

**EDEN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Council Chambers
308 E. Stadium Drive
April 16, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by: Neville Hall, Mayor
2. Invocation: Pastor Lem Hardison, North Spray Christian Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood
4. Resolutions & Proclamations:
 - a. Proclamation: Police Week
 - b. Resolution: Zero Tolerance for Litter
 - c. Proclamation: Arbor Day
 - d. Resolution: Supporting Federal Historic Tax Credit Program
5. Roll Call:
6. Set Meeting Agenda:
7. Public Hearings:
 - a. (1) Consideration of a zoning text amendment request to amend Section 11.24(m) to add (6) Conditional Uses to allow Driving Schools for any vehicle that requires a CDL and passenger vehicles in the BSC district. Request submitted by Victoria Hale and amended by the Planning Board. ZONING CASE Z-19-03. **Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections**
 - (2) Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the proposed text amendment request to amend Section 11.24(m) to add (6) Conditional Uses to allow Driving Schools for any vehicle that requires a CDL and passenger vehicles in the BSC district. **Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections**
8. Requests and Petitions of Citizens:
9. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Consideration of 2019 Boards and Commissions appointments. **Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections**
10. New Business:
 - a. Consideration of a request to initiate amendments to the City of Eden Land Use Plan and combine the Zoning, Subdivision, Flood Damage Prevention and Water Supply Watershed Regulations into a Unified Development Ordinance. **Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections**

- b. Consideration of a Rockingham County Litter Prevention Advisory Committee appointee. **Rockingham County Board of Commissioners**

11. Reports from Staff:

- a. City Manager's Report. **Brad Corcoran, City Manager**

12. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval and adoption of March 19, 2019 Minutes. **Deanna Hunt, City Clerk**
- b. Approval to call a Public Hearing to consider the FY 2019-2020 Budget on May 21, 2019. **Brad Corcoran, City Manager**
- c. Approval and adoption of a Resolution declaring surplus equipment. **Paul Dishmon, Director of Municipal Services**
- d. Approval of the Freedom Park Splash Pad Fee Schedule. **Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks & Recreation and Facilities & Grounds**
- e. Approval of a Resolution in support of the Piedmont Legacy Trails. **Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks & Recreation and Facilities & Grounds**
- f. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #3. **Tammie McMichael, Director of Finance and Human Resources**
- g. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #4. **Tammie McMichael, Director of Finance and Human Resources**
- h. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #5. **Tammie McMichael, Director of Finance and Human Resources**

13. Announcements:

14. Work Session:

- a. Proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget. **Brad Corcoran, City Manager**

15. Adjourn:



PROCLAMATION Police Week

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed the first Proclamation recognizing May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden recognizes the incalculable value of our own Police Department; and

WHEREAS, members of the Eden Police Department work tirelessly to protect and serve citizens across our City, enforce our laws, and keep our neighborhoods, schools, and families safe; and

WHEREAS, our officers risk their lives each and every day in order to ensure our safety; and

WHEREAS, Eden citizens value the courage and devotion of the Eden Police Department, as our collective prosperity depends on the integrity with which our officers maintain peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Police Week is an opportunity to honor our officers and their families as they continue to protect and serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Neville Hall, and the Eden City Council do formally recognize our Police Officers and Support Staff for their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities and their dedication to our City, and do hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2019 as

Police Week

in the City of Eden and call these observances to the attention of all our citizens.

This the 16th day of April, 2019.

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR LITTER
IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the amount of litter and trash along the county's roads, in rivers, and in commercial and residential areas of Eden and Rockingham County is offensive; and

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners is organizing a litter and trash prevention outreach and education campaign to make the County a beautiful place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners will engage County and City residents, elected officials, local agencies, and our public school system to be a part of making Rockingham County an example for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, littering influences others to litter and creates a negative impression for residents, tourists and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Eden and Rockingham County will continue to increase enforcement of this crime, raise awareness about the act of littering in the community and the schools, reduce the overall amount of litter, and will not tolerate this crime through a policy of Zero Tolerance of Litter; and

WHEREAS, special attention will be given to vehicles hauling unsecured loads, acts of illegal dumping and motorists or pedestrians improperly tossing away items including cigarette butts; and

WHEREAS, Eden and Rockingham County will continue to strive to be leaders in litter prevention and will take a proactive stance each day through enforcement, education in the schools, partnering opportunities within the community civic organizations as well as regional, state and national organizations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eden City Council, in conjunction with the Board of County Commissioners of Rockingham County, North Carolina, does hereby support a policy of Zero Tolerance For Litter and encourages all citizens to work together, stand firm against the act of littering, and to act responsibly for a cleaner community to preserve the natural beauty, quality of life and health of our community.

This the 16th day of April, 2019.

Neville Hall, Mayor
City of Eden

ATTEST:

Deanna Hunt
Eden City Clerk



2019 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden has been named a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 25th year, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neville Hall, Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim Friday, **April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Eden,** and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest, Deanna Hunt, City Clerk



A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CONTINUE THE FEDERAL HISTORIC TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the federal Historic Tax Credit program (HTC) was put in place by Congress and the Reagan Administration to attract capital to historic rehabilitation projects that help stimulate local economies; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the HTC, it has created over 2.4 million jobs, rehabilitated more than 42,000 buildings, and leveraged \$131.8 billion in private investment; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of this successful federal economic development program, more than 35 states have enacted complementary state historic tax credit programs to help revitalize the commercial downtowns of their cities and Main Street communities; and

WHEREAS, federal HTC projects have a 99 percent success rate, leverage four private dollars for every dollar of federal support, and are catalytic, building neighborhood confidence and generating follow-on projects for blocks around; and

WHEREAS, over the life of this program, the HTC has generated \$29.8 billion in federal tax revenues compared to \$25.2 billion in credits allocated—more than paying for itself; and

WHEREAS, both the Eden Historic Preservation Commission and Eden Downtown Development, Inc. have adopted resolutions in support of continuation of the Historic Tax Credit program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Eden supports the federal Historic Tax Credit program and urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to continue the federal Historic Tax Credit program.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest, Deanna Hunt, City Clerk



Planning and Inspections Department

P. O. Box 70, 308 E Stadium Drive, Eden NC 27289-0070/Telephone 336-623-2110/Fax 336-623-4057

MEMO

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
FROM: Kelly K. Stultz, AICP, Director
SUBJECT: **Zoning Case Z-19-03 – Text Amendment**
DATE: April 1, 2019

The City has received a zoning text amendment request filed by Victoria Hale to amend Section 11.24(m) to allow Truck Driving Schools as a permitted use in the Business-Shopping Center District.

The Planning and Inspections Department recommends approval of the text amendment request with conditions.

At their regular meeting on March 26, 2019, the Planning Board voted to amend the request to permit Driving Schools for vehicles that require a CDL and passenger vehicles. The Planning Board also voted to recommend that the City Council approve this request as amended with the conditions recommended by Staff and adopted a Resolution Adopting A Statement of Consistency Regarding the Proposed Amendment.

If you have questions, please contact this office.



PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
PETITION FOR TEXT AMENDMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this application and provide the required information. In order for this application to be accepted, all applicable sections of this form must be completed, all required information provided and the application fee paid at the time of submittal.

(1) APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NAME: Victoria Hale DBA Elite Driving School TELEPHONE: 336-623-6800
MAILING ADDRESS: 202 N Van Buren Rd Ste F
CITY Eden STATE NC ZIP CODE 27288

(2) APPLICABLE SECTION OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE:

BUSINESS SHOPPING CENTER 11.24(m)(5)

(3) EXISTING WORDING IN TEXT:

(4) REQUESTED WORDING IN TEXT:

Allow Truck Drive Training School

(5) REASON FOR REQUESTED CHANGE:

(6) APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information shown on this application is true and accurate, and that I hereby petition the Planning Board to recommend and the City Council to approve this application for zoning ordinance amendment.

Victoria Hale
Applicant's Signature

3-8-19
Date of Signature

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2-19-03

FEE PAID: \$150⁰⁰

RECEIVED BY: H. Dalloway

DATE: 3-8-19

**PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT REPORT
March 12, 2019**

CASE NUMBER: Z-19-03

REQUESTED ACTION: To amend Section 11.24(m) to add (6) Conditional Uses to allow Driving Schools for any vehicle that requires a CDL and passenger vehicles in the BSC district

APPLICANT: Victoria Hale

EXISTING TEXT

Section 11.24(m)(6)

(None)

PROPOSED TEXT

Section 11.24(m)(6)

Conditional Uses

Driving Schools for any vehicle that requires a CDL and passenger vehicles provided there is adequate space for operation of the business without interfering with other uses and without infringing on required parking space. In addition, there must be a designated driving area which is designed to carry the load of trucks and heavy vehicles, and which does not utilize existing parking areas of the BSC district, so as not to infringe on these parking lots which are designed for the shopping areas and for normal vehicular traffic.

The existing Sections 11.24 (m)(6), (7), (8) and (9) will be renumbered to (7), (8), (9) and (10).

GENERAL INFORMATION

This request was submitted by the potential property owner.

STAFF ANALYSIS

This amendment was submitted as a request to allow truck driver training schools as a permitted use in the Business Shopping Center District. The BSC district is established as a district in which the principal use of land is to provide for the retailing of goods and services in designed shopping areas, where the nature of the development occurring is limited by standards designed to protect the abutting residential areas. (This district is required for shopping center developments over four (4) acres; shopping centers under four (4) acres shall be classified as neighborhood business.)

The BSC districts were originally designed primarily for retail and service uses. However, over the years, as shopping centers and malls have been in decline nationwide, many shopping centers have moved away from retail uses and converted to more service-oriented uses. This has led to many vacant tenant spaces and outparcels in the BSC districts. Staff is of the opinion that

allowing more “non-traditional” uses could promote better use of these properties, rather than allowing them to sit vacant and possibly become deteriorated.

Staff also believes that allowing the use of driving schools for any vehicle that requires a CDL and passenger vehicles would not deter from the intent of the BSC district, but would allow more options for use of these properties, provided there is adequate space for operation of the business without interfering with other uses and without infringing on required parking space. In addition, staff recommends that the use be allowed only with a designated driving area which is designed to carry the load of trucks and heavy vehicles, and which does not utilize existing parking areas of the BSC district, so as not to infringe on these parking lots which are designed for the shopping areas and for normal vehicular traffic.

Based upon the foregoing information, staff recommends approval of the text amendment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the request as amended.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDEN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that, after having fully complied with all legal requirements, including publication of notice of a public hearing and the holding of a public hearing relative thereto, Section 11.24(m) Business; Shopping Center District of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Eden is hereby amended as follows:

1. By adding:

(6) **Conditional Uses**

Driving Schools for any vehicle that requires a CDL and passenger vehicles provided there is adequate space for operation of the business without interfering with other uses and without infringing on required parking space. In addition, there must be a designated driving area which is designed to carry the load of trucks and heavy vehicles, and which does not utilize existing parking areas of the BSC district, so as not to infringe on these parking lots which are designed for the shopping areas and for normal vehicular traffic.

2. By renumbering the existing paragraphs (6), (7), (8) and (9) to (7), (8), (9) and (10).

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 16th day of April, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: _____
Neville A. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A
STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
CITY OF EDEN ZONING ORDINANCE
CASE NUMBER Z-19-03
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 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 for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Section 11.24(m)(5) Business Shopping Center to allow Truck Driver Training Schools as a permitted use.

WHEREAS, On March 26, 2019, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to amend the request to read as follows:

To amend Section 11.24(m) to add: (6) Conditional Uses. Driving Schools for any vehicle that requires a CDL and passenger vehicles provided there is adequate space for operation of the business without interfering with other uses and without infringing on required parking space. In addition, there must be a designated driving area which is designed to carry the load of trucks and heavy vehicles, and which does not utilize existing parking areas of the BSC district, so as not to infringe on these parking lots which are designed for the shopping areas and for normal vehicular traffic.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The Business-Shopping Center districts were originally designed primarily for retail and service uses. However, over the years, as shopping centers and malls have been in decline nationwide, many shopping centers have moved away from retail uses and converted to more service-oriented uses. This has led to many vacant tenant spaces and outparcels in the BSC districts. Staff is of the opinion that allowing more "non-traditional" uses could promote better use of these properties, rather than allowing them to sit vacant

and possibly become deteriorated. Staff recommends that the request be amended to include Driving Schools for any vehicle that requires a CDL and passenger vehicles.

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, and why the City Council considers the proposed amendment to be reasonable and in the public's best interest;

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

1. The Eden City Council finds that the proposed amendment 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's best interest.

Approved and adopted and effective this 16th day of April, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: _____
Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk



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MEMO

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
FROM: Kelly K. Stultz, AICP, Director
SUBJECT: **Appointment of New Member to Strategic Planning Commission**
DATE: April 4, 2019

There are currently two vacancies on the Eden Strategic Planning Commission. The Commission would like to recommend Dr. John LeSueur to fill one of those positions. We would ask that you appoint him to the Eden Strategic Planning Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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MEMO

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
FROM: Kelly K. Stultz, AICP, Director
SUBJECT: **Initiation of Update to Land Use Plan and Zoning, Subdivision, Flood Damage Prevention and Water Supply Watershed Ordinance**
DATE: April 5, 2019

Over the past 30 years, the standard in format for land use regulations across our country has been the adoption of a Unified Development Ordinance. Such an ordinance weaves together zoning, subdivision, flood damage prevention and water supply watershed regulations in one legal document; thereby ensuring that the land development codes thoroughly implement our Land Use Plan. The Unified Development Ordinance reflects the way modern development occurs, eliminating distinctions between subdivision and zoning that are often arbitrary. For example, in our current zoning code you can build a house on an unopened street so long as it is dedicated to the public. Our subdivision ordinance does not allow this practice.

In the 1980's, the Eden City Council began to recognize that its land development ordinances i.e. Zoning, Subdivision and Flood Damage Prevention, were 20 years old and needed to be updated. The first step in that process was decided to be the creation of a new staff position of Planning Director. That person's first Council meeting was in February 1989.

Upon the recommendation of that Planning Director, a committee was created consisting of Valerie Eggleston, Tommy Flynt, Martha Holland, Phil Hunnicut, Bob Long, Joe Maddrey and Kenan Wright. This committee was charged with making recommendations to the Council for the revision of the City's land use ordinances. The recommendations are eerily true nearly 30 years later. The following is a list of the recommendations that came from this committee:

1. There is an inadequate amount of land available to promote a diversity of housing types.
2. There are poor land development patterns in some areas.
3. There are residential and commercial properties that do not have a pleasing community appearance and that lack proper maintenance which may eventually lead to public health and safety concerns.
4. There are opportunities for land use and development in Eden that are either constrained or not fully recognized.

5. There is an insufficient development approval system and an overall inability of the public and land development sectors.
6. Economic Industrial Development.
7. Transportation.
8. Water/Sewer Services.
9. Historic Preservation.
10. Downtown Areas.
11. Open Space and Recreation.
12. Environment.
13. Community Appearance.
14. Land Development.
15. Planning and Development Coordination.

A copy of an article from the "Eden Daily News" on September 15, 1989 is attached and gives more detail on the items above.

Three years, thousands of hours and many meetings later a final certified copy of a new Land Use and Development Ordinance was submitted to the City Council by the Planning Board on April 12, 1993.

On July 14, 1993, the headline in the local paper said "Council Kills Zoning Plan". The accompanying article said "It took Eden City Council members less than 20 minutes Tuesday night to end three years of work on the proposed zoning and land use for the area." It was a 4-3 split decision. Fewer than 10 property owners out of the 8,000 letters we sent came out to a public hearing to object to provisions in the proposal and only 1 of them was concerned about their map designation.

Since July of 1993, the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance and map have been amended more than 395 times. Many of the changes that were recommended in the LUDO have been included in our current regulations. However, our land use ordinances are now more than 50 years old. Our 1977 Land Use Plan was updated in 2007. It too needs to be updated and revised.

As a planner for the City of Eden, I believe as strongly today as I did 30 years ago that we owe it to our community to adopt concise, appropriate land use regulations. It is imperative that we begin the process immediately.

There are some lessons learned from the last attempt at these sweeping changes. First and foremost, not everyone loves land use like planners do. Second, bringing everything at one time makes it harder for Council Members to make decisions. It was overwhelming to some of the Council in 1993.

After talking with many of my colleagues in planning, I believe that we should handle such a process in this fashion:

1. Update the Land Use and Development Plan. Get the updates adopted.
2. Codify our existing regulations into one large ordinance.
3. Do small area land use studies to rectify as many of the areas that are in need of a different zoning classification as we can and bring those recommendations to the Planning Board and City Council for approval.
4. Make the changes to our land use and development ordinances and bring it to the Planning Board and City Council in manageable divisions.
5. Final Adoption of the UDO and maps.

I will tell you that most jurisdictions hire a consultant to come in and take on the tasks necessary to bring such changes to fruition. Under current circumstances, I am aware that such funding is not available at this time.

Our department staff consists of the same number of people we had in 1993. In the intervening 26 years, we have even more responsibilities than at that time. Thus meaning that this entire project is not one that you will see completed quickly. With that in mind, I do not plan to create any sub-committees during the process but intend to primarily use our Planning Board as they are by State Statute the leading planning agency for the City of Eden. Portions of the proposal that impact others of our boards and commissions will involve those groups as well.

I am asking that you initiate the update of the 2007 Land Use Plan and our Zoning, Subdivision, Flood Damage Prevention and Water Supply Watershed regulations.

EDEN DAILY EDENS

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Eden, N.C. 27288, Friday, September 15, 1989

A Park Newspaper 19 Pages

25¢ Per Copy

Group Offers Ways To Meet Eden's Land Problems

Citizens' Proposals To Be Considered In Revising Zoning Ordinances

By KEN CHURCH

The unavailability of land, poor development patterns and unattractive properties are among several land-use concerns in Eden identified by a local citizen advisory committee.

The seven-member group met with city officials four times in July and August as a launchpad for the upcoming revision of Eden's zoning ordinance. Serving on the committee were Valerie Eggleston, Tommy Flynt, Martha Holland, Phil Hunicutt, Bob Long, Joe Maddrey and Kenan Wright.

City Planner Lee Burnette presented the group's findings to the Eden Planning and Zoning Board last week and will do the same at the Eden City Council meeting later this month.

The committee's work — summarized in a nine-page report — will be the "starting point of discussion" when a policy committee composed of various members of city boards begins the revision process in late September or in early October, Burnette said.

That committee comprises four members of the planning board, two members of the City Council and four members of the Eden Board of Adjustment. Burnette, City Manager Steve Routh and other city staff members also will be involved in the rewriting of the zoning ordinance.

The existing ordinance, established in 1968 and expanded to include extraterritorial areas in 1979, has been amended several times but has not undergone a complete modification process until now, Burnette noted.

The N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development will help with the revision, he added.

The citizen committee zeroed in on five perceived problems regarding land use and development in Eden, along with sup-

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porting conditions and their causes. The group also recommended some possible solutions.

The committee's concerns are summarized as follows:

- There is an inadequate amount of land available to promote a diversity of housing types, sizes and prices.

There is a lack of adequate access to much property in Eden, the committee found, and lot size regulations are rigid and do not encourage "open space preservation."

Manufactured housing locations are limited because of land costs and restrictive zoning, but the committee cited an "over-

concentration" of manufactured homes in certain areas of the city.

Townhouse, cluster and similar types of residential development opportunities also are limited by the existing zoning ordinance.

- There are poor land development patterns in some areas of Eden, and the practices causing them are still occurring.

Soil erosion, especially on vacant land and construction sites, is a major cause of the problem, and the committee cited lack of notification to appropriate state agencies.

Substandard streets with poor intersections and inadequate off-street parking also are a problem, as are inadequate drainage systems, steep slopes and flood plains.

The committee also found many incompatible land uses and crowded sites.

- There are residential and commercial properties that do not have a pleasing community appearance and that lack proper maintenance which may eventually lead to public health and safety problems.

The committee pointed out that many properties contain

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plant overgrowth, litter and debris, junk cars, etc., blaming the problem on unenforceable ordinances and public apathy.

Other conditions cited included unattractive streets with plant overgrowth and eroding ditches; lack of landscaping on commercial properties; cluttered signs; and unmaintained buildings in downtown areas.

● **There are opportunities for land use and development in Eden that are either constrained or not fully recognized.**

Much land is vacant because of a lack of water and sewer service, appropriate zoning and access.

The committee added that the city's natural resources — namely, its rivers — are not being recognized as an amenity. Meanwhile, an increasing demand for recreational services is not being met, the group said.

● **There is an inefficient development approval system and an overall inability of the public and land-development sectors to understand each other's needs.**

The time frame for zoning decision-making and subdivision review is too lengthy, according to committee members. Also, city officials appear to use too-rigid zoning techniques in making land-use decisions, they said.

Furthermore, the city does not encourage growth or provide direction for growth because of no defined and publicized land-use and development policies, they added. The committee also pointed out that the city provides no building code enforcement in its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The citizen committee made numerous recommendations, some general and others specific, for combatting the problems in several key areas. Some of the suggestions are listed here:

Economic/Industrial Development — "The city should encourage industries and businesses to locate and expand in Eden through defined economic policies and programs."

Transportation — The city should, where economically feasible, improve inadequately designed streets; develop a thoroughfare plan and related transportation studies; and allow flexibility to residential street standards to permit "creative and innovative land development."

Water/Sewer Services — The city should investigate all possible funding sources for utility extensions and improvements. It should also consider participation with the private sector in extending services to further growth and development.

Historic Preservation — "The city should take the necessary measures to preserve and protect the historic and architecturally significant structures and sites in Eden," the committee stated.

Downtown Areas — "The city should develop policies and actions that support the maintenance and revitalization of the downtown areas." Specific recommendations include the encouragement of residential development and compatible "mixed" developments in downtown areas and provision of off-street parking.

Open Space and Recreation — The committee suggested the creation of more recreational parks "close to existing and future residential neighborhoods." City officials should integrate Eden's natural features, "especially the rivers," with leisure and recreation use, and preserve open spaces "especially in ecological sensitive areas."

Environment — The primary concerns expressed here are possible buffer zones along rivers and streams, control of the flood plains and a possible soil and erosion control ordinance.

Community Appearance — "The city should commit the necessary resources to enforce the existing nuisance and condemnation ordinances, especially before considering any additional ordinances," the committee stated.

The group also recommended stronger ordinances and better enforcement regarding signs, litter, junk and abandoned cars. The maintenance of public right-of-ways, sidewalks and curbing also was stressed, either through city forces, volunteer groups or community service workers.

Tree preservation and public landscaping, especially on commercial properties, should be considered, the committee noted.

Land Development — "The city should support innovative and flexible land development techniques that permit land development and configurations that are more desirable and more sensitive to the city's land and water resources," the group said. "These techniques should permit planned and mixed use communities, cluster housing and flexible lot size and setback standards."

The committee also suggested that the city revise its regulations on manu-

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Environment — The primary concerns expressed here are possible buffer zones along rivers and streams, control of the flood plains and a possible soil and erosion control ordinance.

Community Appearance — "The city should commit the necessary resources to enforce the existing nuisance and condemnation ordinances, especially before considering any additional ordinances," the committee stated.

The group also recommended stronger ordinances and better enforcement regarding signs, litter, junk and abandoned cars. The maintenance of public right-of-ways, sidewalks and curbing also was stressed, either through city forces, volunteer groups or community service workers.

Tree preservation and public landscaping, especially on commercial properties, should be considered, the committee noted.

Land Development — "The city should support innovative and flexible land development techniques that permit land development and configurations that are more desirable and more sensitive to the city's land and water resources," the group said. "These techniques should permit planned and mixed use communities, cluster housing and flexible lot size and setback standards."

The committee also suggested that the city revise its regulations on manufactured homes, utilize curb and gutter where necessary and disallow non-conforming uses to expand.

Planning and Development Coordination — "The city should develop written policies for growth and development that reflect the goals and objectives of the city and that serve as a basis for future decisions on capital improvements, water and sewer extensions, ordinances, zoning matters, subdivision approvals and other growth and development issues," the committee stated.

Other suggestions included:

— Utilizing flexible zoning techniques such as planned unit developments (PUDs) special uses, overlay zoning and conditional rezoning.

— "Streamlining" the rezoning process by automatically preparing ordinances and having them available for approval at the time of the Eden City Council's vote.

— Changing the subdivision process primarily by establishing an administrative technical review committee and distinguishing between major and minor subdivision plats.

— Educating the community on the need for planning and land control, as well as educating the planning board and board of adjustment as to their functions, responsibilities and powers.

— Developing a public information and awareness program on the city's land and development codes and the procedure for reporting violators.

— Establishing a countywide planning agency or at least coordinating planning and development activities with neighboring cities and the county.

Litter Prevention Advisory Committee Bylaws

Mission: To reduce the amount of litter and illegal dumping in Rockingham County by empowering a citizen driven advisory board to revitalize and improve the appearance of the County through education, enforcement and direct assistance.

Establishment

The Litter Prevention Advisory Committee is hereby established as a standing committee of Rockingham County to be organized and function as stated within the following sections.

Guidelines & Responsibilities

- A. Decrease litter and related expenses by increasing enforcement through penalties by our state and local law enforcement.
- B. Establish a partnership with NCDOT to address roadside litter, improve roadside appearance, maintain clean entrance and exit ramps, put out additional litter prevention signage, and prevent allocation of additional County budget expenditures related to littering.
- C. Develop a program so that citizens may report roadside debris, dumping and other offensive littering actions.
- D. Provide recommendations on enforcing the County Solid Waste Ordinance and public education regarding requirements for covered loads to prevent truck debris will decrease roadside litter, improve public safety, minimize the attraction of additional litter and reduce crime.
- E. Create stronger alliances with law enforcement, Keep America Beautiful, Rockingham County Public School System, Rockingham Community College and other national, state and local organizations to educate the community and prevent litter.
- F. Partner with businesses to reduce the amount of litter that is created by each business or customers.
- G. Develop an educational curriculum on litter prevention to be taught in the public schools.
- H. Partner with churches, HOAs, school and college groups and community organizations to establish community partnerships county-wide.
- I. Identify illegal littering and dumping sites so law enforcement can be increased in those problem areas and deterrent signage can be erected.
- J. Encourage and promote the Adopt-A-Highway Program.
- K. Collaborate with County staff to develop a Litter Hotline and a Web Form for those who see motorists littering.
- L. Any other activities that the Advisory Committee deems necessary in order to aggressively impact littering.

Membership & Terms

The membership will consist of a representative appointed by each municipality, a representative that the Board of County Commissioners appoints, a representative from the Dan River Basin Association and a representative from Good Stewards of Rockingham County.

Members of the Advisory Committee shall serve four year terms.

Regular Meetings

The Advisory Committee will meet on an as needed basis, but no less than quarterly. The Committee will establish the time and place of its meetings and give proper notice in accordance with the North Carolina Open Meetings Law.

Officers

- 1) Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and perform all such duties as are incidental to the office of Chairman and are properly required on him or her.
- 2) Vice Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, he or she shall exercise all functions of the Chairman and shall be vested with all of his or her powers.
- 3) Secretary. The Secretary shall have oversight of all records, keeping such records in a centralized location, and perform such duties as are incidental to that office and properly required of him or her by the Committee.

Staff and Facilities

The Clerk to the Board shall assist the Advisory Committee in arranging needed meeting space and with questions regarding proper legal notification and scheduling of meetings. Other County staff may be invited to meetings periodically to assist as needed.

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by the Rockingham County Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted this 18th day of March by the Board of County Commissioners.

Reece Pyrtle, Chair
 Rockingham County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Keli G. Watkins
 Clerk to the Board

City Manager's Report – April 2019

Proposed Budget for FY 2019-20

Copies of the proposed budget for FY 2019-20 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) were distributed to the Mayor and each member of City Council on Monday, April 8. A copy of the budget document is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection during normal business hours from now until the May 21 public hearing.

The City Council will hold a budget work session on the proposed budget at the end of their regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Summary

- A. The combined budgets for fiscal year 2019-20 are balanced and equal \$32,816,800, which is a decrease of \$515,400 or 1.54% when compared to the current combined budgets at \$33,332,200.
- B. On February 23, 2019, the City Council met for its annual budget/planning retreat. According to the priorities submitted and discussed by the Mayor and members of City Council, the funding priority themes for FY 2019-20 include:
 - a. Economic and Tourism Development Initiatives
 - b. Parks & Recreation Initiatives
 - c. Infrastructure Improvement Initiatives
 - d. *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan Initiatives
 - e. Code Enforcement & Nuisance Abatement Initiatives

In addition to the funding priority themes, the City Council ranked their top four specific spending priorities for FY 2019-20 as follows:

- a. *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan
- b. Code Enforcement & Nuisance Abatement Issues
- c. Construction of Emergency Services Fire Training Facility
- d. Replacement of 1972 Boiler at Eden Municipal Building

Funding to some degree or another for each of these identified and discussed priority themes and spending priorities has been included in the budget as submitted. City Council also requested that staff proceed with finalizing plans for the construction of a shell building for industrial recruitment efforts and implementation of a water pressure improvement grant for citizens meeting specific criteria related to low water pressure. Staff will address both of these measures as we move into the fiscal year.

C. The budget **does not** increase the current tax rate of \$0.609 per \$100 assessed property valuation. A comparison of the existing tax rates currently being charged by surrounding governmental entities is as follows:

Eden	\$ 0.609	Rockingham County	\$ 0.696
Madison	\$ 0.73	Stoneville	\$ 0.69
Mayodan	\$ 0.63	Wentworth	Not Applicable
Reidsville	\$ 0.74		

D. The budget **does not** increase the water rates, sewer rates or monthly residential solid waste fee.

E. The budget **does not** increase the motor vehicle license fee of \$15.00 per licensed vehicle.

F. The budget includes a flat \$500 increase in compensation for all full-time employees. Additional compensation ranging from \$0 (0-4 years of service) to \$1,000 (30+ years of service) based on an employee’s length of service to the City is also included. The total cost for both of these measures combined is consistent with the 1.9% increase in the Consumer Price Index for 2018.

G. The budget includes funding for 180 full-time positions. This is a reduction of one full-time position when compared to the current FY 2018-19, a reduction of four full-time positions since October 2015 and a reduction of twenty-three full-time positions since FY 1995-96.

H. The budget includes \$1,000,000 in contingency funds (General Fund \$500,000 and Water & Sewer Fund \$500,000) for unanticipated expenditures and/or unforeseen declines in revenue.

I. The FY 2019-20 spending plan includes the allocation of \$2,000,000 in available fund balances (General Fund \$500,000 and Water & Sewer Fund \$1,500,000). A significant portion (\$1,000,000) of the fund balance from the Water & Sewer Fund is the result of excess leachate revenues that have been and will continue to be received from Duke Energy during the current 2018-19 fiscal year.

J. During the next three years, we will be undertaking a significant amount of water and sewer infrastructure work. It is projected that we will be spending more than **\$40,000,000** in just the next three years for work associated with the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC), the Mega Park Waterline Extension Project, and improvements

at our Water Filtration Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as our distribution and collection system.

K. A lump sum allocation of \$300,000 for additional undesignated initiatives related to the continued implementation of the *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan is included in the budget.

L. Funding is included for the following items:

- \$3,955,900 for capital outlay items – several of which, are related to the *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan:

General Fund – \$1,648,900

Powell Bill/Street Resurfacing Account – \$467,500

Water & Sewer Fund – \$1,839,500

- \$1,788,200 in loan proceeds for eleven different items/initiatives.

- \$2,991,500 for debt service payments:

General Fund – \$919,600

Water & Sewer Fund – \$2,071,900

- \$1,068,000 in revenue from the following grants to help fund various projects and initiatives:

1. Rockingham County Aging, Disability & Transit Services (RCATS) Grant for the Skat Bus Operations – \$ 64,900

2. Community Oriented Policing Services Grant – \$ 83,100

3. North Carolina Commerce Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant – \$920,000

- \$160,000 for code enforcement efforts including demolitions and nuisance abatements.

- \$62,300 in funding to continue supporting a number of community-wide organizations.

M. A reappraisal of real property was completed by Rockingham County during 2018. The combined actual values for real property, personal property and public utility for 2018 equaled a value of \$910,328,571. As of April 3, 2019, the estimated post-reappraisal combined actual values for real property, personal property and public utility for 2019 equaled a value of \$901,071,375. This is a reduction of \$9,257,196 or approximately 1.02%. According to North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 159-11(e) *“the revenue-neutral property tax rate is the rate that is estimated to produce revenue for the next fiscal year equal to the revenue that would have been produced for the next fiscal year by the current tax rate if no reappraisal had occurred”*. This general statute also provides instruction on how the rate is to be calculated. Based on the preliminary information highlighted above, the estimated revenue-neutral property tax rate for 2019 equals \$0.617. This is an increase of \$0.008 from the current tax rate of \$0.609.

However, additional loss in value (leading to an even higher revenue-neutral tax rate) could be realized due to appeals and corrections made during the ongoing appeal period of the revaluation. In addition, there are many unanswered questions related to business personal property values and various industries. Due to the nature of the appeals process currently underway, the total tax base as a result of the reappraisal process is not firmly known. As we have seen, some appeals take a significant amount of time to be resolved. For example, the 2017 appeals from MillerCoors is still pending and SGRTEX, which is presently under receivership, has requested an extension to list.

Despite the outcome of the appeals and adjustment process, the budget as submitted maintains our existing tax rate of \$0.609 per \$100 assessed property valuation (currently the lowest in Rockingham County) for FY 2019-20. We believe it is best to wait at least a year to see what the true outcome of this reappraisal and appeals process is on the tax values and revenues for the City.

Please refer to the Budget Message for comprehensive information concerning the FY 2019-20 budget. A copy of the complete 58-page budget message can be found on the City’s web page in the document center for your review and information. It can be accessed directly via this link: <https://www.edennc.us/DocumentCenter/Index/987> . A public hearing and adoption of the FY 2019-20 budget will be held during the City Council’s regular meeting on May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Drop Port Sites Eliminated & Recycling Center Hours of Operation Expanded

Effective June 1, 2019, all six of the recycling drop port sites located throughout the city will be closed and all recyclables can be dropped off at our recycling center that is located at 123 Mebane Bridge road. The recyclables allowed consist of the following: plastic containers,

mixed paper, used oil, batteries, cardboard, aluminum cans and tin cans. We DO NOT accept tires.

Our Mebane Bridge site is currently being renovated to better handle the recycling material and ease of access. In addition, the site will have longer hours of operation. As of June 1, 2019, the recycling center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday. The facility will be closed on Mondays and will be closed in observance of 11 holidays throughout the course of the year.

According to the NC Department of Environmental Quality, the City of Eden is only allowed to accept recycling material from Eden residents. As such, we will be furnishing a vehicle sticker to Eden residents the first time they visit the site to drop off their recyclables. Once residency has been verified, a sticker will be given to the resident. The sticker must be displayed in the right rear of their vehicle. Each sticker will be numbered and assigned to that vehicle only. If a resident needs more than one sticker, for other vehicles they own, that vehicle must be driven to the site on a subsequent visit to the recycling center in order to be registered to receive a recycling sticker.

Anyone caught dumping at the drop port sites after the drop port sites have been closed is susceptible to being charged for illegal dumping. For additional questions regarding any of these issues, please call 336-627-7781 ext. 103 or email Dusty Curry, Superintendent of Solid Waste at dcurry@edennc.us.

Eden Youth Council

Are you ready to serve? The City is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 City of Eden Youth Council. Membership is open to individuals who live in the Morehead High School Attendance Zone (MHS, college, homeschool or private school students) and are between the ages of 14 and 20.

What can you expect?

- Service opportunities
- Develop leadership and professional skills
- Networking with civic leaders
- Coordinate opportunities for Eden youth
- Great experience to list on resumes and college applications

If you are interested in applying, you can get your application at Eden City Hall - Administration, or Morehead High School Student Affairs Office. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Woods at jwoods@edennc.us.

School & Community Team Up to Clean Up Event @ Morehead High School

Seventy-Five (75) city employees joined forces with students, faculty and other school and community members and representatives to help clean up Morehead High School. The event was on Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The day was a HUGE success. Thank you again to everyone that participated!

City of Eden – Morehead High School Partnership – Student/Employee Shadow Day

Several Morehead High School students shadowed employees with the City of Eden on Thursday, March 28. They spent the entire school day with us learning about various jobs they were interested in learning more about, as well as the operations of the City in general. This partnership between the City and Morehead High School is one of the results from the *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan. The City and Morehead High School will collaborate for additional shadow days on Thursday, April 18 and Thursday, May 23.

EPA Administrative Order of Consent

From 1987 – 2001, Eden averaged 2,028,819 gallons in sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) on an annual basis. Despite being blessed with an abundance of water and sewer using industries that generated significant water and sewer revenue the city did not use that time to make a significant investment towards addressing its on-going problems associated with inflow/infiltration (I/I) and the SSOs.

Since 2001, the city has spent over \$46,161,593 (through March 31, 2019) on improvements to our sewer collection system related to battling inflow/infiltration (I/I) and reducing our problems with SSOs.

Despite our extensive investment and work, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not tolerate ANY wastewater overflows. They have a zero tolerance policy, despite it being nearly impossible to stop all wastewater overflows when you have sudden and significant rainfall. The city is at the mercy of this federal agency. If it does not comply with this unfunded mandate, the city risks daily fines of up to \$37,500 for each violation as well as possible criminal penalties.

In early 2017, the EPA approved a remediation plan submitted by the City and on March 18, 2017; the clock began on the five-year implementation period for fulfilling our mandated obligations in relation to the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC). The EPA AOC must be completed by April 21, 2022.

On March 21, 2017, City Council approved the creation of a Capital Project Fund for the EPA AOC Sewer Project in the amount of \$33,725,600. It was noted that prior to March 2017, a total of \$15,391,673 had already been spent on this unfunded federal mandate. At that point, in time, the funding to date included:

- 0% and low interest loans \$10,961,507
- Principal forgiveness loans \$ 4,034,000
- Eden pay-as-you-go funding \$ 396,166
- Total \$15,391,673

It was also noted that the remaining work had a projected cost of \$33,725,600 at that point in time, and thanks to the NC Connect Bond, funding for the remainder of this work would come from the following:

- NC Connect Bond Grant \$16,666,000
- NC Connect Bond Loan @ 0% \$15,000,000
- Eden pay-as-you-go funding \$ 2,059,600
- Total \$33,725,600

The City Council voted to transfer \$2,059,600 to this newly created capital project fund in March 2017. An additional \$1,000,000 was allocated in FY 2017-18. Since the inception of this capital project fund in 2017, the “Total Expenditures” for this project as of June 30, 2018 equaled \$2,201,647. The Fund Balance in this fund on June 30, 2018 was \$857,953.

The tentative projected schedule of construction for the remaining EPA AOC Projects (10 phases in remediation plan) moving forward is as follows:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Project Date</u>
Bid/Design Package Approvals	January 2019 – May 2019
Advertise, Receive Bids, Submit Bids	March 2019 – September 2019
Authorization to Award Bids	March 2019 – October 2019
Notice to Proceed	July 2019 – November 2019
Construction Completion	September 2021 – December 2021
Project Closeout and Completion	Before April 22, 2022

Mega Park Waterline Extension Project

On March 21, 2017, City Council approved the creation of the Mega Park Waterline Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$18,489,600. On November 20, 2018, the City Council approved an amendment to the amounts previously authorized on March 21, 2017. Due to a reduction in the size of the proposed waterline (30-inch to 20-inch water line that will supply a predicted water demand of 6-7 million gallons per day) and additional grants that have now been awarded, the projected cost and funding sources for this project have changed as follows:

Revised Estimated Project Cost as of November 2018: \$7,072,900

Projected Funding Sources as of November 2018:

Drinking Water Reserve Grant	\$1,018,225
Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant	\$2,000,000
NC General Assembly Legislative Grant	\$1,000,000
Loan @ 0% Interest	\$3,000,000
Loan @ 1.53% (maximum rate)	<u>\$ 54,675</u>
Total	\$7,072,900

The City Council voted to transfer \$500,000 to this newly created capital project fund in March 2017. Since the inception of this capital project fund, the “Total Expenditures” for this project as of June 30, 2018 equaled \$133,951. The Fund Balance in this fund on June 30, 2018 was \$366,049.

The tentative projected schedule of construction for the Mega Park Waterline Extension Project moving forward is as follows:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Project Date</u>
Advertise, Receive Bids, Submit Bids	March 2019
Authorization to Award Bids	May 2019
Notice to Proceed	June 2019
Project Closeout and Completion	January 2021

EPA Administrative Order of Consent & Mega Park Waterline Extension Project – Financing Plan of Action

The combined projected total cost for the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) Sewer Capital Project and the Mega Park Waterline Capital Project is \$56,190,173. A total of \$15,391,673 had been spent prior to March 2017 leaving a combined remaining total cost of \$40,798,500. We are pleased that:

\$20,684,225 (approximately 50.70%) = grants
\$18,000,000 (approximately 44.12%) = 0% loans
\$ 54,675 (approximately 0.13%) = max interest rate of 1.53% loan

This leaves a balance of \$2,059,600 or approximately 5.05% to be funded from the Water and Sewer Fund.

We currently make a combined principal/interest payment of \$1,251,000 on \$14,375,755 in loans that were taken out during 2007 and 2008 with an average interest rate of 3.73%. These loans will be paid in full at the conclusion of FY 2021-22. One of the funding strategies we identified previously and intend to pursue, is to roll-over this existing \$1,251,000 in debt service payments that is already built into our existing rate structure, and will become available for re-appropriation in FY 2022-23. These funds will be more than sufficient to cover the \$903,194 in future debt service payments for the 20-year loans associated with the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) and the Mega Park Waterline Extension Project.

Waste Management Plans to Cease Offering Curbside Recycling

We recently received notification that Waste Management plans to cease offering curbside recycling in both Eden and Reidsville at the end of June. This will directly affect those citizens who voluntarily signed up for the service and have been paying the associated collection cost. Waste Management currently offers the curbside recycling service as a component of their current franchise agreement with Rockingham County. According to a representative with Waste Management, Eden currently has 371 homes participating in the bi-weekly voluntary curbside recycling program at a current rate of \$3.93 per month. According to our Billing and Collections Division, there are an approximate 5,914 residential solid waste customers in Eden. The 371 homes participating in the current program represent approximately 6.27% of our total residential solid waste customers.

According to Waste Management, the recycling market is at a very low point right now and the current contract is no longer sustainable. They informed us they are losing money every day at \$3.93 per home. They wrote, *“As you can imagine, it would be approximately \$9.00 per home*

or more for MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) collection. As stated, the only difference now for recycling is that it costs even more to service”. They went on to state, “basically, recycling routes utilize the same truck cost, driver cost and now a higher end cost due to processing and a lack of marketing potential. Reports are the markets are only going to get worse when China stops receiving any recycling from the USA. It is mainstream thought this will occur by early next year”. Finally, they note, “The issue is recycling processing now costs over 2 ½ times that of MSW LF (linear foot) tonnage rates”.

Fortunately, the City of Eden has its recycling center that is located at 123 Mebane Bridge road that will accept recyclable materials for all Eden residents who would like to continue recycling moving forward.

Economic & Tourism Development

SGRTex

A national company will complete its due diligence of this facility by April 11. A decision on the purchase will come soon thereafter.

Industry Expansions

It is likely that two existing Eden industries will expand in 2019. This will create up to 40 jobs. More information will be released as these expansions progress.

Employment Opportunities

Gildan Activewear of Eden needs 30 employees immediately. KDH Defense Systems is also hiring at this time. For more information on Gildan, contact Ameristaff, located at 302-D North Pierce St, Eden, NC, at 336- 623-6252. For KDH Defense Systems visit their operation at 750-A Fieldcrest Road or send your resume and cover letter to nshreve@kdtech.net . Commercial opportunities include Hampton Inn, Papa John’s, and Sheetz. Visit their locations for more information.

UNC Family Practice of Eden—Two New Practitioners

Two new practitioners are accepting patients at UNC Family Practice of Eden. Dr. Alethea Barrino, a graduate of Winston Salem State University, attended medical school at East Carolina University and did her residency in family practice at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. As a family practice physician, she enjoys working with hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, women’s health, and always places an emphasis on preventive medicine.

Since age 12, Dr. Barrino has known that she wanted to work with people, serving in a community where she can make a difference in peoples' lives. Becoming a physician has helped her achieve that dream. "My approach to patient care is to treat everyone as an individual; no one patient is identical to another," she says. "Treat every patient like they are your own family member, with patience, compassion and empathy."

Britney Joyce is a Nurse Practitioner who grew up in the Western area of Rockingham County. After finishing high school, she worked as a certified nursing assistant. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology from UNC-Greensboro, and then went on to earn a BSRN from Winston Salem State University. Her goal was to become a nurse practitioner. In 2018, she achieved that goal by earning a Masters' Degree from South University, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Britney enjoys helping patients manage chronic conditions, treating acute conditions and promoting health with a focus on holistic care. "I have been taught from a young age to go above and beyond for every patient, exceeding their needs and providing quality care," she says.

UNC Family Practice of Eden is located at 515 Thompson Street, Eden. Phone (336) 627-5178 to make an appointment or to get more information.

UNC Cancer Care at Rockingham—Open to serve you.

UNC Cancer Care at Rockingham, a service of UNC hospitals, formerly known as The Smith McMichael Cancer Center, is located on the campus of UNC Rockingham Health Care. They provide care to residents of Rockingham, Guilford, Caswell, Pittsylvania and Henry Counties. With an Oncology Nurse Navigator on staff, patients have a resource to help them understand their diagnoses, respond to their questions and concerns and serve as a liaison to coordinate care. Many additional services are offered at neighboring UNC Rockingham Health Care. The ability to receive care locally is a convenience and a comfort to patients and their families. They offer radiation oncology including 3-Dimensional Conformal Radiation Therapy, Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT) and Electron Beam Therapy. They also offer Oncology Navigation Services, laboratory services, nutritional support, patient education and financial consultation.

They are located at 516 S. Van Buren Road. Hours are 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday and 8:00am-3:30pm Friday. Call 336-623-9713 for more information.

Once Upon a Time Fairytale Parties

The Opening Celebration of this business took place on Monday, April 1. Owner Kaitlin Harris conducts Fairytale parties with her characters. She is an enterprising young woman helping to make your child's birthday party special. She is located at 428 B, King's Highway in Eden. Call 336-520-7020 or 336-520-0381 for more information.

WickEd Chikz Design

An Opening Celebration took place on Friday, April 5 at this 602 N. Bridge Street location. WickEd Chickz is owned by Angela Crawford. It offers step-by-step paintings, home decor, wood crafts and more. They also have a little art studio that sells items. Call 336-932-1318 for more information.

The Clock Doc

Eden's only watch/clock repair shop is located at 350-B W. King's Highway. Owner Kevin Webb has done watch/clock repair since 1993. Rolex, divers, chronographs, pocket watches, grandfather, tube chime, cuckoo, ships clocks, & instrumentation are included in his services. On March 10, they reminded customers that they are 3-4 months backlogged on their workload. If you have a clock or watch that needs to be repaired, do not delay in getting it to The Clock Doc, especially if you want it for a Christmas present. The store can be reached at 336-627-3750.

Small Pleasures Gift Shop at UNC Rockingham Healthcare

This gift shop is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of UNC Rockingham Healthcare. If you are looking for a party gift or something special for your friends or family, stop by to see what they have to offer. UNC Rockingham Healthcare is located at 117 E. King's Hwy in Eden.

Matrimony Creek Nature Trail

The City is considering purchasing property adjacent to the Matrimony Creek Nature. This property will create a recreation area and provide a beautiful view of the trail. A grant will be pursued in May of 2019 to help pay for property improvements.

National Parks Service Historic Preservation Sub Grant

Staff has been working on a grant application that could award up to \$750,000 for Eden historic properties. Those included in the grant were two historic Washington Street properties, the

Nantucket Mill, and Spray Cotton Mill. The City would divide the funding up to assist all four buildings. The City will know in the fall of 2019 if the grant application has been approved.

Bridge Street Parking Lot

Eden City Public Works has removed debris that remained from 622 and 618 Washington Street construction. The dedication sign has returned from the printer and will be mounted to a decorative pole. Concrete pads for benches and landscaping will exhaust remaining grant funding from the Home Savings Endowment.

Fieldcrest Public Space

The fabrication of the corrugated sliding metal doors is nearly complete and we expect the electrical work to be completed in the near future.

Eden Downtown Development Inc.

The board of directors met April 8 for the EDDI annual meeting. Attendees of the NC Main Street conference gave feedback to the group on what they learned that could help the downtown of Eden. An update from the county's Economic Development Small Business Manager, Adam Mark, was given for the Rockingham Economic Alliance Program and the Rockingham Community College's role in the program. A resolution to urge the President of the United States and US Congress to continue the Federal Historic Tax Credit Program was passed. New transformative downtown economic development strategies were developed that are based on the Main Street America model applying the four-point approach to downtown revitalization: Organization, Promotion, Design and Economic Vitality. This plan was designed to achieve measurable results. Faye and Terry Shelton represented Eden as our Main Street Champions for their extensive work at Five Star Realty. Congratulations to Faye and Terry!

Washington Street

The owner of the former Buick dealership building has completed placing four black metal awnings on Patrick Street for four new store fronts. He is on track to begin building out the restaurant this month. The theme of the restaurant will embrace its rich history as the Hampton Buggy Company. The owner of the former Belk and Leaksville Hardware building plans to start construction for his microbrewery the second week of April and is still on pace for the end of summer completion date.

Olde Leaksville Merchants Association

The merchants held their first meeting of the year Tuesday, April 9. Items for discussion included new upstairs residential apartments and new construction projects. A calendar of events will need to be scheduled. Several new business projects were discussed.

Draper Merchants Association and Draper MSD

The Draper merchants met to plan upcoming events. The Draper Raceway Racers Reunion will be held June 22, Shaggin' on Fieldcrest July 20, and the annual Christmas tree lighting December 3. The Draper Municipal Service District members met to discuss Christmas light replacement. The group voted to continue to use the current trumpeting Angels, but replace all incandescent bulbs with new LED sun warm bulbs.

NC Main Street Site Visit

Sherry B. Adams, Coordinator, Downtown Programming & Technical Assistance of the NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center performed a site visit to review our 2018 Main Street Assessment. This formal review affirmed our 2019 Accreditation.

Henry Street Mural Update

The City Council approved \$20,000 from monies set aside in the 2018-19 budget from the *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan to fund a new mural. Artist Brandon Hardison has started working with a concept that embraces the natural beauty of Eden and our network of trails and rivers. He plans to use 'Polaroid' type painting within the mural and logo images surrounding the main artwork. The initial design has been modified to include more color and to embrace work from the recent branding study as well as a look to the future of Eden.

Oink & Ale

We hope everyone will join us at our Oink & Ale event set for Saturday, May 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Downtown Eden along Monroe Street. Our brewers will include:

- Two Witches Winery & Brewing Co.
- Reynolds Brewery
- Mountain Valley Brewing
- Natty Greenes Brewing Company
- Eden Rotary Beer Garden

Food will be provided by: That Little Pork Shop and Tim Biggs Barbecue. We will also have the Kona Ice Truck and a lemonade stand. Music will be provided by On The Border – The Ultimate Eagles Tribute Band. In addition, we will have games, photo opportunities and lots of FUN! See you there!

Grown & Gathered – Update

Eden Tourism Development invites you to join us for the Spring Grown & Gathered Dinner on Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Spray Mercantile along the Canal in the Spray Historic District. A seasoned chef will be preparing a mouth-watering menu based on local ingredients. Come enjoy Eden’s hospitality at its best at our premier Farm-to-Fork event. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. This includes dinner, drinks and a commemorative glass. Call 552-6132 or 344-5539 for tickets. Get them early because we are only selling 100 tickets.

Pottery Festival – Update

Our 17th Annual Piedmont Pottery Festival will be held Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have a new venue this year – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH located at 582 Southwood Drive (behind Walmart). We will have more than 50 potters from all over the state of North Carolina and southern Virginia who will be displaying their beautiful creations. There will be pottery door prizes being given away all day. Don’t miss it!

Sunflower Field on the Smith River Greenway

Our 2- acre sunflower field on the Smith River Greenway will be planted mid to late April. Blooms will appear 60 to 90 days later. Standard varieties will grow about 6 feet with smaller varieties along the border. Stay tuned for more exciting updates!

Canadian Golfers

Our Canadian Golfer friends will be playing golf in Eden and all over the region April 13-20. They stay at the Hampton Inn all week and will be golfing, dining and shopping here in Eden! This is the groups 20th year visiting!

Newsletter

You can get information about upcoming local events by email through our monthly Explore Downtown newsletter. If you want to subscribe, please send your email address to godowntown@edennc.us

Engineering

Street Resurfacing Projects:

Subcontractors for Waugh Asphalt, Inc. started construction on the FY 2018-19 Street Resurfacing Contract, No. 2 on Thursday, March 28. Delta Contracting completed the asphalt milling on Norman Drive, Smith Street, Highland Park Drive, Seymour Court, Greenwood Street, Thomas Street, Davis Street and City Hall Drive. Boone Masonry adjusted 39 manholes and 24 water valves on the streets scheduled to be resurfaced. The paving crew was scheduled to start resurfacing on Friday, April 5 but were delayed due to rain. They are hoping to get started later this week if the rain moves out.

NCDOT State Resurfacing Schedule:

Contractors are slowly making progress on NCDOT's annual resurfacing schedule due to wet weather. Crews are currently working in the Wentworth area. They hope to be moving into the Eden area sometime in the next few weeks.

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

After dealing with damage to an unmarked gas service line, the crew from Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. was able to install the last forty feet of 6-inch diameter ductile iron water main along the south side of Morehead Street on March 13. The new main passed the hydrostatic pressure test the next day without any problems. The bacteriological analysis report for two samples was received on March 21 indicating no issues. The last new water tap was completed on April 3, with the old 2-inch diameter galvanized water main cut and capped shortly afterwards. A paving subcontractor is scheduled to be on site during the week of April 15 to make repairs to the pavement cuts between Glovenia Street and Hollingsworth Street.

A crew from City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. was able to install a tapping sleeve and valve assembly on the existing 6-inch ductile iron water main in W. Moore Street on March 15. After making the wet tap, the crew installed the last two sections of pipe for the Jackson Street waterline replacement project, along with a 45-degree bend. Trial pressure testing indicated a problem in one section of the new main. Installation of a bell repair clamp near station 2+75 on March 20 and additional trial pressure testing the next day allowed the scheduling of a representative from Alley, Williams, Carmen and King to be on site March 22 to witness the hydrostatic pressure test that passed without any problems. After receiving final approval of the project from the Public Water Supply Section, crews starting making new water taps for customers on April 3. As of April 9, the crew has four more customers that need to be connected to the new water main, with six new water taps completed.

Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. has submitted all the required bonds and agreements for the West Avenue waterline replacement project as of April 8. The start of the installation work near and south of Central Avenue will begin after the crew completes a water main project elsewhere in the county near a school. This project will eliminate a 2-inch galvanized water main currently serving ten houses. Additional fire protection will be provided by installing a hydrant at the end of the proposed 6-inch diameter water main.

Municipal Services

Code Red Notification System

The City of Eden has a Code Red Notification System to help make residents aware of changes to garbage collection due to weather or holiday closings, missing persons and any road closures. The system is also used for other public service and emergency related announcements. If you are not receiving the notifications and are interested in being included, please contact Georgette Spence at 336-623-2110 option 3 and have your name and number(s) added to the Code Red notification list. If you are an Eden resident, there is no cost to receive these notifications.

Reminder: Solid Waste Ordinance 12-31: Placement of Roll-Out Containers; Collection Schedule; Removal from Street Right-Of-Way After Emptying

According to the Solid Waste ordinance 12-31: placement of roll-out containers; collection schedule; removal from street right-of-way after emptying:

- a. As used in this section, CONTAINERS shall mean those roll out refuse containers owned by the city that have been distributed to any person, firm or corporation in the city.
- b. It shall be unlawful to:
 1. Place a container within the public right of way at any site other than the site designated by the city;
 2. Place a container within the public right of way prior to 24 hours before the day of collection;
 3. Place a container within the public right of way after 7:00 a.m. on the day the container is scheduled to be emptied;

4. Fail to remove the rollout container at a residential location from the public right of way within 24 hours following the date the container was scheduled to be emptied;
5. To place a container at the curb for pickup, with a lid opening and failing to close with a gap of more than six inches;
6. To place a container in such a fashion that it cannot be serviced, due to obstruction by objects.

We wanted to share this reminder for everyone's information and use. Thank you in advance for your assistance with compliance.

Parks & Recreation

Community Accents Program & Parks & Recreation Radio Program

Staff participated in the Community Accents Program with WLOE (Wonderful Land of Eden) radio on April 12 and will be participating in the same program on May 10. In addition, staff participated in the Parks & Recreation Radio Program with WLOE on March 27 and will be participating in the same program again on April 24 to update the public on our recreational program offerings during the months of April, May and June. We remain involved in these community outreach efforts in an effort to update residents about the programs being offered by our Parks & Recreation Department.

Be Healthy Rockingham County

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham County initiative. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on April 10 and will attend the May 8 meeting as well.

Freedom Park Splash Pad & Bathhouse Update

VORTEX continues the construction of the Freedom Park Splash Pad. The concrete area for the Splash Pad features was poured on March 12. The remaining concrete for the facility with the exception of a 10' area from the Splash Pad to the Bath House was poured on March 23. Some of the splash pad features have been installed and the remaining features will be installed during the course of the next two months. Construction on the Splash Pad should be completed by May 30 weather permitting.

Cirrus Construction continues their work on the Splash Pad Bath House. They will be pouring footings and starting the foundation and block work in the coming weeks. The wet weather continues to prohibit work from being done and the completion date is now scheduled for June 23. However, Cirrus Construction has informed us they are hoping to complete the project before this date if the weather cooperates.

Softball Tournaments @ Freedom Park

There is a USSSA Softball Tournament at Freedom Park April 20 – 21. In addition, there is a Got Game Tournament April 27 – 28, a Top Gun Tournament May 11 – 12, and a Got Game Tournament May 18 – 19.

Senior Games

The Senior Games for Rockingham County will begin on April 16 and run through May 18 at various locations throughout Rockingham County. For additional information, please contact Georgette Spence at gspence@edennc.us.

Upcoming Events

- April 20 City-wide Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Freedom Park
- April 27 Concert in the Park/Cruise-In will take place at Freedom Park
- May 3 – 4 Relay for Life will take place at Freedom Park
- May 3 – 4 Eden Youth Council Kickball Tournament will take place at Freedom Park
- May 4 Eden Youth Fishing Derby will take place at Fireman’s Hut
- May 11 FunFest 2019 will take place at Freedom Park

For additional information about any of these upcoming events, please contact Georgette Spence at gspence@edennc.us.

Repaving Projects – Update

The walking tracks at the Mill Avenue Recreation Center and Bridge Street Recreation Center will be repaved prior to the end of June. In addition, the parking lot at the Leaksville Landing will be paved prior to the end of May.

Planning & Inspections

Code Enforcement

52 notices have been mailed by certified mail and first class mail that affect the following number of properties: 4 for junk cars, 7 for junk storage and junk cars, 15 for junk storage, 5 for violation of Minimum Housing Standards and 6 for violation of Non-Residential Maintenance Standards.

Collections

\$400.00 has been received as payments on code enforcement fees. In addition, we received \$2,164.16 from the Rockingham County Tax Department as payments on amounts being collected with the property taxes.

GIS

We have provided maps for Economic Development projects as requested. Water data required to be reported to the State of North Carolina is now being required in GIS format so we assisted staff in submitting the data in the requested format.

Board of Adjustment

The Board denied the request for the special use permit for a firearms training facility and gun range.

Community Appearance Commission

The Community Appearance Commission sponsored a citywide cleanup day on April 6. They also participated in the School and Community Team Up to Clean Up event at Morehead High School on March 30.

Zoning Text Amendment

Staff has prepared a case report for a text amendment to allow truck driver training schools in the BSC (Business-Shopping Center) district. The Planning Board amended this request and recommended approval by the City Council.

Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

On Monday March 25, staff received information about the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program. It is an entirely new grant and specifically designed to assist communities like ours. It is unusual in that we had to come up with a list of potential properties and get consent from the property owners. If approved we can receive up to \$750,000. The properties on our list are 624 Washington Street, The Central Hotel, The Nantucket Mill and the Spray Cotton Mill Complex. We submitted our application on March 30.

Ashton Way Apartments

Ashton Way Apartments have received their certificate of occupancy.

1220 Front Street

The owner of 1220 Front Street was found guilty of violating our Nuisance Ordinance. She received six months of probation, has to pay all court costs, has to pay all of the funds she owes the City by June 25 and must complete 24 hours community service by the same date.

Local Landmark Request

Staff received an application for local landmark designation for Rivermont, located at 351 W. Meadow Rd.

Zoning Sign Ordinance Revisions

Staff prepared a case report and Power Point presentation for the Planning Commission to explain proposed revisions in our sign ordinance. The report will be finalized and presented to the Planning Commission in April.

Stadium Drive Sidewalk

Staff continues to complete the preliminary work for this project with NCDOT. We are very close to seeking engineering firms for the design.

Police

Junior Achievement Program

The Eden Police Department is participating in the Junior Achievement Program, for the second year, at Central Elementary. Junior Achievement helps students realize that the education they

are getting today will help them to have a bright future tomorrow. Sergeant David Stepps and Lieutenant David Lamberth have been leading the classes at Central that will wrap-up later this month.

Municipal & County Administration Academy Graduation

Deputy Chief Clint Simpson will be graduating from the Municipal & County Administration Academy offered at UNC-Chapel Hill each month since the fall of 2018. Congratulations to Deputy Chief Simpson on this achievement!

Posting of Outstanding Warrants on Eden Police Department Facebook Page

In January 2019, we implemented a new power point presentation (video) for individuals with outstanding warrants. This power point presentation is currently being utilized on our Eden Police Department Facebook page every three to four weeks. The slide show highlights individuals with outstanding warrants to include a photo, name, and current outstanding charges. We encourage our residents to visit the Eden Police Departments Facebook page to view the individuals with outstanding warrants. Anyone having information is asked to call the Eden Police Department at 336-623-9755 or Rockingham County Crimestoppers at 336-349-9683.

Stand Against Litter

On March 19, the Eden Police Department posted a Public Service Announcement on the Eden Police Department's Facebook page asking citizens to Stand Against Litter as part of the county wide campaign to aggressively enforce littering and illegal dumping violations. The PSA has been viewed more than 9,000 times and shared 57 times.

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Neville Hall
Council Members:	Bernie Moore
	Jim Burnette
	Angela Hampton
	Darryl Carter
	Jerry Ellis, absent
	Jerry Epps
	Sylvia Grogan
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
News Media:	Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Council met the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and worked from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Chris Burns of Draper Pentecostal Holiness Church gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

a. Month of the Young Child

Mayor Hall asked Rockingham County Partnership for Children Executive Director Heather Adams to join him at the podium as he read the Proclamation.

Ms. Adams thanked Mayor Hall. She explained the Partnership for Children provided an array of services for children prenatal to age five. Their goal was that all children entered kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed. She presented children's books for each Council Member and encouraged enrollment for children in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which provided monthly books until a child turned five.

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Proclamation: Month of the Young Child

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Partnership for Children, in its 21st year of providing services to young children and their families, along with our early childhood community, in conjunction with the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the “Month of the Young Child™” throughout April 2019; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to promote and inspire high quality early childhood experiences for our state’s youngest citizens, that can provide a foundation of learning and success for children in Eden and throughout Rockingham County; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, and make a difference in the lives of young children in Eden and Rockingham County deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the futures of our young children and to the prosperity of our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neville Hall, Mayor of Eden, do hereby proclaim the month of April as the “Month of the Young Child™” in Eden, North Carolina and encourage all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood in the City and throughout Rockingham County.

This the 19th day of March, 2019.

By: Neville Hall Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt City Clerk

b. Presentation: Students in City Government Program.

Mayor Hall called on Strategic Planning Commission Member Joy Toms.

Ms. Toms explained she was a school counselor and drop-out prevention coordinator at Morehead High School. She was one of two representatives from Rockingham County Schools on the Strategic Planning Commission. She was present to discuss Civic Students in City Government, a partnership between Morehead High School and the City. She called forward three of the first participants and asked them to introduce themselves: Dawn Farmer, senior; Elijah Allen, sophomore; and Holly Mariscal, freshman. Mrs. Toms explained the program was developed after discussion in a Commission meeting about reaching out and involving youth in the community. She cited part of the Strategic Plan addressing youth. She noted part of the Plan called to establish vocational and skills training programs through public and private partnerships, including forming mentorship alliances between public and private partners. There was no better way to do that than to have the City of Eden serve as a model as to what that partnership could look like. Goals of the Plan included increasing activity and engagement in the community, specifically youth and young adults. The new program was little to no cost to anyone. They had seven sections of civics classes that semester. Teachers of those classes had been asked to list students who would be interested in shadowing government employees. The first session would be March 28 with 20 students. Participants would spend the day with the employees they were assigned to. Students had selected their top three choices to work in. A lot of the students did not realize what departments and jobs were in the City. The Commission’s hope was the program would introduce students to things they would bring back to their classes, the community and their families. A total of 60 students in different grade levels would participate, including 20 on April 18 and 20 on May 23. The plan was to continue the program into the next school year.

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Mayor Hall encouraged department heads to do their best to present a positive image and show what a great place Eden was. He noted Ms. Toms, her husband Matt and their children were leaving Eden and they would be greatly missed.

Ms. Toms introduced Morehead High School Principal Ryan Moody who was in the audience. She thanked him for his support of the program and thanked Dr. Cindy Corcoran of Rockingham County Schools who served on the Commission.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to set the meeting agenda. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no Public Hearings at this time.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

There were no Requests and Petitions of Citizens at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of 2019 Boards and Commissions appointments.

Mayor Hall called on Planning & Inspections Director Kelly Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said there were currently three vacancies on the Strategic Planning Commission. The Commission would like to recommend Edgar Robertson to fill one of those positions. Mr. Robertson was a young man who grew up in Eden and was interested in the community.

Council Member Burnette highly recommended him. Mr. Robertson participated in the 2011 All America City program. He was interviewed thoroughly for a chance to serve on the Commission. He would be a great addition.

Council Member Grogan pointed out he was an Eagle Scout.

A motion was made by Council Member Hampton to approve Mr. Robertson to serve on the Strategic Planning Commission. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of bid acceptance for the Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements.

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Contractors	Base Bid Price	Engineer's Cost Estimate	Different Under/Over Engineer's Estimate
Frizzell Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,043,211	\$2,400,000	-\$356,789
English Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,384,000	\$2,400,000	-\$16,000
Shook Construction Co.	\$2,615,000	\$2,400,000	\$215,000
Laughlin-Sutton Construction Company	\$2,700,600	\$2,400,000	\$300,600

Mayor Hall called on Public Utilities Director Terry Shelton.

Mr. Shelton said the first project of the remediation plan was the Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements. The need to update the digester had been discussed in two budget retreats. They were at the point of accepting a bid, starting construction and moving forward with the installation of the Clean B Digestion System at the plant. Four sealed bids were received by the City on February 27. W.K. Dickson Engineers reviewed the bid documents and checked with references for the lowest bidder, Frizzell Construction Company, Inc. For the project, the base bid from Frizzell Construction was \$356,789 below the engineer's estimate. All of the remediation plan to that point was financed through the Connect NC Bond money. Up to that point, they had been paying the engineers for the design and prep work. Because it was loan- and grant-funded project, the bid approved by Council would be forwarded to the Division of Water Infrastructure to receive authorization to award the contract. At that point, they should be able to get reimbursements for money they had already expended for the engineering work.

Council Member Carter confirmed that Frizzell's references had been checked and were positive.

Mayor Hall asked if W.K. Dickson had worked with Frizzell in the past.

Mr. Shelton did not think so but W.K. Dickson did recommend Frizzell.

Mayor Hall said it appeared from the bids that some of the firms did not need the work.

Mr. Shelton agreed.

Mayor Hall noted it had been talked about for several years and was something they needed.

Council Member Burnette asked Mr. Shelton to briefly tell what the project would do for the City. People knew it was part of the remediation plan for the Administrative Order but may not know exactly what it was.

Mr. Shelton explained it would replace an aerobic digester at the plant. That had always been a bottleneck to the operation of the plant, particularly when there were high flow rates years before with textile industry waste. The basin was in bad shape and need of repair. Their choices were to rehab it, build another complete basin or proceed with the new technology which was a chemical treatment of the sludge that would normally go into the digester. It would treat it quickly, less than an hour, from the time it went in as raw sludge to when it came out to a product that could be applied to farmland for the nutrient value. There probably would not be a significant savings over

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having the aerobic digester but they would be able to process sludge through the plant much more effectively and in a more timely manner.

Council Member Burnette questioned the additive that was not included that was for use in the preferred equipment. He asked what that meant.

Mr. Shelton replied it was to specify a particular brand of pumps. The City was satisfied they could function with what the contractor was offering for them to work with.

Council Member Burnette noted that was a savings of about \$425,000.

Mr. Shelton agreed and said it was hard to look past that.

Council Member Grogan asked how long it would take to complete the project.

Mr. Shelton said 200 plus days to install it. A lot depended on how long it took the equipment to be delivered after they were ordered. They were purchasing the Clean B system, a proprietary piece of equipment they had a purchase order on from nearly a year prior. The total cost of the project was \$2,043,211 plus around \$700,000 for the Clean B.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to award the Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements contract to Frizzell Construction Company, Inc. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

- b. Request to approve Strategic Plan funding to resurface the Bridge Street and Mill Avenue walking tracks.

Mayor Hall called on Parks & Recreation Director Johnny Farmer.

Mr. Farmer said after City Council approved to fund the Matrimony Creek Greenway parking lot paving in the amount of \$42,000 the previous year, a hurricane had forced a delay. As his department was preparing to pave it recently, Engineering Director Bev O'Dell and Water & Sewer Construction Projects Manager Mark Bullins informed him the parking lot would be in the middle of some of the work from the EPA Administrative Order, creating about a 19-foot pit there. He felt it would be in the City's best interest to delay paving until that work was completed, which could be anywhere from six months to two years. Since the paving was a Strategic Plan initiative for recreation and health, he proposed that the walking tracks at the Bridge Street and Mill Avenue recreation center be resurfaced. The Freedom Park walking track was being repaved. He went to the Strategic Planning Commission with the request and it was approved. He planned to work with Director of Transportation Engineering Tammy Amos to get the projects done.

Council Member Carter asked how long the repaving lasted.

Mr. Farmer said the Mill Avenue Recreation Center and Garden of Eden Senior Center walking tracks had been repaved around 2007 or 2008, so it had been at least 10 years. Freedom Park had not been repaved since it was built and it would be 20 years old in 2019. Maintenance, like

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patching and seal-coating, had been done to the Freedom Park track. The Bridge Street Recreation Center had not been redone in the almost 14 years he had been with the City. He thought the life of a track, depending on usage and weather, was 10 to 12 years. Ms. Amos did a good job by inspecting the tracks and letting him know if they needed maintenance. It was her recommendation that the projects be done.

Council Member Grogan noted the Freedom Park walking track was heavily used.

Mr. Farmer said it would be repaved in April or May depending on the temperature.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to approve Strategic Plan funding the resurfacing of the walking tracks at the Bridge Street and Mill Avenue recreation centers at an amount not to exceed \$36,000. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

- c. Consideration of a proposal to waive building permit fees for downtown projects that include more than \$100,000 in renovation costs.

Mayor Hall called on Economic Development Director Mike Dougherty and Ms. Stultz.

Mr. Dougherty said typically the City gave incentives to companies bringing jobs and investments, making a significant impact in the community. Downtown projects also had the potential to make a significant impact. North Carolina's secretary of commerce said the soul of a community was its downtown. They were proposing to waive building permit fees for downtown projects that included more than \$100,000 in renovation costs as an incentive for a developer to come into a community. It was not money taken from the budget. The money they gave back facilitated investment that would come back to them in multiple ways in taxes long term.

Mayor Hall asked if other municipalities were using the program and if the North Carolina League of Municipalities was OK with the process. He knew there were issues with other incentive programs.

City Attorney Erin Gilley said they would not call it an incentive. Incentives had a lot of requirements. It was not money that had come into the City and it would be done across the board in a downtown area.

Ms. Stultz said Council set the fees and had a right to make decisions about them.

Council Member Burnette asked about the criteria to be designated as downtown.

Ms. Stultz said they were referring to the Main Street Program but the waiver would be all four of the traditional downtowns in the City. The Main Street Program was a downtown assistance program. Eden was a Main Street City. The issue would include The Boulevard, The Cook Block, Draper and Leaksville downtowns.

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Council Member Hampton asked how much money they would lose by not collecting for the permits.

Ms. Stultz replied they were not addressing a specific project. There was one potential project and Chief Building Inspector Bob Vincent had done some rough figuring with the permit fee being around \$10,000, assuming the project cost over \$1 million, which was the number they were shown. They needed to do something to encourage development in their traditional downtown areas.

Council Member Moore asked when \$100,000 or more was last spent on renovations downtown.

Ms. Stultz said the most recent large-scale renovation was by the City at 622 Washington Street. Ashley Latham rehabbed some buildings but she did not believe they spent \$100,000 on construction.

Mayor Hall said if the million dollar project would cost about \$10,000 in fees, should they infer that a \$100,000 project would cost about \$1,000 in fees.

Ms. Stultz replied yes.

Mayor Hall was pointing out it was a relatively insignificant amount of money for such a large investment.

Council Member Carter agreed and said the payback would be in the investment and taxes.

Ms. Stultz said the more people they had living and working in the downtown area, the more successful it would be.

Mr. Dougherty said the more projects they had like the ones they hoped to attract, encouraged more people to do the same thing.

Council Member Burnette thought it was a great idea. They were told people wanted to be in the downtown areas.

Ms. Stultz said the Council waived permit fees for MGM and Weil-McLain years earlier as part of their incentive package to come to Eden.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to waive building permit fees for downtown projects that include more than \$100,000 in renovation costs. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. Council Members Epps, Moore, Grogan, Burnette and Carter voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Hampton voted against the motion. The motion carried 5 to 1.

Council Member Carter asked what was in place for smaller investors.

Ms. Stultz said there were façade improvement and commercial development incentive grants. They were trying to find ways to help businesses. The Council had adopted programs.

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Council Member Hampton said they were trying to renovate and make things happen on The Boulevard. They were charged fees whenever they did anything. They had to hire more police security for the upcoming Food Truck Rodeo. The event profited about \$1,500. The police security fee would have been \$400 but Police Chief Greg Light and Assistant Chief Clint Simpson had agreed to waive the fee.

Ms. Stultz noted she was not involved with that permit.

Mayor Hall said if officers were taken off the street to work an event, there would be no coverage for the City. That meant Chief Light had to hire officers to come in on extra duty, and they had to be paid. He appreciated that Chief Light was willing to waive that fee. He understood she was fighting for The Boulevard but it was included in the building permit fee waiver.

It was noted there was a building on The Boulevard the City spent \$156,000 to rehab.

- d. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 219 Matthews Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

Six bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Sam W. Smith, Inc. \$14,000.00
Brad Fisher Hauling \$ 2,800.00
Kenny Frith \$ 2,400.00
Rabco, Inc. \$ 3,470.00
Loye Grading \$ 2,500.00
Crawford's Plumbing \$ 8,900.00

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz noted the property was a manufactured home in deplorable condition located in an older neighborhood. One of the owners had called that day inquiring about the cost of the demolition. He had asked to be billed after the work was done and said he would pay it. Staff recommended that Kenny Frith be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$2,400.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 219 Matthews Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT
219 MATTHEWS STREET, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of August, 2018, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by the heirs of Ersley Hampton at 219 Matthews Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

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BEGINNING at the southwest corner of Lot No. 2, and running thence North 88 deg. 30 min. East 90 feet to the line of Lot No. 4; thence North 3 deg. 30 min. East 327.5 feet to the line of J. C. Cox's land; thence South 88 deg. 30 min. West 90 feet to Lot No. 2; thence South 3 deg. 30 min. West 327.5 feet to the BEGINNING and being all of Lot No. 3, which fell to the parties of the first part in the Division of the lands of Robert Harris in the matter of Malinda Muse vs. Pleas Harris and others. Deed Reference: Book 328, page 262.

The above described property being more commonly known as 219 Matthews Street, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7080-05-19-1303-00 and Unique ID 108349.

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of August, 2018, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 30th day of August, 2018, which was served on the property owners by publishing it in the Rockingham Now on the 19th day of August, 2018, and by posting on the subject property on the 8th day of August, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 30th day of August, 2018, and the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the dwelling located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owners by publishing in the Rockingham Now on the 26th day of September, 2018, and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 19th day of September, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the property owners did not appeal the Order and, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 4-89(b) of the Eden City Code, a copy of the order has been mailed to any organization involved in providing or restoring dwellings for affordable housing that has filed a written request for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the Owners have had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and they have failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structures located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the names of Easley Hampton, Easley Cornelia Brodie, Winston Sherman Hampton, Dennis Mitchell Hampton, and Vanear Wayne Hampton in the Grantor and Grantee index.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amount of the cost of demolishing the dwelling by the Director shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, said lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided by North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A, Article 10.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 19th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- e. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 11684 NC 770 under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

Five bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Sam W. Smith, Inc. \$12,000.00

Brad Fisher Hauling \$ 5,000.00

Kenny Frith \$ 5,500.00

Rabco, Inc. \$ 3,900.00

Loye Grading \$ 6,000.00

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Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said the house burned in 2015. It was on the route to Danville via Berry Hill Road in the ETJ. An action had been started and someone had been in to pull a permit earlier in the month to work on it. That person was told the permit would not stop the action unless activity followed immediately. They were not aware that any work had been done and no inspections had been called in. Staff recommended that RABCO, Inc., be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$3,900.

Mayor Hall asked what would happen in the event work was started before the demolition.

Ms. Stultz said she would be pleased and the property would not be demolished.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 11684 NC 770 under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. Council Member Epps seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT
11684 NC 770, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of August, 2018, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by Gerald Franklin Mills and wife, Raticscqua Tierra-Nicole Mills at 11684 NC 770, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron set 20 feet south of the center line of the Leaksville-Danville Road, the South edge of said road, and said beginning point also being the Northeast corner of a tract deeded Aaron Hairston and wife, Emma Hairston by Deed dated January 19, 1933; thence with the South edge of the Leaksville-Danville Road, South 80 deg. 30 min. East 112 feet to an iron, set 20 feet from the center line of said road; thence South 41 deg. 40 min. West 478.83 feet to an iron; thence North 48 deg. 20 min. West 94.81 feet to an iron, the Southeast corner of the Aaron Hairston Tract; thence with the East line of said tract North 41 deg. 40 min. East 419.2 feet to the point of beginning and containing 42,571 sq. ft. more or less. Same being a part of the Glenn or Knob tract, as per survey by W. T. Combs, made November 3, 1937. The above described property being more commonly known as 11684 NC 770, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 8001-00-23-4483-00 and Unique ID 146998.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 20th day of September, 2018, which was served on the property owner, Gerald Franklin Mills, by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the 31st day of August, 2018, by first class mail and by posting on the subject property on the 24th day of August, 2018; that the certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to Raticscqua T. Mills was returned by the U.S. Postal service marked "Moved Left No Address;" and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 20th day of September, 2018, and the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the dwelling located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owners by certified mail, return receipt requested, by first class mail, and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 21st day of September, 2018; that the certified mail, return receipt requested, was returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Unclaimed;" and

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WHEREAS, the property owners did not appeal the Order and, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 4-89(b) of the Eden City Code, a copy of the order has been mailed to any organization involved in providing or restoring dwellings for affordable housing that has filed a written request for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the Owners have had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and they have failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structures located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the name of Gerald Franklin Mills and wife, Raticqua Tierra-Nicole Mills in the Grantor and Grantee index. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amount of the cost of demolishing the dwelling by the Director shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, said lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided by North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A, Article 10.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 19th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

f. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 319 Main Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

Five bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Sam W. Smith, Inc. \$20,000.00

Brad Fisher Hauling \$ 8,500.00

Kenny Frith \$ 8,500.00

Rabco, Inc. \$25,000.00

Loye Grading \$15,000.00

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz thanked the Council for the support they had given the program in the current budget year – it had made a tremendous difference. They had been actively correcting violations.

Ms. Stultz said the house was overgrown. The owner had died in the house. Nothing had been done to allay the condition of the property. Staff recommended that Brad Fisher Hauling be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the bid being in the amount of \$8,500. Two contractors had identical bids. Both of them were regular bidders for the program. They were recommending Mr. Fisher because, as of late, Mr. Frith had received several jobs.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 319 Main Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT
319 MAIN STREET, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

City of Eden, N.C.

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THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by the heirs of Kerry David Jones at 319 Main Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Eastern and Main Streets in Draper, N.C. and runs thence South 5 deg. East 200 feet with the western line of Main Street to the corner between Lots 4 and 5, the Point of Beginning; thence South 5 deg. East 100 feet with western line of Main Street to corner between Lots 6 and 7; thence South 85 deg. West 150 feet to corner between Lots 6 and 7; thence North 5 deg. West 100 feet to corner between Lots 4 and 5; thence North 85 deg. East 150 feet with line of Lot 4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING and is all of Lots 5 and 6, Section 16, as shown on map of Main Street Development, Draper, N.C. by E.E. Easley, C.E. and dated July, 1920. The above described property being more commonly known as 319 Main Street, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7090-07-59-1675-00 and Unique ID 110923.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 20th day of September, 2018, which was served on the property owners by publishing it in the Rockingham Now on the 29th day of August, 2018, and by posting on the subject property on the 24th day of August, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 20th day of September, 2018, and the Director subsequently issued an Order on the 12th day of October, 2018, to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owners by publishing in the Rockingham Now on the 17th day of October, 2018, and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 18th day of October, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the property owners did not appeal the Order and, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 4-89(b) of the Eden City Code, a copy of the order has been mailed to any organization involved in providing or restoring dwellings for affordable housing that has filed a written request for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the Owners have had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and they have failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structures located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the name of Kerry David Jones in the Grantor and Grantee index.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amount of the cost of demolishing the dwelling by the Director shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, said lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided by North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A, Article 10.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 19th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- g. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 410 Main Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

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Five bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Sam W. Smith, Inc. \$19,000.00

Brad Fisher Hauling \$ 6,000.00

Kenny Frith \$ 6,500.00

Rabco, Inc. \$ 8,100.00

Loye Grading \$ 7,200.00

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said the action was started several months prior. The owner immediately told Code Inspector Josh Woodall that he planned to repair the house, but had not. He called back and said he was going to do it but had not. He spoke with Ms. Stultz the previous day and he was concerned about the action and cost, saying he could do it quicker and cheaper. He wanted them to put this off but Ms. Stultz explained it would only be delayed until April. He said he would not have the funds to do it before then. The owner agreed it needed to be demolished and he was concerned about retaining his property. She explained to him that they would bill him and as long as he paid, he would not have to forfeit the property. Staff recommended Brad Fisher be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$6,000.

Mayor Hall asked if the property owner said when he may have the funds to demolish it himself.

Ms. Stultz replied that it did not sound like it would be in the near future.

Council Member Burnette said he understood from Mr. Woodall that action had already been taken on some of the growth around the property.

Ms. Stultz agreed. They had to do nuisance actions on it in the past. The owner removed some of the asbestos. They could not allow the property to stand in that state.

Mayor Hall said they were going in the right direction with the demolitions. He thought the City would end up owning the lot if they demolished the house.

Ms. Stultz said if the City did not demolish it, she thought it would look the same in six months. She had asked the owner if he could have it done by the next Council meeting and he said he could not.

Local Codes Administrator/GIS Analyst Debra Madison said the owner told Mr. Woodall in November that he would demolish the house.

Mayor Hall said he imagined they dealt with that a lot. When it came before Council they were sometimes unaware of how long it had been going on.

Council Member Grogan said she had heard complaints from some of the neighbors in the area. It affected the entire neighborhood.

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Mayor Hall noted that was the second demolition awarded to Brad Fisher. Mr. Fisher may not get to this one before April. If the owner wanted to take it upon himself to tear it down before it was demolished by the City, they would love for him to do so. It put the owner on the official clock.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 410 Main Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT
410 MAIN STREET, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by Benny David Wray, Jr. at 410 Main Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

Being that property described in Deed Book 1481, page 2019 as Tract b and further described as Being the property acquired in Deed Book 296, Page 158 and Deed Book 222, Page 371 and Deed Book 232, Page 438 and Deed Book 369, Page 205, Rockingham County Register of Deeds and also being described as Tax Unique #112778. The above described property being more commonly known as 410 Main Street, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7091-19-50-4104-00 and Parcel ID No. 112778.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 13th day of September, 2018, which was served on the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested on the 4th day of September, 2018, by first class mail and by posting on the subject property on the 24th day of August, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 13th day of September, 2018, and the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the dwelling located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, by first class mail and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 21st day of September, 2018; that the certified mail, return receipt requested, was returned by the U. S. Postal Service marked "Unclaimed;" and

WHEREAS, the Director caused a Notice of Lis Pendens to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Rockingham County, North Carolina, on the 2nd day of October, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the property owner did not appeal the Order and, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 4-89(b) of the Eden City Code, a copy of the order has been mailed to any organization involved in providing or restoring dwellings for affordable housing that has filed a written request for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and he has failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structures located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the name of Benny David Wray, Jr. in the Grantor and Grantee index.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amount of the cost of demolishing the dwelling by the Director shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, said lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided by North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A, Article 10.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 19th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Mayor Hall pointed out the elimination of the drop port sites that was noted at the beginning of the report. He thanked City Manager Brad Corcoran for the report – he knew he had to stay up late to complete it.

Council Member Carter asked about the \$500 fine mentioned for littering.

Mr. Corcoran said the current ordinance provided for that.

Mayor Hall said there was some discussion with the County about raising that to \$1,000. He was in a public service announcement that week with some other mayors and County Commissioner Chair Reece Pyrtle. They were trying to become very active attacking the issue.

Mr. Corcoran said the County had staggered fines. He did not think the first one was \$500. Subsequent offenses could reach \$1,000. The City's fine at \$500 was stiffer for the first-time offense.

Mayor Hall had watched Chief Light's public service announcement against litter. The City was getting proactive on the issue in the same way they were in demolishing houses.

Mr. Corcoran noted the City had already installed cameras that were in use at that very time.

Mayor Hall said they received a lot of complaints on it. There was a link on NCDOT's website to report a litterer using their license plate number. They were trying to get all the help they could to stop litter as it was a big problem for the City.

Council Member Grogan referenced the drop port site elimination section and asked Municipal Services Director Paul Dishmon if he would speak about why they were being eliminated.

Mr. Dishmon said the sites were being eliminated due to the overwhelming contamination of the items that were supposed to be in the recycling containers. People dumped all types of items there, such as furniture, mattresses, paint, tires, hazardous waste, etc. The City then ended up having to dispose of the items, often having to pay to do so. The City did not accept hazardous waste or tires. They did take car batteries. The drop port sites were unmanned and people would

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drop off anything. It had become an expensive project, somewhere around \$68,000 a year just cleaning up the six drop port sites.

Council Member Grogan noted there was an expense to replace the unsafe drop port sites.

Mr. Dishmon said replacing the existing containers would cost around \$148,000. They would need a \$260,000 truck to empty the six drop ports weekly.

Council Member Burnette asked how many places in Rockingham County had drop sites.

Mr. Dishmon replied none that he knew of. Reidsville closed theirs and went to voluntary recycling. Eden had voluntary recycling. The rest of the County was mandatory recycling. The City was in the process of remodeling the Mebane Bridge Recycling Center to be more user friendly.

City Manager Corcoran noted the hours would be extended from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the center would be open daily except Monday.

Council Member Grogan said the drop port sites all over the City were a disgrace to look at.

Council Member Epps suggested publicizing photos of the drop port sites to show their condition to those concerned about them closing.

Mayor Hall noted the Council had seen those at the Budget Retreat. It was evident the sites were being abused if anyone rode by them. It was crucial to note, recycling was still available at Mebane Bridge Road. That was the only way the City could monitor what was being put out.

Mr. Dishmon noted stickers had been ordered for residents who wanted to use the Mebane Bridge center. He had turned away three vehicles that day who were trying to recycle but did not live in Eden.

Mayor Hall said it was not fair for Eden taxpayers to pay for other people's trash.

Mr. Dishmon said there was no money in recycling. The City was not making any money taking it. The hardest part was getting rid of it. They had glass and oil vendors who would accept those items at no charge.

Council Member Carter asked if the Rockingham County Landfill accepted tires.

Mr. Dishmon said they did. He thought it was 50 cents a tire if it was off the wheel. They also took wood pallets but they had to be separated.

City Manager's Report – March 2019

Drop Port Sites Eliminated & Recycling Center Hours of Operation Expanded

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Effective June 1, 2019, all six of the recycling drop port sites located throughout the city will be closed and all recyclables can be dropped off at our recycling center that is located at 123 Mebane Bridge road.

Our Mebane Bridge site is currently being renovated to better handle the recycling material and ease of access. In addition, the site will have longer hours of operation. As of June 1, 2019, the recycling center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday. The facility will be closed on Mondays and will be closed in observance of 11 holidays throughout the course of the year.

According to the NC Department of Environmental Quality, the City of Eden is only allowed to accept recycling material from Eden residents. As such, we will be furnishing a vehicle sticker to Eden residents the first time they visit the site to drop off their recyclables. Once residency has been verified, a sticker will be given to the resident. The sticker must be displayed in the right rear of their vehicle. Each sticker will be numbered and assigned to that vehicle only. If a resident needs more than one sticker, for other vehicles they own, that vehicle must be driven to the site on a subsequent visit to the recycling center in order to be registered to receive a recycling sticker.

In addition, for those residents that may be interested in exploring the option of curbside recycling – please call the current service provider, Waste Management, at 1-877-652-4550.

For additional questions regarding this issue please call 336-627-7781 ext. 103 or email Dusty Curry, Superintendent of Solid Waste at dcurry@edennc.us.

Annual Budget/Planning Retreat – Update

The City Council met with staff for their annual budget/planning retreat on February 23. The City Council discussed priorities related to ongoing Economic Development initiatives and their desire to construct a shell building. The City Council also discussed their desire to stay focused on code enforcement and nuisance abatement related initiatives throughout the City. The City Council discussed issues related to the Parks and Recreation Department and indicated their support for a merger between the Eden Prowlers youth football program and the City of Eden Parks and Recreation Department. Some of the other priorities discussed included the construction of an emergency services training facility, elimination of the drop port recycling sites, improvements to and expansion of hours for the recycling center on Mebane Bridge road, littering and community aesthetic issues, the process of reporting burnt out streetlights and a synopsis of budgetary trends and financial data.

The top four City Council priorities (above-and-beyond normal operations) slated for funding in the upcoming fiscal year is as follows:

- Continued implementation of the *Positively Eden* strategic plan,
- Continued emphasis on code enforcement and the abatement of nuisances,
- Construction of an emergency services training facility behind fire station 400 on East Stadium Drive, and
- Replacement of the 1972 steam boiler at the Eden Municipal Building.

WARNING - Littering Enforcement/Fines - Take Pride in Your Community and Don't Litter!

The City of Eden intends to use surveillance and other measures to aggressively enforce **NO LITTERING** in the City. **Individuals caught littering will be fined \$500!** There **WILL NOT**

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BE ANY WARNINGS. The number one complaint we receive on a consistent basis is the littering that is taking place throughout our community.

We hate litter! There is absolutely no reason for a civilized place to have an issue with litter, but Eden, like most communities, does. Please help us combat unsightly trash around our beautiful city.

How can you help?

Did you know that littering North Carolina roadways is illegal and can result in fines for those that commit the offense? Some litterbugs simply need to be informed and reminded that littering – whether deliberate or unintentional – can end with a personal commitment to stop.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has a fantastic program - Swat-A-Litterbug. This program encourages the public to report people who litter in an effort to help make North Carolina roadways cleaner. The program provides every individual an opportunity to be an active participant in reducing litter on North Carolina roadways. It's almost impossible for law enforcement to catch someone dumping litter from a vehicle without surveillance because who in their right mind would roll down a window and throw out a bag with a police officer behind them? With this program, any citizen can report the offending vehicle and NCDOT will take it from there. If you see someone throw out trash from a vehicle, please visit <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/Pages/swat-a-litterbug-report.aspx> or call the NCDOT Customer Service Office at (877) 368-4968.

NCDOT notifies the vehicle owner of the littering offense; informs the vehicle owner of the penalties for littering; and urges the litterbug to stop littering. A formal notification is signed by the Colonel of the N.C. State Highway Patrol. This letter helps educate and remind citizens of their civic responsibility to protect the environment.

Please keep the area around your property clean by picking up trash that land on or along it. It is frustrating when someone throws out something and it lands in or next to your yard or it blows off the back of a vehicle and is caught in your ditch. It is not your fault at all, but picking up the litter and disposing of it if you are able is showing your pride in your property, your neighborhood, and best of all, your city.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help us in our fight against littering.

Eden Youth Council

Are you ready to serve? The City is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 City of Eden Youth Council. Membership is open to individuals who live in the Morehead High School Attendance Zone (MHS, college, homeschool or private school students) and are between the ages of 14 and 20.

What can you expect?

- Service opportunities
- Develop leadership and professional skills
- Networking with civic leaders

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- Coordinate opportunities for Eden youth
- Great experience to list on resumes and college applications

If you are interested in applying, you can get your application at Eden City Hall - Administration, or Morehead High School Student Affairs Office. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Woods at jwoods@edennc.us.

Economic & Tourism Development

Former MillerCoors Site

The new owners of this site are aggressively marketing the site and have hired a national site consultant firm that specializes in food and beverage processing. Two legitimate projects are currently considering the facility.

Textile Facility

Progress continues on reopening the former SGRTex facility on Summit Road. There could be a new owner by the end of the second quarter of 2019.

Regional Economic Development Summit

City of Eden Economic Development Director Mike Dougherty participated as a panelist at the March 12 event held at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville, VA. Fellow panelists included Danville Economic Development Director Telly Tucker and Pittsylvania County Economic Development Director Matt Rowe. The focus of the panel was economic development organizations, recent developments at the former MillerCoors site and progress at the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill.

Elite Driving School

There is a tremendous need for truck drivers nationwide. Trucking companies are offering generous sign on bonuses and significant income. Elite Driving School offers CDL driving training in addition to driver's education for students and others in need of a driver's license. Contact them at 336-623-6800 for more information.

Osborne Company and Kirkland Builders Merger

In early March, the Triad Business Journal announced the merger of Eden's Osborne Company and Kirkland Builders of High Point, NC. This merger was part of a succession plan for the owners of Osborne Company. The operations will consolidate in High Point by the end of 2019. Osborne Company employs twenty people, most of who live in the Greensboro area. The City of Eden appreciates Osborne Company for operating in Eden since 1991 when it merged John Smith and Sons.

Azure Women's Apparel

This Women's Clothing Boutique is located at 238 W. King's Hwy in Eden. Owner Andria Lowman has a wide variety of tops, dresses, jeans, casual business dresses, leggings, kimonos, handbags and accessories. Check out their Facebook page at Azure Women's Apparel and Instagram account @azurewomensappareleden. Local people are remarking on the great product lines carried here. They can be reached at 336-637-6054.

Lidl

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On January 22, staff for the City of Eden had a conversation with the Lidl Director of Communications. For at least the next four months, nothing will happen with the site. This European company's CEO has characterized its United States launch as "disastrous". For example, they had eight stores slated for the Piedmont Triad but have only opened four of these because of sales being below expectations. They are trying to work out their problems and establish the right product mix to compete in this market. The status of the Eden location could change by mid-2019 but we have not been guaranteed anything at this point.

Yano Express Japanese Restaurant—New location

This long-time restaurant has moved into the former Popeye's Chicken location at Fiddle Stix convenience store located at 700 S. Van Buren Road in Eden. The drive-thru window will add to the convenience of patronizing this business.

Bridge Street Parking

The newly paved parking lot off Bridge Street that flows behind Washington Street continues its improvements. Directional signage has been placed as well as a larger parking sign featuring images from the recently completed branding study. Concrete pads for benches, landscaping and a dedication sign will exhaust the remaining grant funding provided by the Home Savings Bank Charitable Endowment.

Fieldcrest Public Space

This public space in Draper on Fieldcrest road had its benches installed by the City's Facilities and Grounds Department. Corrugated sliding metal doors were delayed but should be completed by the end of the month. The equipment to install the lighting is on hand, but inclement weather has delayed its installation. Funding for this project was provided by a recommendation from the *Positively Eden* Strategic Planning Board through the Eden City Council.

REAP

City of Eden representatives, staff from Rockingham Community College and Rockingham County Economic Development staff continue to design the R.E.A.P. (Rockingham Entrepreneurial Assistance Program). Identifying clients for recruitment, targeted buildings and outlines for curriculum are current priorities. Brief surveys were conducted to gauge interest from potential participants. The REAP would assist with our objectives found for economic development in the *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan.

Eden Downtown Development Inc.

The EDDI board welcomes two new members: Ashley Latham of Ashley Latham Photography and Barry Carter of the Old Leaksville Gun Shop. Mike Quickel was voted as president, and Glenn Denny returned to the board. Several members of the EDDI board will be attending the NC Main Street conference in Salisbury, NC in March. The City's Planning and Inspections Department continues to work with the EDDI to create a pamphlet promoting the QR historical markers that are located in the Old Leaksville Commercial District. This Old Leaksville Commercial District Walking Tour will also include some historical structures just outside of the existing commercial district.

Henry Street Mural

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The City Council previously approved spending \$20,000 from the current *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan budgetary account to fund a new mural that will be completed by muralist Brandon Hardison.

Boulevard Merchants

The Boulevard Merchants Association will hold the second annual Food Truck Rodeo on Saturday April 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There have been fifteen food trucks reserved and additional spaces are available to rent for interested vendors. For more information contact theblvdeden@gmail.com.

Public Art Project

The public art project supporting painting fire hydrants has had a great response. Hydrants in our downtown areas have been identified as priorities and several local artists have volunteered to take on the project initially. This is open to the public; contact Randy Hunt at rhunt@edemnc.us for more information.

Cars and Coffee

These events are open to the public and will be hosted the last Saturday of each month from April through October between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the Family Video parking lot. The Three Rivers Chapter of the AACA Eden car show will be held on May 25 at the Tractor Supply Parking lot.

Wire Animal Public Art Project

They are Here! These life-sized wire creations by artist Josh Cote were officially unveiled at the John E. Grogan Park on February 25. Grogan Park is located at Eden City Hall, 308 E. Stadium Drive. We invite everyone to come out and view these first pieces of public art located here at Grogan Park...take a stroll, relax in the swing or under the gazebo, or bring a picnic. By the fountain at the park's entrance, you will find a heron. Along the path, look for an owl on a perch, two boxing hares, a buck, a doe, and a fox. Come and enjoy!

Karastan Mosaic Public Art Project

Work has begun on the Karastan Mosaic that will be placed on the floor of the gazebo in the John E. Grogan Park. The mosaic will be created by artist Teresa Phillips to closely resemble the original 717 pattern. Stay tuned for an unveiling date later this spring.

Fine Arts Festival

The Fine Arts Festival will once again be held here at the Eden City Hall. Some of the important dates to remember include:

- Sneak Peak – Thursday, April 4 – 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
View and purchase art before the public
- Awards and Opening Reception – Sunday, April 7 – 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Show Dates – April 8 – 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 13 – 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Spring Grown & Gathered

Exciting News! We have added a second Grown & Gathered event this year due to the popularity of last year. Our spring event is set for Thursday, May 23 along the Canal at the beautiful Spray

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Mercantile. Our late summer event will be Thursday, August 15 in the brand new barn located at the Wright Memorial Event Center. So exciting! Tickets will be available soon, but mark your calendars now!

Oink & Ale

Our very popular Oink & Ale event will take place on May 11 on Monroe Street in Historic Downtown Eden. Our featured band will be the very popular On the Border – The Ultimate Eagles Tribute. Come and enjoy delicious barbecue and ribs along with refreshing beverages. Admission is free.

Piedmont Pottery Festival

Our 17th Annual Piedmont Pottery Festival is set for Saturday, June 1 in Kingsway Plaza from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applications are available at ExploreEdenNC.com. You do not want to miss it!

Two Acre Sunflower Field

Coming this summer to the Smith River Greenway! Stay tuned for more exciting details!

Newsletter

You can get information about upcoming local events by email through our monthly Explore Downtown newsletter. If you want to subscribe, please send your email address to godowntown@edennc.us

Engineering

Street Resurfacing Projects

Waugh Asphalt, Inc. will be starting construction on the second street-resurfacing contract for the 2018-19 fiscal year sometime in April or early May. There are 17 street sections on the spring resurfacing schedule to be repaired and resurfaced. All of the work is expected to be completed by May 31, 2019.

NCDOT State Resurfacing Schedule

NCDOT has several state roads scheduled to be resurfaced in the Eden area this year. We have been told that construction on the Rockingham schedule is expected to start sometime this month. State maintenance crews will be out in the next couple of weeks to make the repairs that are needed prior to resurfacing. Please slow down and use caution when entering these work zones.

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

The Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. crew began installing 6-inch diameter ductile iron water main along Morehead Street on February 14, heading east from the Glovenia Street intersection. Installation of the water main under an active metal storm drain, and an unexpected old clay storm drain located a few feet to the east, was completed on February 27. After getting the correct tapping saddle delivered, the crew was able to make a wet tap on the existing 8-inch diameter cast iron water main in Hollingsworth Street on March 11 without any problems. Installation of the final forty feet of water main is to be completed on March 13, with testing to be done during the next several days.

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A crew from City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. began delivering materials to the Jackson Street and W. Moore Street waterline replacement project on March 2. Installation of the new 6-inch diameter ductile iron water main began a few days later and has continued as weather permitted. As of March 12, the crew has installed about 805 feet of new water main, two fire hydrants, and nine valves. The crew has also replaced two short sections of clay sewer main with ductile iron pipe at the intersection of W. Moore and Jackson. With a little luck, the installation of the rest of the proposed water main should be completed soon, and the crew can begin the required testing for the project.

A bid opening was held on March 5 for the West Avenue waterline replacement project. Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder for the proposed installation of about 550 feet of 6-inch diameter ductile iron pipe, and about 120 feet of 2-inch diameter schedule 80 PVC pipe. The crew is expected to start the installation work near the intersection with Central Avenue after completing their current job on Morehead Street, probably the second week of April.

Facilities & Maintenance

The City of Eden will be joining the Rockingham County School system and Rockingham County Government by participating in the School and Community "*Team Up to Clean Up*" event that will be taking place at Morehead High School on Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are excited about this opportunity and would like to invite anyone else that may be interested to join us at Morehead High School on March 30 for this important event. Thank you in advance for helping to make our neighborhood a beautiful place to work, live and learn.

Information Technology

Your IT Department is pleased to announce that we have completed the design phase for FREE Wi-Fi in Freedom Park. We are expecting to begin installation in early April and will be approaching the installation in three phases as follows:

Phase 1 – Wireless Infrastructure Installation (early April)

- Freedom Park Water Tower
- Ball field concession stand area
- Picnic shelter beside the playground

Phase 2 – Wi-Fi Access Point Installation (early April)

- Ball fields
- Splashpad/Playground

Phase 3 – Expand Coverage (late April – early May)

- Amphitheater
- Walking track
- RV Pads
- Skate park

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Watch our Facebook page for project progress and pictures. We will also be posting a poll where you can vote for what to name the Wi-Fi network.

Municipal Services

Compost for Sale

The City of Eden will be offering compost for sale on the following Saturdays: March 30, April 6 and April 13 from 7:00am to 2:30pm. Costs are as follows: pick up load - \$5, Tandem axle trailer \$15 and large dump trucks \$25 each.

Code Red Notification System

The City of Eden has a Code Red Notification System to help make residents aware of changes to garbage collection due to weather or holiday closings, missing persons and any road closures. The system is also used for other public service and emergency related announcements. If you are not receiving the notifications and are interested in being included, please contact Georgette Spence at 336-623-2110 option 3 and have your name and number(s) added to the Code Red notification list. If you are an Eden resident, there is no cost to receive these notifications.

Spring Clean-Up Week

Spring Clean-up Week will be observed during the week of April 1 – April 6. Please remember that no hazardous waste will be collected such as paint, stains, thinner, acid, etc. In addition, the City will not collect masonry products such as bricks, blocks, concrete, and tires.

Parks & Recreation

Community Accents Program & Parks & Recreation Radio Program

Staff participated in the Community Accents Program with WLOE (Wonderful Land of Eden) radio on March 8 and will be participating in the same program again on April 12. In addition, staff participated in the Parks & Recreation Radio Program with WLOE on February 27 and will be participating in the same program again in March to update the public on our recreational program offerings during the months of March, April, and May. We remain involved in these community outreach efforts in an effort to update residents about the programs being offered by our Parks & Recreation Department.

Be Healthy Rockingham County

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham County initiative. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on March 13 and will attend the next meeting scheduled for April 10.

Kate B. Reynolds Community Conservation Meeting

Staff attended a Kate B. Reynolds Community Conservation meeting on March 22 concerning the efforts of how this Foundation is working in Rockingham County to improve the health and well-being of the residents in the County.

Collaboration with UNC-Rockingham Health Care

Staff has met with Liz Penn, Director of Rehabilitation Therapy & Sleep Center, at UNC-Rockingham Health Care, and the City will be collaborating with them to provide workshops at the Garden of Eden Center. The first workshop was held on March 18 and it will address fall

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prevention. Other classes will be scheduled throughout the year. For additional information, please contact Georgette Spence at gspence@edennc.us.

Freedom Park Splash Pad & Bathhouse Update

VORTEX continues the construction of the Freedom Park Splash Pad. The concrete area for the Splash Pad features was poured on March 12. The remaining concrete for the facility will be completed in the next few weeks, weather permitting. The Splash Pad features will be installed in the upcoming weeks. Construction on the Splash Pad should be completed by May 30 weather permitting.

Cirrus Construction received the building permit for the Freedom Park Splash Pad Bath House on January 28. The construction on the Splash Pad Bath House began on March 13 with staff from Cirrus Construction locating the building corners and making preparations to remove the top soil where the building will be located. The wet weather over the past several months has prohibited work from being done and the completion date for the Bath House is now June 14. Cirrus Construction has informed us they are hoping to complete the project before Memorial Day if the weather is good.

Matrimony Creek Greenway Parking Lot Update

The Matrimony Creek Greenway Parking Lot paving project has been postponed indefinitely until all of the work associated with the EPA Administrative Order in the Matrimony Creek area has been completed.

Installation of Chiller and Cooling Tower at Eden Municipal Building

Work related to the installation of a new chiller and cooling tower at the Eden Municipal Building is underway and is scheduled to be completed by mid-April.

Softball Tournaments @ Freedom Park

There is a USSSA Softball Tournament at Freedom Park March 16 – 17. In addition, there is a Top Tournament March 23 – 24, a Top Gun Tournament March 30 – 31, a Got Game Tournament April 6 – 7, and a Top Gun Tournament April 13 – 14.

Planning & Inspections

Code Enforcement

68 notices have been mailed by certified mail and first class mail. These actions include nuisances, junked motor vehicles. A total of \$2,629 in code enforcement fees was collected during the past month.

1220 Front Street

This is the site of our most unusual repeat code violations. We have cleaned the property 8 times during the past year. The owner was charged with a criminal violation. She did not appear at our last court date and an order was issued for her arrest. She was served and was released on a \$1,000 secured bond. Our next court date is March 26.

Nuisance Abatement – Demolitions - Update

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All of the demolitions previously authorized by the City Council in November of 2018 have been completed. We have sent out bid requests for 6 properties that we plan to bring to the City Council at the March meeting for authorization for demolition.

GIS

Our staff is working with staff at our Water Filtration Plant on creating GIS maps that will be required for future reporting. Maps have been provided to the Economic Development & Tourism Development department for marketing tools. Staff in our Engineering department continues to locate and identify water meters that were not operational when the new meters were installed or have been installed since 2012 and were not reported to our departments for mapping purposes.

Ashton Way Apartments

Staff has issued 90 Temporary Certificates of Occupancy for this project. The contractor should be completely finished by the end of March.

UNC Rockingham

The hospital has submitted plans for a new elevator system.

Former Sonic Property

We have received civil drawings for a new carwash to be located at 104 E. Harris Place (site of the former Sonic restaurant). We expect construction drawings within the next few weeks.

NCDOT

Staff attended the meeting with representatives from the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT), held at the Eden Library, concerning intersection improvements to Kings Highway and Highway #14. The project is funded and will get underway very quickly once the final choice is made on the various options that they presented. NCDOT will be holding a public meeting on this topic at Eden City Hall on Thursday evening March 14.

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment met on March 7. They considered a private recreation use for a shooting range on Friendly Road. The Property is the next to last property still in North Carolina. The board denied the request.

Community Appearance Commission

The commission discussed plans for citywide cleanup efforts during the “Great American Cleanup” (March 1 – May 31); discussed ideas to involve civic groups, church groups and school groups. They also discussed issues with parking lot maintenance (particularly Kingsway Center, the Eden Mall and the old Winn Dixie shopping center on the west side of town.) It was determined that this could be addressed using the non-residential maintenance code, and the Commission wishes to follow through with this. Inspectors have inspected these parking lots and notices will be sent to property owners for violations. Commission members also each took an area of the city to do a “litter assessment” as well as a sweep for junk, junk cars, and other nuisance issues. From this, we will target areas for cleanup and try to develop an anti-litter campaign.

CDBG Grant Application

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We have located a private consulting firm to handle our CDBG Housing application. Mrs. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections recently met with W.T. Sorrell, III of Withers Ravenel from Asheville. They have a Greensboro office and staff from that office will be assisting us without upcoming application. Changes in the way the State is handling the program require more upfront work than has been required in the past. We expect that the call for applications will be in March or April and the deadline for applications is likely to be in late August of 2019.

Stadium Drive Sidewalk

We expect to be cleared to go out for bids for engineering and design services during the week of March 1.

Historic Preservation Commission

Staff prepared a list of all historic properties currently in our inventory. Each Commission member took an area and will assist us in completing an assessment on the condition of our historic properties (vacant, occupied, drastically altered, demolished, etc.). The Commission members discussed the possibility of creating some type of revolving fund or incentive grant (“carrot vs. stick”) to encourage historic property owners to help maintain or make repairs to their properties. The Commission intends on developing a plan to propose to City Council to test the viability of this plan. The members also discussed issues with non-residential maintenance code and their desire to push for enforcement that is more aggressive. They would like to try to intervene before a building gets in too bad of a condition that there is no choice but to demolish.

Historic Walking Tour

Staff is working to revive the historic walking tour in the Leaksville area. They will be working on maps and brochures, with the idea to expand this to other areas of the city, possibly initiating “heritage tours” in each area.

Police

Junior Achievement Program

The Eden Police Department is participating in the Junior Achievement Program, for the second year, at Central Elementary. Junior Achievement helps students realize that the education they are getting today will help them to have a bright future tomorrow. Sergeant David Stepps and Lieutenant David Lamberth have begun their classes at Central.

Posting of Outstanding Warrants on Eden Police Department Facebook Page

In January 2019, we implemented a new power point presentation (video) for individuals with outstanding warrants. This power point presentation is currently being utilized on our Eden Police Department Facebook page every three to four weeks. The slide show highlights individuals with outstanding warrants to include a photo, name, and current outstanding charges. This is another way of keeping our citizens informed and up to date. The most recent video, posted March 1 has been shared 68 times and has now reached approximately 15,000 people.

Public Utilities

Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements Project - Update

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Sealed bids were recently received for the Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements Project, which is one of the projects, included in our EPA Administrative Order of Consent Remediation Plan. Four contractors submitted bid packages. They include:

Frizzell Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,043,211
English Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,384,000
Shook Construction Company	\$2,615,000
Laughlin-Sutton Construction Company	\$2,700,600

The engineer's estimate for this project was \$2,400,000. As such, the base bid from Fizzell Construction is \$356,789 under the engineer's estimate. It is anticipated that the City Council will vote to accept the low bid at its meeting on March 19. Because this is a loan and grant-funded project, staff will forward the bid results with City Council approval to the NC Division of Water Infrastructure to receive authorization to award the contract to the contractor approved by the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the February 19, 2019 minutes.
- b. Approval and adoption of the 2019 Records Retention and Disposition Schedule.

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**2019 Local Government Agencies
General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule**

The records retention and disposition schedule and retention periods governing the records series listed herein are hereby approved. In accordance with the provisions of Chapters 121 and 132 of the *General Statutes of North Carolina*, it is agreed that the records do not and will not have further use or value for official business, research, or reference purposes after the respective retention periods specified herein and are authorized to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the agency or official having custody of them without further reference to or approval of either party to this agreement. The local government agency agrees to comply with 07 NCAC 04M .0510 when deciding on a method of destruction. Confidential records will be destroyed in such a manner that the records cannot be practicably read or reconstructed. However, records subject to audit or those legally required for ongoing official proceedings must be retained until released from such audits or official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule. **Public records, including electronic records, not listed in this schedule are not authorized to be destroyed.**

All local government agencies and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources agree that certain records series possess only brief administrative, fiscal, legal, research, and reference value. These records series have been designated by retention periods that allow these records to be destroyed when "reference value ends." All local government agencies hereby agree that they will establish and enforce internal policies setting minimum retention periods for the records that Natural and Cultural Resources has scheduled with the disposition instruction "destroy when reference value ends." If a local government agency does not establish internal policies and retention periods, the local government agency is not complying with the provisions of this retention schedule and is not authorized by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to destroy the records with the disposition instruction "destroy when reference value ends."

All local government agencies and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources concur that the long-term and/or permanent preservation of electronic records requires additional commitment and active management by the agency. Agencies agree to comply with all policies, standards, and best practices published by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources regarding the creation and management of electronic records.

It is further agreed that these records may not be destroyed prior to the time periods stated; however, for sufficient reason they may be retained for longer periods. This schedule supersedes the general standards in all previous local government retention and disposition schedules and is to remain in effect from the date of approval until it is reviewed and updated.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED

Municipal/County Clerk or Manager
Title: _____


Sarah E. Koonts, Director
Division of Archives and Records

APPROVED

Head of Governing Body
Title: _____


Susi H. Hamilton, Secretary
Department of Natural and Cultural
Resources

Municipality/County: _____

- c. Approval and adoption of a Resolution in support of the current ABC control system for the sale of liquor.

Resolution in Support of the Current ABC Control System for the Sale of Liquor

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Eden voted to permit the sale of liquor through the establishment of an ABC Board, which is a part of the North Carolina's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors;

WHEREAS, North Carolina is a "control" state and private retail liquor stores are prohibited;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly's nonpartisan Program Evaluation Division (PED) was directed to examine whether other systems for alcohol beverage control, including privatized systems, are appropriate for North Carolina, specially to include the State of Washington, which recently changed its beverage control system from state government control of wholesale and retail control of spirituous liquor to a licensure model;

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WHEREAS, The PED Report, “Changing How North Carolina Controls Liquor Sales Has Operational, Regulatory, and Financial Ramifications”, released on February 11, 2019, (1) did not recommend privatization, (2) found that among the southeastern states, NC collects the most revenue per gallon, has the lowest outlet density and has the second lowest per capita consumption; and (3) the PED expects retail liquor consumption to increase by 20% with privatization.

WHEREAS, for fiscal year ending 2018, local ABC boards distributed \$430,635,861: County-City Distributions \$80 million; State General Fund \$323 million; Local Alcohol Education/Treatment \$13 million; Local Law Enforcement \$8.8 million; Rehabilitation Services \$5 million; Operation of ABC Commission/Warehouse \$17.7 million.

WHEREAS, North Carolina is unique as it allows communities to vote to establish local ABC boards for the sale of liquor in their communities, with liquor profits distributed back to those communities, thereby reducing the need to increase local property taxes.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Eden, in voting to permit the operation of ABC stores, did not vote to allow spirits to be sold in private retail liquor stores and did not vote to allow spirits to be sold retail outlets where beer and wine are sold;

WHEREAS, No State funds are spent to distribute or sell liquor as the state and local operation of the ABC system is receipt supported;

WHEREAS, Of the 50 states, North Carolina ranks 44th lowest in consumption per capita and 7th highest in revenue per capita and NC’s ABC system accomplishes both revenue and public health, welfare and safety objectives;

WHEREAS, when Washington State privatized its liquor system the number of retail outlets increased from 328 to over 1400, hours of sale/week increased from 73 to 140 hours, and Washington State received only \$30.75 million from auctioning off the rights to apply for retail spirits permits at 167 stores;

WHEREAS, privatization will result in a marked increase in the number of outlets, longer hours of sale, greater advertising and more promotion and significantly more consumption; and the 9,000 outlets in NC that sell beer/wine off-premises could be permitted to sell liquor in a privatized system;

WHEREAS, local revenue from ABC stores operations is important to the City of Eden;

WHEREAS, local control over the sale of liquor is an important function.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Eden desires to retain North Carolina’s current control system for the sale of liquor and believes that privatization of liquor will lead to many adverse effects.

This the 19th day of March, 2019.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt City Clerk

- d. Approval of a Contract between the Eden Fire Department and Rockingham County to provide fire protection.

NORTH CAROLINA
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

This Contract is entered into the 1st day of July, 2019 by and between ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, a body politic existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY” and CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as “CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT”.

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WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City Of Eden Fire District will be covered by the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT which is located at 308 East Stadium Drive, Eden, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Rockingham County wishes to contract with CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, to provide fire protection to the holdings and belongings of Rockingham County within the boundaries of the EDEN CITY LIMITS and to provide mutual aid assistance to those fire districts outside the boundaries of the EDEN CITY LIMITS, as requested by the mutual aid county departments, said contract being entered into pursuant to N.C. G.S. Section 153A-233; and,

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT have agreed to amend this contract by incorporating provisions of the Incident Command System (ICS) in managing emergency response and coordination.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and premises herein contained the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This contract shall commence upon execution by both parties and continue until June 30, 2022 and shall continue in force and effect unless earlier terminated by either party hereto upon 30 days written notice to the other party.
2. During the term of this contract the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, agrees to provide adequate fire protection within the boundaries of the EDEN CITY LIMITS.
3. The CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT has agreed to undertake to provide medical response services under the supervision of the Rockingham County Emergency Medical Services and in compliance with the medical response program, its rules and regulations, its training and certification requirements and its continuing education programs set forth by the Rockingham County Emergency Medical Services. The purpose of the department's participation in the medical response program is to provide basic life support to the sick and injured until at which time being relieved by a support provider of equal or higher credential level.

Utilizing the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Rockingham County will employ the Incident Command System (ICS) in managing emergencies. The ICS is both a strategy and a set of organization arrangements for directing and controlling field operations from different agencies into a temporary emergency organization at an incident site that can expand and contract with the magnitude of the incident and resources at hand.

Utilizing NIMS, the first public safety official (law enforcement, fire, emergency medical unit) to arrive on the scene of an emergency shall become the "incident commander" of the scene and shall be the official in charge of the scene until such time as the incident becomes resolved, command has been transferred to a command officer of equal or higher credentials, or until a senior official arrives on the scene and assumes command in compliance with NIMS Incident Command System standards.

Utilizing NIMS, the IC will establish an Incident Command Post (ICP) and provide an assessment of the situation to local officials, identify response resources required and direct the on-scene response from the ICP.

Rockingham County Emergency Medical Services shall be entitled to track the department's personnel participating in the medical response program. The department shall abide by the rules and regulations, minimum training requirements, and certification and continuing education requirements so that department's personnel meet all medical response criteria. Medical Response engaged in by the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT is Voluntary in nature.

4. CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, agrees that it will not assign this contract without obtaining the prior written permission of the County.
5. CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, shall account for any County funds received for fire protection and shall expend all such funds as deemed necessary to provide adequate fire protection for the EDEN CITY LIMITS.

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6. The CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT agrees to furnish the COUNTY with a copy of any audit that is performed in the previous year on the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT. The audit should be turned in on an annual basis by June 30 of each year. If no such audit is performed on the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, it must furnish the COUNTY with a copy of its Form 990 in lieu of the audit.

7. The terms and provisions herein contained constitute the entire agreement by and between the county and CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, and shall supersede all previous communications, representations or agreements either verbal or written between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

8. Compensation for this service shall be in the amount of \$2,400.00 per year for Fire Protection in said district.

9. After the indicated ending date of this agreement, said agreement shall continue for a successive additional period of thirty (30) days or until the effective date of a subsequent contract to furnish fire protection and/or medical response to the tax district, whichever date is earlier.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this instrument has been executed in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties hereto.

ATTEST: CITY OF EDEN

Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tommy Underwood, Chief

ATTEST: ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Keli Watkins, MMC/NCCCC / A. Reece Pyrtle, Jr. Chairman

Clerk to the Board / Board of Commissioners

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Patricia P. Galloway, Finance Officer

John Morris, County Attorney Date

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall called on Coordinator of Tourism and Special Events/Projects Cindy Adams to review upcoming events.

Ms. Adams said she would present the events from March 29 through June 1. In addition to the events she would cover, the Eden Chamber of Commerce and Eden Rotary Club were doing things. She said no one should ever say things were not happening in Eden.

- Movies Under the Stars at Grogan Park, March 29, a senior project by Elizabeth Bullins
- Fine Arts Festival at City Hall, reception April 7, opening to the public afterwards
- Canadian Golfers would arrive April 13, welcome reception April 16 at 5:30
- Go Far Race, conducted by the Rockingham County Partnership for Children, would start and finish at Grogan Park on April 13
- Oink and Ale, May 11, 6-9 p.m. on Monroe Street
- Hispanic Heritage Day at Grogan Park, May 14

Minutes of the regular March 19, 2019 meeting of the City Council, City of Eden:

- Argus Camera Group, weekend of May 17 with a breakfast on May 19
- Spring Grown & Gathered, May 23, 7 p.m. at the Spray Mercantile
- Piedmont Pottery Festival, June 1
- Luther Hodges Exhibit Opening & Reception by the Eden Rotary, date unknown
- Karastan Mosaic Public Art Unveiling at Grogan Park, date announced soon
- Two-acre Sunflower Field at Smith River Greenway was being prepped
- Easter Egg Hunt at Freedom Park, April 20, 11 a.m.
- Funfest at Freedom Park, May 11 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Fishing Derby, May 4, 9-11 a.m.

She noted the occupancy tax was up 23.4 percent that year. She found out the tax was driven that month by Duke Energy workers, physicians and state auditors. The ExploreEdenNC Facebook page hopefully would hit 7,500 fans that week.

Council Member Grogan suggested putting the drop port site photos on Facebook. She noted the wire animals in Grogan Park had been popular.

Mayor Hall noted the Team Up to Clean Up was at Morehead High School on March 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. He encouraged all who could to participate. Morehead was selected for the Barnstorming Tour, where graduating seniors from the ACC traveled and played at a few sites. Morehead would host it April 13 at 4 p.m. Tickets were available online.

Council Member Hampton said The Boulevard's Food Truck Rodeo was April 13 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made by unanimous consent to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hunt
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Neville Hall
Mayor



**Municipal Services
Department**
1050 KLYCE STREET, EDEN, NC 27288
336-627-7783

Memo

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
From: Paul Dishmon, Director, Municipal Services
Date: April 4, 2019
Subject: Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

The listed items have reached end of life and/or are in need of parts that exceeded the cost of replacement of the item. I respectfully request that they be declared surplus and sold at auction on govdeals.com after April 22, 2019. All items won are “as is/where is”.

2019 SURPLUS VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

MAKE/MODEL	YEAR	VIN NUMBER	CONDITION
FORD F800	1993	1FDYK84E5PVA11084	POOR
INTERNATIONAL TK	2000	1HTSCAAN9YH323950	POOR
CHEVY TRUCK	1987	1GCEV24K6HF372515	POOR
DODGE CHARGER	2008	2B3KA43H18H206015	POOR
DODGE CHARGER	2008	2B3KA43H28H138615	POOR
DODGE CHARGER	2008	2B3KA43H98H149305	POOR
SEWER RODDER	1992	92940530	POOR

TRANSFER STATION PUMP AND MOTOR			POOR
SERVICE BODY FROM 2W	1992		POOR
3 POINT HITCH ROAD BROOM	1998	698-1532	POOR
BACKHOE FORD	1996	031001238	POOR
BACKHOE JOHN DEERE	2000	031026079	POOR
SEWER VAC FORD	2000	2FZNAJBB2YAGO8728	POOR

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL
OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Eden owns certain surplus equipment and property listed below in Exhibit A and hereinafter referred to as “the property”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to dispose of the property by public auction as authorized by North Carolina General Statute §160A-270; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-270 (c), the City Council must authorize the use of the public electronic auction service and the means of publication; and

WHEREAS, the property will be sold at a public electronic auction to the highest bidder excepting any reserve placed on the property. The property will be listed at www.govdeals.com starting on April 22, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. and will be posted continuously until it is sold; and

WHEREAS, The City desires to publish this notice solely by electronic means via the City of Eden website; and

WHEREAS, Paul Dishmon, Public Works Directors, is an appropriate city official to dispose of the property by public auction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the property listed above be disposed of by public auction, that the publication of this sale be solely by electronic means, and that Paul Dishmon be authorized to dispose of the property by public auction.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 16th day of April, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: _____
Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Exhibit A

1W pickup truck

PD 117 Dodge Charger

PD 118 Dodge Charger

PD119 Dodge Charger

27W sewer rodder

Transfer Station pump and motor from the old Transfer Station

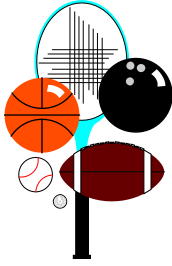
25G Knuckle boom

45W Sewer Vac.

Service body off of 2W

65S three point hitch broom

65G Ford backhoe



Eden Parks & Recreation Department
308 East Stadium Drive, Eden, NC 27288-3523
Voice 336-623-2110, Fax 336-623-4041

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council
THRU: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
FROM: Johnny Farmer, Parks & Recreation Director
SUBJECT: Freedom Park Splash Pad Fee Schedule
DATE: April 5, 2019

The construction of the Freedom Park Splash Pad is moving along, and it is anticipated that the facility will be open to the public sometime in late June or early July of this year.

Attached, please find a Fee Recommendation Schedule for this facility. These fees are in-line with what the City charges at the Mill Avenue Pool and City Staff would recommend that the Mayor and City Council set the fee schedule as indicated in the attachment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

FEEES & CHARGES WORKSHEET 2019-2020

DEPARTMENT Parks & Recreation

DIVISION Freedom Pk

Revenue Name Splash Pad Fees

Account Code New

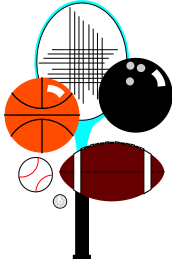
Current Fee: New Rental Rates for New Service offered

**Proposed Fee: Daily Rental Rate – Resident \$4.00
Non-Resident \$5.00**

**Seasonal Pass – Resident \$40.00
Non-Resident \$55.00**

**2 Hour Rental – Resident \$80.00
Non-Resident \$100.00**

Discussion/Reason for Increase: Fees are in line with the cost of daily usage and pool party rentals at the Mill Avenue Pool.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council
THRU: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
FROM: Johnny Farmer, Parks & Recreation Director
SUBJECT: Piedmont Legacy Trails Resolution
DATE: April 5, 2019

At the last Eden Rivers and Trails Committee meeting it was discussed that the Mayor and City Council pass a resolution in support of the Piedmont Legacy Trails in partnership with neighboring communities to implement a system of regional trails that connects our communities, people and regional points of interest for years to come.

The Piedmont Legacy Trails is asking all the municipalities and Rockingham County to pass the attached resolution.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.



RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Whereas the City of Eden is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens and recognizes that supporting Piedmont Legacy Trails will help create a regional network of trails, including greenways and blueways; and

Whereas, trails provide key amenities to neighborhoods and safe areas for our citizens and children to travel, exercise, play and connect with nature and communities; and

Whereas, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the region through increased tourism, enhanced property values, as well as the ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

Whereas, committing to this Resolution may help leverage funding from federal, state, local and private sources for trails; and

Whereas, Piedmont Legacy Trails is coordinated by Piedmont Land Conservancy which is dedicated to preserving important natural areas, and Piedmont Triad Regional Council, which is a regional planning organization.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City of Eden supports Piedmont Legacy Trails in partnership with neighboring communities to implement a system of regional trails that connects our communities, people and regional points of interest for years to come.

Name

Date

Title



To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager

From: Amy P. Winn, CPA
Assistant Director of Finance

Date: April 16, 2019

Re: Budget Amendment # 3

Two tourism events, Touch-A-Truck and Grown & Gathered, were not included in the original FY 2018-2019 budget. This budget amendment allocates the proceeds from these events to the corresponding expenditure line items in Economic Development.



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
From: Amy P. Winn
Assistant Director of Finance
Date: April 16, 2019
Subject: Budget Amendment # 3

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Touch-A-Truck	10-3350-02400	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
Grown & Gathered	10-3350-02500	\$ -	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,700.00
				<u>\$ 9,800.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Touch-A-Truck	10-4135-30240	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
Grown & Gathered	10-4135-30250	\$ -	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,700.00
				<u>\$ 9,800.00</u>

Appropriates festival proceeds to expenditure line items.

Adopted and effective this 16th day of April, 2019.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor



To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager

From: Amy P. Winn, CPA
Assistant Director of Finance

Date: April 16, 2019

Re: Budget Amendment # 4

When the Police Department make narcotics arrest, they can submit paperwork to the State and have the individuals taxed. The State collects the tax and remits it to the arresting agency. As of March 31, 2019, we have received \$2,180.36 in Controlled Substance Excise Tax which is \$1,980.36 above the amount originally budgeted. This budget amendment allocates this excess to the Police Department for the purchase of a new crime scene camera.



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
From: Amy P. Winn
Assistant Director of Finance
Date: April 16, 2019
Subject: Budget Amendment # 4

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Police Controlled Substance Excise Tax	10-3431-41800	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,200.00	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Police C/O Equip Non-Depreciable	10-4310-57201	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

Appropriates funds received from the State for the Controlled Substance Excise Tax.

Adopted and effective this 16th day of April, 2019.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor



To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager

From: Amy P. Winn, CPA
Assistant Director of Finance

Date: April 16, 2019

Re: Budget Amendment # 5

The attached budget amendment allocates proceeds from a Governor's Crime Commission grant. The grant is for the purchase of weapons for the Police department. This amendment increases the Police Grant and Police Safety Equipment line items.



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
From: Amy P. Winn
Assistant Director of Finance
Date: April 16, 2019
Subject: Budget Amendment # 5

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Police Grant - Governor's Crime Comm	10-3431-72000	\$ -	\$ 24,200.00	<u>\$ 24,200.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Police Safety Equipment	10-4310-21300	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 54,200.00	<u>\$ 24,200.00</u>

Appropriates NC Governor's Crime Commission grant funds for the purchase of weapons.

Adopted and effective this 16th day of April, 2019.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor