years.

He then presented them with a framed certificate in recognition of their business.

c. Proclamation: Recognizing Constitution Week

Mayor Tuggle read the following proclamation in recognition of Constitution Week.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, the guardian of our liberties, is a product of reflection and choice, embodying the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law, not by men; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2015 marks the two hundred twenty eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic exercises that will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., as Mayor of the City of Eden do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

And urge all citizens to study the Constitution, and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Eden to be affixed this 15th day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr.
Mayor

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Tuggle stated that the Karastan Rate Agreement needed to be added to the agenda under New Business as Item 10a.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Carter to set the meeting agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Consideration of a zoning map amendment request and adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property located at 802 Washington Street from Business-Central to Business-General. This request was submitted by Gregory A. Brust. ZONING CASE Z-15-07. The Planning Board recommended that the request be amended from a map amendment to a text amendment to amend Section 11.24(h)(2) to allow Automobile

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Repair and Detailing and Automobile Sales as conditional uses in the BC district.

- b. Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the rezoning of a parcel located at 802 Washington Street from Business – Central to Business-General as amended by the Planning Board to amend Section 11.24(h)(2) to allow Automobile Repair and Detailing and Automobile Sales as conditional uses in the BC district.

The City has received a zoning map amendment request filed by Gregory Allen Brust for property at 802 Washington Street. The request is to rezone the property from Business Central to Business-General.

The Planning and Inspections Department recommended that the request be amended from a map amendment request to a text amendment request to amend Section 11.24(h)(2) to allow

Automobile Repair and Detailing and Automobile Sales as conditional uses in the Business Central zoning district.

At their regular meeting on August 25, 2015, the Planning Board voted to recommend that the City Council approve the request as amended.

Mayor Tuggle called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Development to come forward.

Ms. Stultz explained that the request is to rezone property located at 802 Washington Street from Business-Central to Business-General so as to allow automobile repair and detailing at this location. The Business Central (BC) district is designed to permit a concentrated development of retailing establishments. The Business General (BG) district is generally located on the fringe of the central business district and along major radial highways leading out of the city. The principal use of land is for dispensing retail goods and services to the community and to provide space for wholesaling and warehousing activities. Because these commercial areas are subject to public view and are important to the economy of the area, they shall have ample parking, controlled traffic movement, and suitable landscaping.

Currently, automobile repair and detailing operations and automobile sales are not permitted uses in the BC district. The subject property is located near the fringe of a central business district.

The site was originally a service station and has since been used as an automobile repair business, but this use was discontinued many years ago. While there are BG properties in the vicinity of the subject property, the adjoining properties are all zoned BC. Therefore, staff recommends that the request be amended as follows:

To amend the original request for a map amendment to the consideration of a text amendment of Section 11.24(h)(2) to allow Automobile Repair and Detailing and Automobile Sales as a conditional use in the BC district.

Council Member Carter asked if all the people surrounding him were notified.

Ms. Stultz replied that when it is a text amendment you do not normally notify everyone but because he applied for a map amendment and re-amended it to a text amendment they did.

Council Member Turner questioned what happens to the property if the business was concluded.

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Ms. Stultz replied that if they make that change it will be fine.

Council Member Burnette asked if she would go through the rational that she and the Planning Board used.

Ms. Stultz explained that she had said a number of time that Business-General was their most liberal zoning district and it is more liberal than I-2. You can have a lot of things that can have negative effects on neighborhoods. There are a lot of things allowed in Business-General that are not allowed anywhere else. However, their traditional downtowns were built with service stations and car repair businesses in them. If you look across the street at what used to be Ralph Barrow's and now it is Bailey's and before that years ago it was a buggy company that turned into a car business and if they shut down for any length of time they could not go back but if you make this change tonight, they will be a conforming use and they will not have these problems and maybe they will not keep having these zoning cases.

Council Member Ellis asked if this was going to be automobile repairs, detailing and sales.

Ms. Stultz explained that if you look at the back of Business-Central and there were some other conditional uses. It was not like a special use permit. It was like something that they put in new there with some restrictions on. He did not intend to do both of those things there. He was trying to market his property and to market it for something that it has been used for in the past. So they hoped to make it conforming and not let it sit there.

She also asked them to remember that in Business-Central as in Business-General you can have more than one business on a lot. That was not uncommon in any of their business districts. In this case she found it hard to believe that you could do but so much on this property because it was small and your business has to be contained on your own property.

She noted that there was Business-General across an alley behind this parcel and she really did not want to recommend inserting Business-General and make it any easier for more of it to go down into that residential area. This seemed like a much better option and as they looked at their zoning map it would clear up issues in the Draper downtown, The Boulevard and old Leaksville.

Council Member Burnette asked to what affect does that have on the rezoning that was approved last month to which Ms. Stultz replied nothing.

Mayor Tuggle asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of this request. As no one came forward to speak he then declared the public hearing closed.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A
STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
CITY OF EDEN ZONING ORDINANCE
CASE NUMBER Z-15-07
TEXT AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A-383, prior to adoption or rejection of any zoning amendment, the Eden City Council is required to adopt a statement as to whether the amendment is consistent with the Land Development Plan and why the City Council considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2007, the Eden City Council adopted the Land Development Plan. Plans such as

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the City of Eden Land Development Plan are not designed to be static but are meant to reflect the City of Eden's needs, plans for future development and to remain in compliance with North Carolina State Law and the City of Eden's ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Planning Board received a request to rezone property at 802 Washington Street from Business-Central to Business-General;

WHEREAS, On August 25, 2015, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend changes to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow Automobile Repair and Detailing, and Automobile Sales as conditional uses in the Business-Central district.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The request is to rezone property located at 802 Washington Street from Business Central to Business-General. Staff is of the opinion that this request would not be appropriate for the subject property, because all of the uses allowed in the BG district are not appropriate for the BC district. However, staff believes that certain uses allowed in the BG district may be appropriate as conditional uses in the BC district. Therefore, staff recommends that the request be amended to allow Automobile Repair and Detailing, and Automobile Sales as conditional uses in the BC district.

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY:

The goals of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended, are to make smart growth decisions by carefully managing growth to:

- A. Strategically locate new land development in the most appropriate places.
- B. Maintain and enhance Eden's community character and heritage.
- C. Use infrastructure investments as effectively as possible.
- D. Attract new jobs and a more diverse tax base.
- E. Protect natural, cultural and historic resources and open space as we grow.

WHEREAS, The Eden City Council has considered the written recommendation of the City of Eden Planning Board and has held a public hearing on the proposed amendment, and the Council desires to adopt a statement describing why the adoption of the proposed amendment is consistent with the City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended, and why the City Council considers the proposed amendment to allow Automobile Repair and Detailing, and Automobile Sales as conditional uses in the BC district to be reasonable and in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EDEN CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Eden City Council finds that the proposed amendment to allow Automobile Repair and Detailing, and Automobile Sales as conditional uses in the BC district to the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the goals and recommendations of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended.
2. At no time are land use regulations or plans of the City of Eden or any jurisdiction in the State of North Carolina permitted to be in violation of the North Carolina General Statutes.
3. Therefore, based upon the foregoing information, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is reasonable and in the public interest.

Approved and adopted and effective this 15th day of September, 2015

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BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

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ATTEST:

Sheralene Thompson, CMC

City Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Hampton to approve the recommendation that the request be amended from a map amendment to a text amendment to amend Section 11.24(h) (2) to allow Automobile Repair and Detailing and Automobile Sales as a conditional use in the BC district and also to approve a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the rezoning of a parcel located at 802 Washington Street from Business-Central to Business-General as amended by the Planning Board to amend Section 11.24(h)(2) to allow Automobile Repair and Detailing and Automobile Sales as conditional uses in the BC district. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Ms. Esther Murray, 371 Pine Road, Eden addressed the City Council.

Ms. Murray explained that she had met with Chief Pyrtle and Captain Edwards and she thanked them for their consideration.

She stated that she wanted to begin by saying that to accurately define the problem was the first step to a resolution. So far they have looked at these feral cats as being the problem and they are not. She explained that there were a group of people who were the problem, they were irresponsible pet owners who would just not do the right thing.

She stated that she realized when talking with Chief Pyrtle, that the feral cat issue was big and it was something they would not take care of immediately and that they should maybe focus on the tame cats.

She stated that she had three things she would like to ask. First of all she would like to ask that they enforce the rabies vaccination law. She said she had never heard anything about anyone getting a citation for not having their animal vaccinated. If it was enforced she thought things would change for the better.

Secondly she asked them to look into flea markets and plant nurseries in the area. She explained that she was at a plant nursery on Wednesday and they had cats everywhere. She spoke with the man and he said that he had not done anything to them because he did not consider them his but a lady was coming in a couple of weeks to have them all fixed. Most nurseries have cats everywhere and flea markets have kittens and puppies to give away. She thought it might help things if they restrict that to where people cannot bring them there.

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Her third issue was about tame cats. Right now they are taking them to the pound. She suggested that they take the tame cats to the Rockingham County Animal Shelter where they have a greater chance of being adopted. She stated that she would take them over there if they had a load of tame cats.

Lastly she asked them for favor, mercy and justice to show these cats and she then presented them with copies of petitions for the cats and copies of documents she received from the Rockingham County Animal Shelter (regarding rabies vaccination and spay/neuter information).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Board and Commission appointments.

The following seats on the City Boards and Commissions remain to be filled. When making appointments, please consider whether these persons have the time or the ability (for whatever reason) to attend regular meetings and participate in the activities of the board or commission.

Mayor - Community Appearance Commission: Vacant

Historic Preservation Commission: Vacant (due to resignation of Mark Hatchett)

Ward 2 – Tree Board: Vacant (seat formerly held by Marty Wall)

Ward 3 - Tree Board: Vacant (seat formerly held by Bob Futrell)

There were no appointments at this time.

b. Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Feral Cats.

Council Member Turner explained that after their May meeting she agreed to assist Mayor Tuggle with a group of citizens concerned about the treatment of feral cats in the City of Eden. She met with the following individuals that included the Mayor, Chief Pyrtle, Animal Control, City Attorney Erin Gilley and Kevin Taylor who is a concerned citizen who also works for the City of Eden. She has also had phone conversations with Ms. Jan Flowers and Ms. Murray.

She had also been reading a significant amount of literature with the individuals she had just mentioned and she had the following recommendations:

Any volunteer group that wishes to organize a TNR group, which is trap, neuter and release or relocate program can do so under the ordinances that currently govern how feral cats are dealt with in the City of Eden and currently due to their Animal Control Officer's efforts the feral cats were at a fairly low point. He responds when there are complaints and delivers humane cages to areas where there were problems. This gives any volunteer group a good chance to organize and assist the Animal Control Officer. When the group is organized the Animal Control Officer can deliver the traps to the group and they can conduct TNR and ensure the cats are properly vaccinated. As many programs across the nation have used this method, the research and literature is very mixed as to the success in controlling the feral cat population. Therefore the R in TNR needs to refer to relocate and

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not released to the original area. Ms. Murray had some excellent suggestions which some of them she just mentioned.

Council Member Turner reiterated some of Ms. Murray's suggestions which included to encourage owners of domestic cats to be more responsible and have Animal Control enforce the rabies tag ordinance as proof that cats have been vaccinated. Possible additional time could be spent by Animal Control to encourage owners of domestic cat population to vaccinate, spay and neuter. Also, to stop allowing people to give away kittens and cats especially at flea market locations. Most likely many of those cats have not been spayed or neutered or vaccinated. She would also like to encourage owners to consider microchipping domestic cats so the stray cats could be returned to their rightful owners.

So, the problem was obviously not unique to Eden. She referred to the Sunday's News & Record where there was a very lengthy article about feral cats. Even the president of the association in Guilford County said that "although the program advocates neutering the cats a positive step, it ignores the devastating affects of maintaining hoards of feral cats on urban, suburban and within rural wildlife areas and their risk to human health." So, the risk to human health is the reason there is such a key here. The Animal Control Officer is given that mission to assist with public safety. So, that was the main reason he was employed to keep things safe. The risk to human health is what seems to be the biggest problem with feral cats. She knew that when she spoke with Chief Pyrtle that was what the biggest problem was. So, from what she had read and discussed with people, at this time she did not recommend any change to the current ordinance. However, if a non profit entity did form it was her understanding that a representative from the City Council or the police department would be more than happy and willing to readdress the needs of the feral cat population.

Mayor Tuggle added that before he had asked her to do this, he could not tell her how many meetings that he had with this group of individuals or a lot of different individuals but what he had found was that it was not that people were not concerned and not that there was not a problem, it was a problem that was huge, not only in this city, it was everywhere. They certainly want it to be humane, but the problem he had found, unlike Friends of the Eden Animal Shelter, a group that got together, had local people that are organized and take care of dogs. He had not been able to find a local group that truly has gotten together, coordinated and organized to take the responsibility. It seems to have been more people outside of the city who were more concerned about it than people inside that were willing to really organize. He asked her if she had found the same.

Council Member Turner agreed and when she and Chief Pyrtle looked at the petitions there were an awful lot of signatures from outside of the city of Eden. That was fine, those people were concerned and that was great.

Mayor Tuggle agreed but pointed out that you could not be in Greensboro and take care of feral cats here because of proximity. You need a local group that was really involved, they take it seriously and they were really willing to organize and put the time in and he had yet

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to find a group that was really willing to put the time in to coordinate and organize it. He added that was not to say that it could not be done or that it would not be done. Hopefully it can. He had run into the same problem with the dogs but they have had groups to get together and Friends of the Eden Animal Shelter has done a great job with trying to adopt the animals or send them up to the northeast. That has been one of the main problems that he had seen with it so far.

Council Member Turner agreed and stated that Chief Pyrtle might want to comment.

Mayor Tuggle stated that he felt that if a group of citizens were willing to get together, organize and do something that makes it better than what was being done then they want to change things and make it better, but you have to show that you have the organization in place, you have the people who are dedicated and willing to do what was necessary to make it work right.

Chief Pyrtle agreed and Council Member Turner stated earlier, they have a mechanism in place and would be glad to work with any group and they do with the capture of dogs, work with Friends of Eden Animal Shelter to adopt those animals. They would offer the same relationship with any group who wanted to do the same type of thing with cats. The way the ordinance was written now it enables them to do that without any change.

Mayor Tuggle stated that he knew they would work with people if they were willing to come and talk with him.

Chief Pyrtle explained that they ran across some socialized cats last week and they actually did get one of those adopted out.

Mayor Tuggle suggested that maybe they start small and get more organized with more local people involved as they were the ones who had to carry the load.

Chief Pyrtle agreed and stated that he appreciated Council Member Turner taking the time to looking into this.

Council Member Hall had a few questions. Number one, enforcing the rabies laws, if they were feral cats then who do you fine?

Chief Pyrtle replied that with feral cats it was a problem. Obviously you prove ownership and that was one of the first things they check on any of their responses. He asked them to keep in mind that these were response driven calls. They were not proactively going out there in search of them. They get calls from the citizens.

Council Member Hall asked the second question. With the flea markets, he did not realize that would be an issue. To him, that was someone making an effort to try and save some of these cats. As opposed to dumping them somewhere, you would think they made an effort they were going to try to find them a home.

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Council Member Burnette pointed out that was also a recommendation from Council Member Turner.

Council Member Turner commented that it was Ms. Murray's suggestion that they have some kind of control doing that because she felt that those cats were not vaccinated or spay or neutered. So somebody takes it home and they do not do anything for it either, then therefore you could be linked to more health issues.

Chief Pyrtle added that at some point in time when they become mature enough in shots, that was a pet owner responsibility. Regardless if it is given to you by a friend, or you get it at a flea market or a pet store, you have a responsibility.

Council Member Hall stated that the next thing she mentioned was taking the tame cats to the pound. He asked if they would they be able to partner with her group.

Chief Pyrtle replied that they would work with any group who wanted to adopt any animal out of that pound. They work closely with Friends of Eden Animal Shelter to get the dogs out, they work with any group especially if there was a group out there who wanted to adopt out the cats. They would offer the same deal for the cats or kittens. He thought it would be much easier with socialized cats to start with.

Council Member Hall stated that it sounded like they have come together with some type of agreement on how to proceed. It did not require any kind of ordinance change but just implementing things that were already in place.

As there was no further discussion, Mayor Tuggle moved to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration and Approval of Karastan Rate Agreement.

Mayor Tuggle asked City Attorney, Erin Gilley, to provide an overview.

Ms. Gilley explained that this was a contract between Karastan and the city. Karastan has begun an expansion and in doing that they have communicated to the city that they were increasing the consumption of water and wastewater treatment and so they requested a contract rate with the city for the water and sewer. There was a contract rate that is set forth in the agreements for 1,000 gallons of water and sewer and also included there in the take or pay provision Karastan has agreed to pay for a 15% increase in consumption of water and sewer whether they consume that amount or not. She noted that would be monitored on an annual basis.

Mayor Tuggle those were part of the benchmarks they had when they were working trying to negotiate with them.

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Ms. Gilley agreed and this agreement would be for 30 months. If approved tonight it will start October 1 and go through 2018.

Mayor Tuggle added that this was part of that long process and unfortunately with the news of Miller this is just the reverse. We actually came within hours of losing Karastan and at the same time an announcement was made at Karastan that they were staying here and in South Carolina they were making an announcement that they were closing the plant there so this was one that we did win and we do need this agreement approved.

A motion was made by Council Member Hall seconded by Council Member Ellis to approve the Karastan Rate Agreement. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- a. Rockingham County Economic Development Director Jan Critz would like to present the new branding results for Rockingham County.

Ms. Jan Critz, Rockingham County Economic Development Director introduced Mr. Shawn Gorman, Deputy Director, Small Business Manager. She then presented a video of their new re-branding of Rockingham County. She also presented the City Council with marketing packets. She also noted that they were working on their 3-year Comprehensive Economic Strategy. They will also be partnering with Rockingham Community College for seminars for the Manufacturing Association. She also pointed out that they provide an ED Update and asked them to keep up with all the updates.

Mayor Tuggle noted that their ED Update provided a lot of good information and gave you a good idea of what was going on in Rockingham County.

Lastly Ms. Critz explained that they would be having a 2015 Fall Bill Board Campaign beginning September 21 and running through November 1st for some of the boards and it was all economic development for recruitment and they will be displayed on I-85, I-40, Highway 29, Highway 220 and Highway 14.

Mayor Tuggle asked her how they would determine how effective this would be.

Ms. Critz replied that they would have their website posted on all the billboards and they hope that they could track it through Google analytics.

Ms. Critz then introduced Mr. Gorman who explained that he had been doing small business counseling in Rockingham County for the last ten years. He explained that they work with over 1200 businesses throughout the county. He then provided the City Council an update on small business in Rockingham County.

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Mayor Tuggle stated that he could not imagine at this point in time, how important it was to have workforce development, preparation and skills. He asked what would be the obstacles of any county that would not want to be involved.

Mr. Gorman replied that he did not think it was the matter of obstacles, he thought it was just better organizing a team that was prepared and willing to push this forward.

b. Report by Workforce Training and Outreach Coordinator Joy Toms on the Results of the Morehead High School Skilled Training Education Program.

Ms. Joy Toms presented the City Council with an update and report. This program began in January of 2015.

Their biggest obstacle was transportation and getting out to RCC. They then made an agreement to try to pilot the program at Morehead and also offer transportation to Morehead students to get to RCC. Some of these students have not always been highly motivated but they have been passionate about this. They currently have 16 students from Morehead who started classes in August. These are career areas that are of interest to them and they can see where they can have a future. It has been a great opportunity for them and the prosperity plan laid out for them the classes they can start taking in high school, drafting, robotics, technology, engineering, design classes as well as auto tech classes. They are getting that base of classes at High School level and then Junior and Senior year these classes are opening up to the at the community college level and they are getting both college credit and high school credit at the same time. So when they graduate from high school not only will they get their high school diploma, they will also have a certificate. That would allow them to go ahead into the work force in a skilled trade, if they choose to do so. They will be set up to where they can go into RCC and get their diploma or their Associates degree. Also, for the first time East Carolina University was partnering with them and allowing these technical credits to transfer in to their Bachelor's program. The students can get their Associates degree through RCC and decide to continue on through ECU's program. She added that UNC Charlotte was looking at coming on board with that as well.

Mayor Tuggle asked how many contacts she had made with industries or was it an ongoing thing to which Ms. Toms replied that she was constantly.

Council Member Burnette questioned future transportation to which Ms. Toms replied that would depend upon money.

Council Member Ellis asked if there were other high schools that were doing this program.

Ms. Toms replied that it was open to any high school and there were students from all high schools participating.

Mayor Tuggle stated that he was in the meeting when they discussed transportation issues and he wanted to thank Dr. Rodney Shotwell. He came in and made sure that those kids

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had some transportation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for August 18, 2015.
- b. Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment #2.

When the City purchases vehicles with installment purchases, it is required to show the loan proceeds as revenue and the payment to the vendor as an expenditure in the financial statements. The attached amendment increases the General Fund revenue line item “loan proceeds” and also increases the Street Department Capital Outlay – Vehicles for the purchase of a new street sweeper.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 2

| | Account # | From | To | Amount |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------|---------------|----------------------|
| General Fund Revenues | | | | |
| Loan Proceeds | 10-3850-86000 | \$ - | \$ 248,800.00 | <u>\$ 248,800.00</u> |
| General Fund Expenditures | | | | |
| Streets C/O Vehicles | 10-4510-55000 | \$ - | \$ 248,800.00 | <u>\$ 248,800.00</u> |

Appropriates loan proceeds for Street Department Street Sweeper.

Adopted and effective this 15th day of September, 2015.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

Wayne Tuggle, Mayor

- c. Consideration and Approval Resolution Delegating Authority to Lease or Rent Property.

State statute allows City Councils to lease or rent city property for terms of one year or less by resolution or it can delegate this authority to the City Manager or some other city administrative officer. Either procedure is exempt from giving public notice of the resolution or lease or rental.

I have drafted a resolution that gives this delegation to the City Manager. This will give the City Manager the authority to enter into leases or rental agreements for a term of one year or less without putting the matter on the Council monthly agenda.

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A motion was made by unanimous consent to approve the Consent Agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Cindy Adams, Tourism & Events Coordinator, reminded everyone of the upcoming Riverfest event that would take place the following weekend.

Mayor Tuggle read letter regarding MillerCoors:

“On behalf of the Eden City Staff and City Council, I want to express my sincere regret at the announcement today that MillerCoors will be leaving Eden in September of 2016. For more than 37 years, Miller has been an excellent corporate citizen and provided well-paying jobs to our citizens. Our hearts go out to those employees who will be displaced or lose their positions. Rest assured that all efforts are being made to replace these lost jobs, starting with a meeting with the local MillerCoors staff about their intentions for the Eden facility sometime this week. Our hope is that the Eden brewery can be functional once again with another company.

MillerCoors meant a great deal to Eden and Rockingham County. More than \$1.3 million in annual revenue flowed to the city from this company. It supported three local trucking companies, the Reidsville Ball container facility as well as many small businesses. Their wellpaid employees patronized our retail and service businesses and were extremely generous in charitable campaigns. Eden was a much better place because of this industrial partner.

The City of Eden, Eden Chamber of Commerce and MillerCoors staff will work together to identify career opportunities for the current brewery employees. As of September 1, 2015 the NC Works web site listed 711 open jobs in Rockingham County. We encourage MillerCoors employees and all citizens to visit that site to see if there is a position for which they are qualified. The Eden Goodwill Community Resource Center has helped place more than 1,000 people in jobs and is available to assist citizens with resume creation and job applications. The city is working with existing industry to learn of expansion possibilities. Finally, efforts are being made to recruit other companies, such as MillerCoors, so our citizens can enjoy the highest quality of life possible.

Please know that all of us associated with the City of Eden are keeping everyone affected by this announcement in our thoughts and prayers.”

Council Member Darryl Carter wanted to announce the upcoming Fill the Boot campaign by the Eden Professional Firefighter’s Association. The date for the campaign is October 17th.

Council Member Jim Burnette stated that this was something that really needed to be mentioned and he then read the following letter to Mayor Tuggle that was in Eden’s Own Journal:

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“On Friday, May 29, 2015 while returning from lunch at the Fisherman’s Galley with my 88 year old brother James Harold Barrow and his wife Violet, the mass air flow sensor on my car failed right in the middle of the intersection of E. Stadium Drive and Pierce Street. While there is never a good time for this to happen, Friday afternoon in a rain shower, during heavy lunch hour traffic, 60 miles from home, this was probably the worst possible time.

First, waiting at the same intersection was a City of Eden truck whose driver realized my predicament and turned on his emergency flashers, pulled in behind me after I was able to roll my car to the side of the road, and call for a police officer. By then a police officer was there and took me to my brother Jim’s house, one half mile further east on Stadium Drive to get a car to take Jim, Violet and my wife to Jim’s house. Meanwhile, the officer had called David Price Autoworks, whose tow truck was already at the site, and towed my car to David’s garage where David immediately diagnosed the problem with his diagnostic equipment, advised me what repairs were needed; the approximate cost and his promise to do everything he could to make the repairs before his shop closed at 5 p.m. for the weekend. While waiting for the repairs, David’s office manager Victoria, made sure I was comfortable in the shop’s waiting area and made me a fresh cup of coffee. I was impressed to be able to relax in such a clean and comfortable area that will start with lots of interesting books and magazines and newspapers.

Right at 5:00 David brought my keys and said I was good to go. On my way home just west of Winston-Salem in Louisville, NC I was able to reflect on how fortunate I have been to have such competent, qualified, pleasant and professional help available from the City of Eden employee, the policeman, David Price, his office Manager Victoria, and David’s shop personnel at the busiest possible time of the week.

Accordingly I wanted to share my appreciation with you in hopes you will pass it on to the city’s entire organization and congratulate the individuals involved on “being the very best that you possibly have been. Sincerely, Dan Barrow.”

Council Member Burnette pointed out that he though this was extremely timely tonight in light of what has happened in the past week. In the past months and in a couple of years or so, we have had quite a few challenges and we have overcome those. We have taken them all and we have done well. He stated that he felt sometimes like a boxer, getting up from after the blows. With Miller it was going to be difficult, there was no question. But they heard tonight from the firemen and about what a caring community they have. They have heard from others on things that were being done, the workforce, how that was working, so the question seems to be what is Eden going to do. Well, he thought what Eden was going to do was what the people do. Eden was the people. This was a prime example of what the people can and will do. Mayor Tuggle addressed the fact that they did not know what they would do yet, they did not have a plan and they did not have the details. But, once that was there then there would be a plan. He thought they had a caring community that will get behind them and it cannot be just the City Manager or the City Council, it had to be the “people”. It has to be ALL of Eden working together to overcome this. So, he

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thought they had the right people, now all they have to do is get the right plan. So, he thought with that, Eden and it's people would be okay.

Council Member Ellis agreed that they would overcome this and they have all set forth positive directions.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by unanimous consent to adjourn. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheralene S. Thompson,
CMC, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor