

## CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Philip K. Price
Mayor Pro Tem:	Christine H. Myott
Council Members:	Donna Turner
	Billy Vestal
	Jerry Epps
	C.H. Gover, Sr.
	Bruce Nooe
	Wayne Tuggle, Sr.
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Kim J. Scott
Deputy City Clerk:	Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:	Tom Medlin
Representatives from Departments:	
Representatives from News Media:	Kim Mitchell, <u>Eden Daily News</u>
	Mike Moore, <u>WLOE</u>

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Price 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:

Council Member Jerry Epps gave the invocation.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO MINUTES:

Mayor Price pointed out that on Consent Agenda Item 9b, the designated ABC Board Chairman would be Tommy Flynt. He explained that he had asked the members of the ABC Board who they would like to have as chairman and they decided on Mr. Flynt.

Council Member Gover questioned if that was the way it was done to which Mayor Price replied that was about the best way he could find and he was trying to be fair.

Council Member Gover asked if the Council would decide or would the ABC Board decide.

Mayor Price replied that the Council could decide, but they had asked the volunteers on the ABC Board who they would like to have as their chairman, however they could pull it and add someone else.

Council Member Tuggle asked who the other three were to which he replied John Grogan, Mike and Tommy Webster.

As there was no other discussion the Mayor moved on to the first item of business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(a) Consideration of a zoning map amendment request and an ordinance to rezone property on E. Arbor Lane from Office & Institutional to Business-General. Request submitted by Peter F. Osborne, Authorized Representative for Osborne Investments, LLC. ZONING CASE Z-04-07.

The memorandum to Council explained that at the regular meeting on October 19, the Council scheduled this public hearing to hear comments regarding a zoning map amendment request filed by Peter F. Osborne, Authorized Representative for Osborne Investments, LLC. The request was to rezone property on E. Arbor Lane from Office & Industrial to Business-General.

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The Planning and Inspections Department recommends approval of the map amendment. At their September regular meeting the Planning Board voted to recommend that the City Council approve this request.

Mayor Price called for a public hearing and asked Mrs. Stultz to come forward with a report.

Mrs. Stultz explained that the request before them was to zone approximately four (4) acres from Office and Institutional to Business-General. The Office and Institutional district was designed primarily for office and institutional uses which have only limited contact with the general public and have no offensive noises, odors, smoke, fumes or other objectionable conditions. This district also allows residential uses. The Business-General district was generally located on the fringe of the central business district and along major radial highways leading out of the city. The principal use of the land was 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.

The property was located to the south of property currently zoned O&I and planned for use as a medical complex for Morehead Hospital. The property to the east is zoned R-20 and was occupied by the Presbyterian Church now under construction. The acreage owned by the church will remain R-20 and will serve as a buffer between the established residential neighborhood to the north and any potential development on this site. Arbor Glen Apartments have also been built to the west and they were zoned O&I and the smaller vacant parcels zoned B-G was also on that corner. The rezoning of the Wal-Mart site to B-G in 2003 established the zoning pattern for future development in the area.

She noted that what they were seeing was a return to more classic zoning. Before World War II, there were many uses grouped together collectively and done in such a fashion so as not to be intrusive to each other. They have been dealing with this particular area for a year or two as its zoning pattern was amended in order to promote the best quality use for the property.

The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this request. Based upon the character of the area and the business, office and institutional uses in the area, staff recommended in favor of the request.

Council Member Tuggle stated that when he looked on the map, he assumed Southwood would be connected to that particular road.

Mrs. Stultz replied that technically it already was; Southwood itself, which was currently open and maintained by the city, went all the way up to the property line that adjoins property owned by the Presbyterian Church, Morehead Hospital, the Cherry's and the Samuelson's. At this point there has been no petition presented to close any of those streets and the proposed street that was currently under construction by the church had not yet been accepted by the city.

Council Member Tuggle asked if those people were aware of that as he remembered earlier that when this whole thing started, a group of people came and talked to her and there were some questions, and the traffic coming from that area into Southwood. He asked if they were aware of it at this point and of the possibility that it would be opened.

Mrs. Stultz replied that they knew that; several of them were not happy with it.

Council Member Tuggle asked if she had talked with any of them recently.

Mrs. Stultz replied that she had not in the last few days.

Council Member Tuggle asked when the last time she talked to them was to which Mrs. Stultz replied that it was probably in September that she had some conversation with them. There had been no petition presented to close any portion of what was already opened and until that came before the Council, she really could not make a formal recommendation.

Mayor Price noted that no one had come forward to speak in favor or against this request. He then declared the public hearing closed.

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A motion was made by Council Member Gover seconded by Council Member Vestal to approve this request as presented. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

Council Member Vestal commented that they had discussed this at the last meeting and he knew that Mrs. Stultz's office was very busy. They look at things and did not see things like the Council was looking at them the first time, but here again, the agenda came out and the map was wrong. He came down and questioned it and she told him it had already been changed. But, again, it was just some more wrong information that they continue to receive.

Mayor Price thanked him and noted it was a point taken very well. It was very hard to approve or disapprove in a public hearing without the appropriate information in front of them and it was a very important issue; and it was something that the Council could not afford to make mistakes on.

(b) Consideration of an appropriation from its General Fund (post-performance reimbursement from taxes collected) in an amount not to exceed \$150,886.66 for building renovations and other improvements to aid and encourage the location of Weil-McLain in Eden, North Carolina. The City will reimburse the company in annual installments of \$30,177.33 over a 5 year period. The consideration for such building renovations shall be a contractual obligation by Weil-McLain to create the taxable investment of \$6,026,724 in real property and machinery and equipment by the end of calendar year 2005 and create a minimum of 93 full-time jobs by December 31, 2005.

Mayor Price called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Lisa Perry, President, Rockingham County Economic Partnership, to come forward for comments.

Ms. Perry explained that they were once again visiting the Weil-McLain incentive agreement that they negotiated. They have been collectively successful in partnering with Eden to attract the company here. This was the largest manufacturer of cast iron boilers in the country. With them, they were bringing initially 93 new jobs and they did hope for some expansion opportunities and they were hopeful that the employment and investment will continue. The incentive package that they did place on the table was an amount not to exceed \$150,886.66. Again, this was post performance revenue that would generate the incentive back to the company, so they thought it was a very safe investment. She also asked that the Council waive the permitting fees, including mechanical, electrical and plumbing, associated with the construction, rehabilitation to the facility not to exceed an amount of \$15,000.

Mayor Price asked if the Council had any questions. As no one came forward to speak, he declared the public hearing closed.

City Attorney, Mr. Tom Medlin, noted that he had received this performance agreement today. He had not had an opportunity to go through it and it required his signature as to form. He asked that they make their motion, if they so pass it, subject to his approval or signature, so that if he found a problem or something, then they could bring it back. If not, if he signed off on it, then the Mayor already had the authority to sign on it as well.

In answer to a question of when they received a copy of the report, Mr. Medlin replied that he understood that this was in the report. Mr. Corcoran added that they did not get a copy of it either.

Mayor Price stated that they had a copy of the information that was in the paper. Mr. Corcoran agreed and stated that it was the same information that was presented to the Council in Closed Session. This was exactly what they agreed to.

Mr. Medlin stated that it was his understanding that there was a performance agreement between local officials and Weil-McLain, that has already been acted on by the County and the Partnership and now they needed the city to sign.

Ms. Perry replied that it was not a problem for them to change any of the form. The Council had not seen this document, however, it contained the information they had agreed upon. The County signed off on it as it was, but the Council did not have to do that.

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Mr. Medlin questioned if they were just approving the funding aspect from a budgetary purpose, but not the agreement.

Mayor Price explained that they were approving this as presented in the public notice to the paper, subject to the City Attorney's approval. He asked that he combine those two and tomorrow, if he could give them a call, they could proceed with whatever change he would like to make.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Tuggle to approve this agreement subject to the City Attorney's review and approval. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

Mayor Price commented that on behalf of the Council, it was very difficult for them to put those things together. They appreciated her work, but they needed to get all of this information.

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mayor Price introduced Ms. Tammie Bowers, the Accounting Coordinator for the City of Eden, who has done a wonderful job, working in conjunction with the City Manager.

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle seconded by Council Member Epps to approve the Finance Report. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

#### REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Andrea Alcorn addressed Council:

Ms. Andrea Alcorn, 306 Howe Street, explained that she was concerned about rental property that she had on Riverview Street which was now closed. She pointed out that there was no turn around there as it was closed by a neighbor. She explained that she came to the city to have this neighbor's house condemned as it was falling in. He also had numerous vehicles parked there that were untagged. She noted that she had pictures of it all. She explained that she got up a petition to have the road reopened.

On the 31<sup>st</sup>, she had a mobile home to catch on fire. The dead-end at Taylor Street, which there was still a stop sign there, the city had always maintained this whole road; the fire truck came in from that direction and there was no turn around and exit out. She stated that her mobile home could have burned to the ground. She thanked the Fire Department for their fast response for getting there. She noted that there had also been five vehicles that had gone off over into the embankment. She got the petition up concerning the road being blocked, Riverview Street, and no turn around. She stressed that the road needed to be reopened. This was a safety hazard for the emergency, fire, rescue and the Police Department. She stated that her main concern was, when she came to the city to have his house condemned; he got upset and blocked the road. She stated that she would (also) like to bring it to their attention that when it was a crack house down there, owned by Doug Osborne, she was the one who risked her life dealing with it and had to go to court.

Mayor Price asked for the petition. He then read "to the people of the City of Eden, November 16<sup>th</sup>, to the City Council, concerning a road being blocked on Riverview Street. There is no turn around and it needs to be reopened. This is a safety hazard for fire and rescue and the City of Eden Police Department." He noted it was signed by about 107 people. He then presented the petition to the City Clerk.

Ms. Alcorn continued in that her main concern was when she first came to the city, the crack house had been down there...to which Mayor Price asked if her concern was the house or the no turn around or a combination of things.

Ms. Alcorn replied that he got upset with her because she came to the city. The house needed to be condemned.

Mayor Price asked if her biggest concern was no turn around, the road being closed.

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Ms. Alcorn replied yes, the Fire Department did not even know that the road was closed. There was only one fire hydrant that she knew of and that was on Taylor Street at the other end. She noted that only one fire truck could get in at a time. The trash truck had to back in, the fire truck had to back in and if they needed another fire truck, that fire truck had to back out. She added that there had been five vehicles that had gone over an embankment. She questioned if they had a police standoff down there, where would the police go. They only had one direction and there was no access out.

Council Member Myott asked if anything had been done about condemning the house.

Mrs. Stultz replied that she knew that there was some inspections made, but off the top of her head she did not know where they were.

Mayor Price asked Mrs. Stultz to follow up on that and let the Council know. Also, there was some work being done to make a turn around at the end of the blocked area, and he asked if she had a feeling as to where they were on that.

Mrs. Stultz referred the question to the City Attorney.

Mr. Medlin replied that if it was the property that he recalled, he never found where a right of way had ever been dedicated or accepted by the city. This was an old railroad spur line that had come off and was no longer being used and it was being used by cars going up in there. He was not sure that the city has an easement for a road. Therefore, that would need to be done, they would have to acquire that easement and then put in their turn-around. He thought that was why when she said it was closed; obviously it was not a dedicated road that was being closed because they have not come before the Council to close it. Somebody, one of the citizens out there, just blocked it off so it could not be used anymore.

Mayor Price asked if the direction, to her understanding, was to provide a turn around.

Mrs. Stultz replied yes (and) particularly for the garbage trucks and those kinds of things. She added that she understood that Mr. O'Dell (City Engineer) had been involved and Mr. Medlin had made some contact with the railroad to try to get permission to do that.

Mr. Medlin also added that it was kind of like pulling teeth out of a lion, it was slow go.

Mayor Price asked if they were heading in the direction of getting a turn around to which Mr. Medlin replied that they had to get a right of way, the railroad owned it so they would have to get permission from them unless the city took some condemnation action. Mayor Price asked Ms. Alcorn if her concern tonight was for the safety of her tenants and the fact that people had to back up. He asked if they were backing up onto her property.

Ms. Alcorn replied yes that she had a breaking and entering in one of her mobile homes down there and they backed down into and almost hit her mobile home and then the second time they almost hit her porch. They could have knocked the mobile home off the foundation. She stated that she had to put up a gate along her drive so no one would turn around there. She added that she did ask the Fire Department if they needed access to the gate so that they could turn around, but there was no way that the fire truck could back down in there to turn around.

Mayor Price asked the Fire Chief, as far as fire safety, if he could respond.

Fire Chief, Ronnie Overby, explained that he went over and looked at it and measured it and it was right at two tenths of a mile to the furthest house from Riverside Drive, and once the truck gets down there it had no way to get out but to back out. The day they went over there to that fire they had to stop firemen from pulling in because they were starting to stack up. He explained that the problem was due to one of the firemen who remembered that dirt street and he started in that street until he saw it was blocked off.

Chief Overby noted that the Police Department called all the fire stations the day that it was blocked off and they had known about it, it was just an oversight on the fireman's part. He stated that as far as he was concerned, it was always a dangerous situation when a truck had to

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back that far out. As far as the hydrants were concerned, he had discussed that with Mr. O'Dell as to how they could address that.

Mayor Price stated that he thought it was one of those deals that they wished they could wave a magic wand and work something out. He explained that it would take a lot of digging, some work with the (City Attorney) negotiating with the railroad to get some land, some work on the Planning Department to follow up with some other issue and probably the Engineering Department as well. He stated that he could tell her that the city would work as hard as it could to resolve this problem.

Ms. Alcorn asked if there was any way that the road could be opened until they could get this turn around.

Mayor Price replied that it was not the city's road. He explained that there was never any land dedicated when the road was paved through there.

Mr. Medlin added that it would be a civil matter that the property owners out there would have to take up against whoever blocked the road. They would have to talk to their own attorney to see if they could get it reopened or take away the blockage so that they could have access. He also explained that it would be a private easement that they would be asking for.

Ms. Alcorn stated that on her map it said that she had access to that road.

Mr. Medlin replied that she would need to talk to her attorney to see if she could take away the blockage.

Ms. Alcorn asked who he had spoken with at the Norfolk and Southern Railroad.

Mr. Medlin replied that he did not recall, he thought they had sent off some correspondence to try to get someone to talk with them about it.

Ms. Alcorn stated that everyone that she had spoken with said they have had no contact with the city at all.

Mayor Price commented that they would rekindle the efforts. It was several issues that had to deal with. He suggested that she feel free to follow up and he appreciated her coming tonight. He suggested that she keep open communication with the department heads so they could tell her where they were and the process that they were trying to go through.

Ms. Alcorn stated that it had been going on for over a year and a half to which Mayor Price replied that everybody regrets that and it was probably longer than that. Now was the time to put the past aside and roll up their sleeves and see if they could get it resolved. Ms. Alcorn noted that since the road had been blocked and she had this fire, they have raised her homeowner's insurance. She asked if the city was liable for this or the homeowner who blocked the road.

Mr. Medlin stated that he could not give them legal advice. They would have to talk to their own attorney to which Mayor Price agreed and thanked Ms. Alcorn for coming forward.

Mr. Bobby Stratton addressed Council:

Mr. Bobby Stratton, 1214 Forest Road, addressed the Council regarding a storm drain at 733 Davis Street. He stated that it ran under the road and out into the property at 734 Davis Street. It was stopped up and they have seen it stopped up to where the water stood 6 or 8 inches in the road. He stated that he would hate for someone to come through there and hydroplane. He explained that some of the water comes off of Preston and down Davis Street and there was a low place there and there was a drain there that was supposed to carry the water down through the woods but it was stopped up.

Mayor Price stated that he appreciated his comments and he would have the City Manager look into it.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(a) Consideration of supplement to traffic study of Lawson Street/Cedar

The memorandum to Council explained that Lt. Farmer's traffic study consisted of a speed survey with the use of the portable radar device. A mention was made of the fact that there have been four traffic accidents reported in the area this past year.

This supplement is intended to show the actual results of the speed survey and to research traffic accidents that occurred at the Lawson Street and Cedar Street intersection during the last four years.

In researching traffic accidents from the past four years, we located three accidents that occurred at the intersection of Lawson Street and Cedar Street. Some of the other accidents mentioned in the original study were in the area, but not at the intersection. The contributing factor in all three accidents at the intersection was that drivers failed to yield and stop at the stop signs

The speed limit for this particular area was 25 mph and the result of Lt. Farmer's speed survey showed an average speed of 26 mph.

Currently, there were two stop signs at this intersection. These stop signs were for northbound and southbound traffic on Cedar Street as it approaches Lawson Street.

A proposal was made in reference to using four-way stop signs at this intersection. As a result of the speed survey and the results of the researched traffic accidents for this intersection, a four-way stop was not the recommendation of the police of the police department. The recommendation of the police department was to increase enforcement of the two stop signs that currently exist.

Mayor Price noted that he had gone over there that afternoon and that was one area that was blessed, he had never seen so many teenagers in a two block area. They were out in the street having a good time playing, riding their bicycles, playing ball, and right at that corner...this was a very dangerous intersection. He stated that he looked at the streetlight and it was going to take a lot of follow up by the Police Department.

Council Member Epps commented that it had been three accidents in the last four years.

Mayor Price stated that he did not know if they all came from coming down Cedar to the South, but that was a dangerous place. He did not know why folks were not stopping and he was concerned.

Council Member Turner questioned if another traffic pattern in that area had changed that would cause more traffic in that area in recent years. That street had been there forever and that neighborhood had been well established for a long time. There were a lot of kids over there and if you were on Lawson Street, you did not even notice it unless someone was coming up that intersection from Cedar. We have looked at some of those other traffic slowing devices in the past and she did not know if that was a possibility. She stated that she certainly appreciated the Police Department's hard work and the reason for seeing that they did not need a four-way stop there because there was one so close at the next block, but it was going to take a lot of monitoring.

Council Member Myott commented that what had really happened there was that people take short cuts, coming in on Hwy 135 and turning on Cedar Street off of Washington Street.

Mayor Price questioned if blinking lights indicating a stop ahead would help to which Council Member Epps pointed out that they had flags and they were a lot cheaper than flashing lights.

Mayor Price noted that he was thinking about at night. He stated that from his point of view, they were really going to have to look at this for a period of time.

Council Member Turner asked the Police Chief if there had been any more reports in this area of additional accidents since the original traffic study was done.

Chief Benthin replied that there had not been any more reports.

Council Member Turner asked if they had been able to give any more citations in that area recently.

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Chief Benthin replied that he did not anticipate that question so he did not check. He stated that he did not think the problem was people not seeing the stop sign, but that people were just ignoring them. Everyone that traveled that road knew they were there.

Mayor Price asked if actually the traffic on Cedar Street was the problem more or less. He asked if there was a lot more traffic.

Chief Benthin replied that he had not noticed any change over the last few years and it was not that bad of an intersection. They have accidents at every intersection and they have had three accidents there in four years which was not excessive. They had two in a short period of time and both involved running a stop sign.

Mayor Price stated that was exactly right and they were seeing a whole lot of young people there.

Chief Benthin stated that he thought that the smartest thing to do was just enforce the stop sign and when they write up tickets out there people would start taking notice of the stop signs.

Council Member Vestal commended Sergeant Shelton for his study and noted that it was one of the better studies they have had.

A motion was made by Council Member Vestal seconded by Council Member Gover to adopt the recommendation for further follow up by the Police Department.

Council Member Turner asked if it would be possible to have a three month report on this.

Action on the motion was as follows: All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Consideration of Planning Organization Appointments and Reappointments.

The memorandum explained that attached for information were attendance records for the City Boards and Commissions for 2004. Members whose terms expire in 2004 were denoted, as well as total absences, unexcused absences and percentage of meetings missed. This list was complete through October. (Please note that it has not been necessary for the Board of Adjustment to meet so far this year.) Re-appointments and new appointments were generally made and approved at the December Council meeting.

Mrs. Stultz explained that this was simply a report that they provide to Council at this time of year, delineating the attendance record of various members of Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Vestal asked if they were following the guidelines.

Mrs. Stultz replied yes and this was just something for the Council to see to know whose terms expire. She noted that the Board of Adjustment looked kind of sad, but that was because they had not had a meeting in a year.

Mayor Price stated that they would be making those nominations next month.

(b) Consideration of adoption of an ordinance for the demolition of a building located at 504 Armfield Street.

The memorandum explained that attached the Council would find a section of the Human Habitation Standards Ordinance relating to the steps to be taken when an owner fails to comply with an order to repair or demolish and a report from staff on the subject action. The City of Eden Human Habitation Standards Ordinance and the enabling legislation permit the City Council upon adoption of an ordinance to order the repair or demolition of the structure. Once the demolition was done at the City expense, actions can be taken to recoup the funds in the same manner as the collection of special assessments. They plan to burn the structure and if that was not possible they have an estimate of no more than \$2,300 to have the structure removed. They were asking that the Council adopt an ordinance for the demolition of the subject property

Mrs. Stultz stated that in light of the changes they had recently made to Code Enforcement/Abatement Collections that if they chose to adopt this ordinance that they also give

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the staff and the City Attorney the authority to pursue whatever collection measures that were available to recoup those funds expended.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Tuggle to approve this request and also to give the City Attorney the authority to pursue whatever collection measures that were available to recoup those funds expended. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of minutes: September 21, 2004 (amendment) and October 19, 2004.
- b. Approval and adoption of a motion to appoint an ABC Board Chairman.
- c. Approval to hold a public hearing and to consider an ordinance for a zoning map amendment to rezoning property on Van Buren Road from Office & Institutional to Business-Highway #1. ZONING CASE Z-04-08.

The memorandum explained the city has received a request from Shane & Abby Hensley to amend the zoning map. The request was to rezone approximately .80 acres of land located on Van Buren Road from Office & Institutional to Business-Highway #1. The Planning and Inspections Department recommends approval of the map amendment request. At their October 26, 2004 regular meeting, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council approve this request. A motion and vote to call a public hearing for comments on this map amendment request was in order.

- d. Approval and adoption of a resolution allowing the Police Department to donate surplus equipment to the troops in Iraq.

NORTH CAROLINA

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Eden owns certain items of personal property that are no longer being used by the City and it has determined is surplus; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. ' 160A-274, the City of Eden wants to donate said items of personal property to the United States Armed Forces as a show of support to our troops currently serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the citizens of Eden would be to have the said property so utilized.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and approved by the City Council of the City of Eden, the City of Eden hereby resolves and agrees that the following property: 11 straight batons, 8 PR 24 batons, 10 point blank body armors and 6 Safariland concealable body armors, owned by the City will be donated to HQBN, 1<sup>st</sup> MARDIV Attn: Supply, Box 555381 Bldg. 33322, Camp Pendleton, CA 92054.

This Resolution is effective upon its adoption this 16th day of November, 2004.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: s/Philip K. Price  
Philip K. Price, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Kim J. Scott  
Kim J. Scott, CMC  
City Clerk

- e. Approval and adoption of a Resolution in Support of the Troublesome Creek Ironworks Archaeological Project.

The memorandum explained that a consortium of groups has come together to work toward the goal of eventually turning the Troublesome Creek Ironworks site, currently owned by the Rockingham County Historical Society, into a public park that celebrates the Colonial and Early American societies that settled in a bend of Troublesome Creek. These societies are represented by remnants of a pre-Revolutionary ironworks furnace, a Revolutionary War soldier campsite and possible entrenchments, and post-Revolutionary mills, blacksmith shops, a store, a main house, an ordinary, and cabins.

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As a starting point, the Troublesome Creek Ironworks Park Committee (TCIPC) feels that it is important to explore this site in order to enhance our understanding of the events of the Revolutionary War and the Antebellum and Postbellum eras, to document the location and condition of what is left, and to take the first steps towards developing a preservation plan.

The materials enclosed here include: Draft Resolution of Support, Troublesome Creek Ironworks Park Information Sheet, Map showing where the property was located in Rockingham County.

The Committee is excited about the cultural, educational, and economic possibilities that will come with state and national recognition of this local site. Part of the area is already on the National Register of Historic Places based on its historic significance.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TROUBLESOME CREEK IRONWORKS PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Troublesome Creek Ironworks site has valuable historic and archaeological interest which should be preserved; and,

WHEREAS, heritage tourism generated by an historic and archaeological park would enhance the local economy; and,

WHEREAS, the knowledge gained from a study of this land would increase our understanding of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and the settling of southern Rockingham County; and,

WHEREAS, the increasing population of Rockingham County and surrounding areas has created a demand for more recreational and educational opportunities in the region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eden City Council strongly supports all ongoing efforts toward this historic and archaeological park.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004.

s/Philip K. Price  
Philip K. Price, Mayor

s/Kim J. Scott  
Kim J. Scott, City Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle seconded by Council Member Turner to approve Consent Agenda items a,b,c,d, and e. Council Members Tuggle, Turner, Gover, Myott, Epps and Nooe voted in favor of this motion. Council Member Vestal voted in opposition. This motion carried.

VOUCHERS:

There was no discussion regarding the vouchers.

Mayor & Council Comments:

There were no comments made by Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Vestal seconded by Council Member Gover to adjourn. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim J. Scott  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Philip K. Price  
Mayor