

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	John E. Grogan
Mayor Pro Tem:	Wayne Tuggle, Sr.
Council Members:	Donna Turner
	Darryl Carter
	Jerry Epps
	Gene Hagood
	Jim Burnette
	Jerry Ellis
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
Administrative Assistant:	Deanna Hunt

Representatives from Departments:

Representatives from News Media: Latala Payne, Eden News; Roy Sawyers, RCENO

MEETING CONVENED:

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

INVOCATION:

Mr. Wayne Parlier, Pastor of Meadow View United Methodist Church gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION:

(a) Proclamation – Spring Littersweep

SPRING LITTER SWEEP PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual spring statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the spring **2011 LITTER SWEEP** roadside cleanup will take place April 16 - April 30, 2011, and encourages local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations,

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businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during **LITTER SWEEP** and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our state and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, the spring **2011 LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and its 5,860 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; and

WHEREAS, the **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great state regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. GROGAN, Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim April 16 - April 30, 2011, as **"SPRING LITTER SWEEP"** time in the City of Eden and encourage citizens to take an active role in making our community cleaner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Eden, North Carolina April 19, 2011.

John E. Grogan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis, seconded by Council Member Hagood to add Consent Agenda item 12(i) Resolution in support for an application for grant funding, specifically OJJDP-2011-2967, by the Rockingham County Forensic/Gang Prevention Bureau to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; to pull agenda item 12(g) Hazard Mitigation Plan and to move agenda item 12(h) to item 10(b) under New Business. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (a) Consideration of a public hearing relative to the intention of the City to apply to the NC Department of Commerce/ Community Investment & Assistance Program for Housing Development Grant funds through North Carolina's FY 2010 Community Development Block Grant funding.

We would like to hold a public hearing relative to the intention of the City to apply to the NC Department of Commerce/ Community Investment & Assistance Program for Housing Development Grant funds through North Carolina's FY 2010 Community Development Block Grant funding.

The following is a list of proposed activities and an estimated budget. The blank application and associated documents to be used in the application will be reviewed at the public hearing. The proposed housing development activity is located on East Harris Place near the Super Walmart.

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1. Sewer Line Extension	\$ 15,000
2. Construct Sidewalk to Walmart parking lot	\$ 51,000
3. Construct Drive and Curb for Stone Creek Circle	\$162,200
4. Administration	<u>\$ 11,800</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 240,000

Mayor Grogan called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections, to come forward with a report.

Ms. Stultz explained that when they apply for Community Development Block Grant Funding they always have to hold two public hearings. She explained that they held the first public hearing last month concerning Stone Creek Apartments.

Mayor Grogan asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of this request.

After no one else came forward to speak in opposition he then declared the public hearing closed and asked the Council for a decision.

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle, seconded by Council Member Carter to apply to the NC Department of Commerce/ Community Investment & Assistance Program for Housing Development Grant funds through North Carolina’s FY 2010 Community Development Block Grant funding. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Concerned Citizens Speak to Council:

Mr. Steve Baker provided documentation regarding a problem with a city employee. He explained that as they read this document he just ask that it be documented that it was a problem that he had with an employee, in case he had further problems with this city employee. *(Note: City Clerk did not receive a copy of this information.)*

Ms. Nancy Woody explained that she conceded her time to Mr. Billy Cushman.

Ms. Rose Black explained that she also conceded her time to Mr. Billy Cushman.

Ms. Norma Jean McKinney, 244 Weaver Street, also conceded her time to Mr. Billy Cushman.

Mr. Billy Cushman, 203 S. Edgewood Road, explained that he had attended a concerned citizens meeting the previous night and it was brought to their attention that Councilmen Burnette and Tuggle wanted the city to fund an educational project and he was also told this afternoon that the county voted this down. He asked if he was correct on that or if anyone knew.

Mayor Grogan replied that he did not know and Council Member Tuggle stated that he was not aware of it.

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Mr. Cushman explained that his problem was that the City of Eden did not need to get into an education program as Rockingham County Community College takes care of that. He added that it was a good thing but if you cannot afford to do something you do not need to do it. He stated that he really did not understand any of them and why they would want to keep milking the citizens of Eden because they could only afford so much. He stated that to him, they should look for places to cut spending instead of places to spend more money. He pointed out that every time he turned around, he was in a meeting with the City Manager and he was talking about how good all this stuff was and just like the project going into Virginia. He asked if they had ever heard the song "Hoping and Wishing" because that was pretty much what that was. Then, they were supposed to get a grant to put that pipeline in so far and it was going to be around a million dollars or so and then it was going to cost the city another million dollars or so to finish that and they may not even need Eden. He explained that he sold trips, cruises and if you cannot afford to buy groceries, you do not go on a trip. The City of Eden wants too many luxuries and spends too much money on stuff that they could not afford.

Mayor Grogan asked if he had anything positive to say about what was going on in the city.

Mr. Cushman replied that he was not really happy about the leadership of the city.

Mayor Grogan replied that he understood that as it was not really a secret to anyone on this Council. He added that they did appreciate his comments.

Mr. Cushman pointed out that he was a tax paying citizen and he felt like he had a right to say it.

Mayor Grogan replied that he did and he appreciated him coming and stating what he did.

Citizens Addressing Council on Vietnam Monument:

Ms. Dorothy Jones, 1029 Beck Road, explained that she was there in support of the Vietnam Memorial in Freedom Park.

Mr. C.D. Grant explained that first of all he wanted to thank the Council for allowing him to speak. He noted that fifty years ago the United States became involved in Vietnam because policy makers believed that if South Vietnam fell to the North Vietnam Communists that the entire Southeast Asia would fall to the Communists. The US Armed Forces began serving as advisors in 1961 and in the spring of 1965 ground troops moved into South Vietnam. On March 30, 1973 after years of combat the US Troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam. He pointed out that 58,195 American soldiers gave their lives so that he could stand in front of them today and say what he had to say. He noted that 300,000 more soldiers were wounded in Vietnam and over 100,000 today were still in some VA Hospital or under VA treatment for some type of lasting affect from Vietnam. Of the 58,195, he noted that 1,609 soldiers were from here in North Carolina and they gave their lives for this country. Of that 1,609 figure, 34 of them were from the Tri-Cities (Leaksville Spray and Draper). Of those 34 they lost 5 hometown heroes. He explained that he called them hometown heroes because they were his classmates. He noted that they were Specialist Bill Johnston, Specialist Wilbur Jones, PFC Jerry McKinney, PFC Willard Wright, and PFC Kenneth Howell. In 1961 to 1973 America was in the most protested war in the United States history. The American people turned their backs on these brave soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, National Guard, reserves and Coast Guard during that timeframe.

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He explained that he was there to ask this or really to plead to them to not turn their backs on these men again and to not tell these men that they died for no reason. He explained that they were not asking for money. They want 20 square feet of ground. His post, the American Legion Post 534 would foot the bill for the entire monument. This was not a memorial; these men did not die to be memorialized. The 20 square feet was all they were asking for. The entire bill and the maintenance of this area will be maintained by Post 534 the American Legion Department of North Carolina. He stated that he also had four people with him tonight that served in Vietnam in his Post. They were all classmates of the five gentlemen that he just mentioned. He closed by thanking them for their time.

Mayor Grogan explained that as he had probably been told, the city's policy talks about what you can put up, if you were going to honor Vietnam veterans, you have all the conflicts and wars that should be recognized. He added that he thought that the Council would certainly take this into consideration in the next week to ten days.

Mr. Lewis Dishmon, 125 Bird Haven Trail, Reidsville, explained that he was vice commander of Post 534. He explained that he was actually a Desert Storm veteran and he worked at Karastan. He explained that they were asking for a self-sufficient 20 foot square at Freedom Park to place the monument to soldiers that have fallen during the Vietnam conflict. Also, Senator Burr has made some moves in the Senate to actually remember the Vietnam veterans. All they were asking was that they would consider it. They were halfway through their fundraiser and hoped to finish up in the next two or three months. He closed by stating that they were not rushing them for their decision and they do appreciate their time listening to what they have to say here tonight.

Mr. Jimmy W. Jones, 1029 Beck Road, explained that he was a Vietnam veteran from 1966 to 1968 and he was there in support of the monument. He was treated like dirt when he got back here but he served his country regardless. Post 534 was assigned by the state for the all American Legion.

Mr. Glenn Nittler, Reidsville, explained that he was also a veteran in support of the monument.

Ms. Carolyn Nittler, Reidsville, explained that her husband was a member of Post 534 and she appreciated their time and consideration of this.

Additional Comments by Mr. Cushman:

Mayor Grogan asked Mr. Cushman if he had anything else he would like to add as he had several more people concede to him.

Mr. Cushman explained that he would love to make a motion and he may be out of order but that they table that Eden Resource Center.

Mayor Grogan replied that he was out of order and he appreciated his concern. He thought that if he got a little more educated on it he might support it

Mr. Cushman replied that what he was getting at was whether they could support it or not.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(a) Consideration of Moving Forward with Plans to Conduct a Citizens Academy.

Last month some concerns were given as to what the minimum number of participants would be for a Citizen Academy. There was also a concern expressed regarding a basic requirement for attendance.

On March 25 additional information was sent to you that included a community survey with target and actual numbers of class participation. None of the cities surveyed provided a minimum number. The communities of Wilson and Cary noted that they would like at least 15 to 18 participants with Cary noting that they were not sure they would hold an academy with fewer than 12 but at this time they had not experienced a number of participants that small.

The City of Greensboro noted on their website that their academy was open to any resident who lives within the city limits. Twenty-five people representing all Council districts and various backgrounds would be selected for the academy and their other criteria included: Must be 18 years of age, must attend 80% of the classes and must submit a written statement of desire to participate. They also noted that preference would be given to those willing to serve on a board or commission.

The community of Addison, Texas (pop. 14,166) conducts the program every other year to ensure that a meaningful number of citizens participate. The town publicizes the program in advance of the September application deadline by flyering at the town athletic club, inserting an advertisement in utility bills, and circulating a town-wide letter sent by the city manager. Applicants must be over 18 and show proof of residency for at least one year prior to their application. Participants must attend a town council meeting to graduate. They graduate at a separate event in January of the following year of the program (sessions end in December). They noted that 11 graduates have gone on to serve on town council or have run for mayor, and 17 have served or serve on appointed boards or commissions.

I have also included the following information as to how most of the communities recruit applicants to their programs using unpaid advertising tools such as:

- Flyers at city/county facilities (athletic/recreation centers, libraries, etc.),
- City/county electronic or printed newsletters,
- City/county website,
- Press releases (which sometimes result in newspaper articles or radio announcements),
- Utility billing insert,
- Local government cable television access programming,
- Staff visits to neighborhood associations/civic clubs,
- Chamber of commerce newsletter or visit,
- Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites, and importantly,
- Word of mouth by alumni and/or staff and elected officials.

Mayor Grogan noted that they had discussed this last month. He asked if there were any comments or motions.

Council Member Burnette stated that he thought this was a very good idea. The more they can help people understand what was going on the more likely they were going to progress in what they were doing. As some of the folks stated today, they were against certain things and that was fine, he understood that very well, but the comment was made too that “maybe if I was more educated on it,”

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in other words “if I knew more about it,” and he thought this citizens academy was a good opportunity to help citizens find out the things that are going on in the city and the processes that go on because it was quite daunting. He added that he was certainly in favor of it and gave feedback to Ms. Thompson.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette, seconded by Council Member Tuggle to proceed with plans to conduct a Citizens Academy.

Council Member Hagood commented that when this came up he knew that the City Manager maybe stepped back just a little bit as to who was going to have the responsibility to coordinate and the allocation of time and he was concerned about placing that on current staff. He explained that to do it properly and get the right people in and do the education process it would be a daunting task for someone to do that and he would really like to ask where that was going to land or where they thought it was going to land and if it was going to land with the Clerk, who was doing double duty now, if they were going to go down that path, he would ask for a little bit more information.

The City Manager, Mr. Brad Corcoran, explained that if the Council votes to go forward then Ms. Thompson (City Clerk) would organize it and if he was correct in terms of the format that was outlined, each department would have one week’s responsibly. For instance, one week it may be Administration and Legal and another week it may be Police and Fire or maybe Planning. He added that he would think, other than Ms. Thompson’s time in terms of organizing and overseeing it, the rest of the staff would probably be limited to whatever time they need to prepare and then the actual night they do instruction. He asked Ms. Thompson if that was correct to which she agreed.

Council Member Turner commented that she wanted to also add how wonderful the city staff was about that sort of thing. She explained that she had a chance to mentor a senior from the high school and the city’s staff took a gracious five hours yesterday to be sure that this young man saw everything there was to see. They saw the water plant, the fire department and people do not see those things. He was absolutely flabbergasted that those things exist. So, you have that chance with the citizens academy to see what a complex process the city was running and it was just not somebody coming by your house in a police car or fire truck or a garbage truck. All these things that were behind the scene, the student was really amazed and it gave him some understanding for job opportunities. She pointed out that this was a young man that may not leave Eden and he does not know what he was going to do after he finishes high school so this was a wonderful opportunity and she thought that the citizens academy will do the same thing for citizens and she hoped they would include seniors from time to time because it was a great experience.

Council Member Ellis added that they also held a job fair last week at Morehead High School where all the department heads from the city were involved and he wanted to thank them for that and it does show where they were trying to open up the job program more or less for this city. He noted that as they may not know, the City of Reidsville has combined with RCC and Goodwill as they have discussed in the past, about the job readiness. He stated that those were the leaders they were trying to look for who could possibly fill seats of this Council. So, what they were asking for tonight, was to be a part of this committee of where they would understand more about city government. These high school kids came back on Friday and said they could not believe everything that goes on within the city. It was a plus for them to have their neighbors hear this because they were all working for the citizens. They were not working for themselves and that was a difference.

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

(b) Consideration of an Eden Resource Center.

At the February 26, 2011 Budget Retreat, we discussed partnering with Rockingham Community College and Goodwill to fund a jobs resource center in Eden. Attached are the estimated costs that we have obtained to construct the classrooms and an annual operating cost. Even though this is slightly more than was expected we are still recommending that the City of Eden fund this project for two years contingent upon total agreement by RCC and Goodwill.

Construction of three classrooms and conference room-complete	\$16,200
One Accordion Door between two classrooms	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total Construction	\$22,200
Carpet Cleaning	\$600
Patch Panels, Switches, Firewall	
Total Computer, printer, telephone connections	\$2,300
Telephone System	\$6,375
Signage	\$2,000
Contingency	<u>\$1,525</u>
Total Infrastructure Cost	\$35,000

~~Annual Operating Cost Estimate~~

Lease-\$4.50 per square foot X 5000 square feet	sq. ft. X 5000 sq. ft.	\$22,500
Electrical Usage-Average		\$11,040
Time Warner		\$960
Telephone		

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Water/Sewer/Solid Waste	\$1,200
Technical Support	\$8,400
Janitorial	\$6,600
Contingency	<u>\$2,300</u>
Total Annual Operating Cost Estimate	\$53,000

Mayor Grogan asked Council Member Burnette and Council Member Tuggle to begin.

Council Member Burnette explained that he wanted to make one statement. They were not going to try to get into the education business and that was not part of what they were doing. He explained that what they were trying to do with this job resource center was to prepare people to better apply for and obtain a job. This will be in conjunction with RCC (Rockingham Community College) and Goodwill. He explained that one of the driving reasons for this was that they have in Eden one of the two highest dropout rates in the county and they also have in Eden one of the two most economically challenged communities in high schools. The fact was, they may or may not have enough money to do this but it was almost to the point with the unemployment where it was that they could not afford to not do it because they have people who do not have jobs and were not employable. These people have dropped out of school and they do not have the skills or knowledge to obtain skills and by making this center available to them, that was the reason they thought this should be done, to bring in the people who can help them acquire these skills.

He explained that this would be done by RCC and Goodwill and not the City of Eden. The City of Eden would be funding the operation of this for a two-year period. So at this point, at the February Retreat they did not have any figures at all. They just said that here was what they thought (Tuggle and Burnette) would be a good idea and they gave the Council the reasons and they all agreed that they should go forward and see what these costs would be. He explained that he did not get the information until Monday and that was because they were still chasing numbers and as they could see they still did not have all the numbers. They still did not have the telephone operation numbers yet but what they have is what we thought was probably a maximum cost, the initial up fit cost of the facility and then an annual operating cost.

Now, what they were also looking at was as they had said in February, the city would enter into this partnership with RCC and Goodwill and they would provide the skills, the products, the people, the services, they would be doing and that was quite a bit of money involved with them as well. He explained that this would be done on a two-year pilot program and it would be assessed all along but at the end of two years a decision would be made as to continue this program or not and part of what they were trying to do was get these final numbers together so that they can be presented to the Goodwill board if this City Council approves this, then they could go to Goodwill and say, here is what these

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operating costs are, and at the end of two years if this was successful, ask them to take it over and if they did not get that agreement then the city would not do it.

So, those were the conditions that they were putting on this. At this point the only thing he could do was try to answer their questions for the initial up fit cost or the operating cost. He added that he thought that Mr. Dougherty (Director of Economic & Tourism) could attest to this, the cost for the lease was a bargain basement price.

Mr. Dougherty pointed out that any location on Van Buren Road was \$8.00 a square foot and this was \$4.50. He noted that The Rosen Group gave them a good deal on this and usually in a lease the cost increases and in this case it will not.

Council Member Tuggle reiterated some things from the last meeting so everybody would understand. He explained that at their last budget retreat he and Councilman Burnette made a PowerPoint presentation and made it clear that this was not a done deal in any way. He asked them to recall that they had said they would gather more information and numbers and Council would vote on whether to pursue this project. They said that from the very beginning because they did not want to put a lot more work and time on something that would not be approved. He pointed out that there were no dissenting members of Council at that time so they pursued the project simply for that reason. The original idea was to make it more accessible for citizens who were looking for job training and have access to jobs. He explained that this was about jobs and job training and trying to give their citizens the opportunity to be prepared for jobs when they come. It was obvious that those who were out of a job would find it easier to have job training, education and job information if access was made easier and a center were located in Eden. He noted that Reidsville had a very successful job training center that has flourished over the years and he was thinking that maybe 3,000 people have access to it a year. He pointed out that it would be easier access for citizens and he added that people who did not have jobs could not afford the gas to go to Wentworth. At least this would be close by and that was the idea of making this presentation to begin with. He stated that the working collaboration by RCC and Goodwill was a good partnership for their citizens and the City of Eden. He asked them to also keep in mind that this experiment was for two years to see if it works and if the numbers did not seem to support success then the Council could choose to opt out. He stated that at least the Council would be proactive by trying to help their citizens with education, job training, and possibly have easier access to employment. They would have their economic developer work closely with this process and in his opinion this was a great opportunity to tell their citizens that they were proactive in trying to help with education, job training and preparation for getting a job. He agreed that the expenditure seems a lot but they would never know how many people they can help unless they give this a try. Lastly they could do this without raising taxes, and all of them may be part of something that will be long term, effective and a legitimate avenue for employment. He stated that again, in his opinion they owe it to their citizens.

Council Member Hagood commented that he had heard the original presentation in their retreat and the low numbers there and then some of the classes and the administration of that. Some of the classes, whether it be language classes or GED classes, language classes for people that their first language may not be English already, and then he saw the numbers here and the total was \$141,000. He was really not debating the merit but he would really like to question the funding when they take tax dollars of \$141,000 and whether that was 2 cents on a tax rate and they say "we have the money," he questioned why not reduce taxes, especially in a time when they were foregoing wages for their city

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employees. He stated that if he had to establish a priority list, this project would not be at the top of that list, even though it has merit. He stated that he really had to question a \$141,000 donation to a non-profit organization that has control over who sits for the classes, the students and he knew they mention citizens; he could go down that path as to who really sits, for free. He also knew they said it was a startup and then he saw the budget and it was mentioned as a budget and his next question was whether that was a hard and fast spending cap, as it may explode. It has already exploded from the numbers that they had at the retreat until now so it may explode from now on. Taxes and use of their tax dollar should be a priority as far as this Council. The subjects that were being taught are being taught elsewhere, not with their city taxes.

Council Member Burnette replied that first of all he had presented no numbers at the February retreat. They just said they did not know the cost and that they would have to look into it. Secondly, one particular subject was not being taught anywhere else. It was a basic skills plus and that was what RCC came to them about, it was the combination of a GED and a skills based training that goes on at the same time.

Council Member Epps commented that it had been reported there in the county that they do not have the people that are hireable. If you have a company here looking for people with skills and do not have it they were going to move to where they were. They could lose business if they do not get their people educated. Somebody has to do something for these folks who do not have an education or jobs and there were more people losing their jobs every day.

Council Member Burnette added that Council Member Hagood had one question that he would try to answer and that was if there was a cap. They could certainly vote on it that way. He did add in a 4 ½ percent contingency to try to take care of some of that as well.

Council Member Hagood stressed that he would not take tax money to do this as he felt that it was totally inappropriate.

Council Member Turner asked if he had talked with anyone who was not in favor of this, because she had not had any citizens call her one way or the other and she was just curious. She was trying to get a feel for the numbers.

Council Member Hagood replied that no one had called but he had certainly asked about 40 or 50 people and it had been unanimous. It was the non-profit thing.

Council Member Burnette stated that he guessed there was just a difference in philosophy the way you look at it, whether they were trying to get into an education business or were giving money to someone else, or they were actually trying to do something to better the people on the approach in which they can be more employable. He guessed that was where they differ in philosophy and he took the other side as he thought it was something they need to do to.

Council Member Tuggle added that he knew that they have lost 1,000 jobs here in the city and several times they come to the City Council and they get their agenda and they vote on things and at least they were trying to do something proactive to try to help people get a job and be employed. That was really the idea behind doing it and at least they put a limit on it for two years and if the Council votes it down

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that was fine, at least they were making an effort to do something proactive and to do something that relates to giving people a better opportunity to be employed and it was really about the jobs and that was the bottom line and a matter of philosophy too.

Council Member Burnette agreed and the philosophy too was whether it was short term or long term and he thought that they were looking at this more as a long term effect.

Council Member Epps asked for clarification, if he had said that Reidsville had 3,000.

Council Member Burnette replied that Reidsville started out expecting about 500 people and now they were looking at about 3,000.

Council Member Ellis asked how much of that was controlled by RCC now with the leadership and teaching.

Council Member Burnette replied that they do all the instruction, they bring in someone for a particular, outside training, and he thought Goodwill actually does that, but RCC was the instructors.

Council Member Ellis asked if there were governmental agencies involved in it to which Council Member Burnette replied that he thought there may be from the jobs on the outside.

Council Member Turner asked if they had any idea of how many people from Eden might be attending.

Council Member Burnette replied that they had asked that question and there were some but he did not know how many there were actually.

Council Member Turner asked if that was a small number to which Council Member Burnette replied, yes there were some. Council Member Turner added that the distance would be her thought, all the way to Freeway Drive.

Council Member Burnette agreed and stated that again RCC had found that the people, even though they offer courses and so on in Wentworth, they have found that the people do not necessary seem to go to Wentworth. Where they seem to go was to their local community and they were doing an outreach program and that was what this was about, it was an outreach type of program from RCC.

Council Member Tuggle added that he just wanted to make sure that Eden had something here that was visible and everybody would know that this was the place to go to look for jobs, training and the opportunity to try to be employed and that was really the idea behind doing all this. He stated that he did not disagree with the money and even the things Council Member Hagood said he did not disagree with that at all. The idea behind it was to try to do something proactive to help their citizens get jobs and be trained and it was just a matter of if the City Council wanted to vote for it or they want to sit here and do nothing or they want to be proactive and try to do something to help the citizens find jobs.

Council Member Epps commented that they mentioned tax dollars. He pointed out that charter schools were supported by tax dollars.

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Council Member Ellis added that they say they were looking at more or less tax dollars. He asked if there was any money out there that may help them out in this or had they looked at that, a grant or were there people in Eden that would like make sure that Eden strives forward.

Council Member Burnette replied that they have not looked at that avenue at this point.

Council Member Ellis asked if people with disabilities would also be included in this training to which Council Member Burnette replied that it would be open to anyone.

Council Member Hagood questioned the fact that it was anyone.

Council Member Burnette explained that it would be anyone as long as they meet the qualifications on the employment commission and then it would be available to others at a price. He noted that one of the things that RCC has done, they did not have the room to expand their health courses so some of the training was done at the center in Reidsville and that was a fee based course.

Ms. Norma Jean McKinney asked if she could speak regarding this issue.

Mayor Grogan asked if she was going to say anything different than Councilman Hagood.

Ms. McKinney replied that she was to which he explained that this was a whole lot out of the ordinary. She then pointed out that she could then go on the front page of the news tomorrow.

Mayor Grogan asked Ms. McKinney to come forward for three minutes and reminded her that she had already conceded her time.

Ms. McKinney agreed however that was before this came up.

Mayor Grogan pointed out that everything that the City Council does goes online. The agenda was out there and she had the opportunity and gets information as soon as the City Council does.

Ms. McKinney asked where the building on Van Buren Road was located that was going to cost \$141,000 to start up and was that the only building that they had come up with.

Council Member Burnette replied that they had looked at several buildings and this was the most desirable of all the buildings that they had looked at and in partnering with Goodwill they pretty much said it needed to be in a high visibility area and they suggested the Highway 14 corridor or Van Buren Road. He explained that the building was the old data center located right beside of Peebles.

Ms. McKinney stated that her concern was that there were people out there who needed to be educated and that was why they had the dropouts in school. This should have started in school with the school teachers. She pointed out that she had been to school and she knew they have a business course right there at Morehead High School because she had attended it and Ms. Edwards still teaches it. So she thought that right now, she had talked to people who draw unemployment at \$500 a week and she asked them why there were not out there looking for a job and they ask her why should they go look for a job. She added that they go over to RCC and they take all these courses so they do not want jobs.

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She stated that the only ones that she knew that wanted jobs were people who were not legal. Now she appreciated all of this work they have done to check into this but she still thought that it needed to be tabled and more research done because they were going to find out that anybody that wanted a job can find it. She added that she had more jobs than she could handle. She then pointed out that Mayor Grogan was laughing about it to which he replied that he was not laughing about it and he thought it should be put out and he asked what her telephone number was.

Ms. McKinney replied that it was 627-8881 to which Mayor Grogan asked, so anybody looking for a job should call her to which Ms. McKinney replied, they could come to see her and she would help them get one. There were nine kids in her family and they all got an education and her daddy could not afford it but they got one and if you want a job you can find one. You do not have to spend \$141,000. She stated they should take this money and help these elderly people buy their medicines and groceries. If they really want to help this city help the elderly, they were the ones that needed the help, these others can find jobs.

Mayor Grogan commented that this was not, as it had already been said, voted on by the City Council. It was not a done deal until the City Council votes. It was in the budget but it was stated plainly in the budget, if you get the proper information, that nothing was voted on and approved until it was voted on by the City Council. He added that he knew that a lot of people say a lot of things out in the community to make the front page of the newspapers. He stated that he was not going to call for a vote on this tonight, but with all the applause he thought he probably should, so he then asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle, seconded by Council Member Burnette that the City of Eden fund the project for two years, contingent upon total agreement by RCC and Goodwill and that the city will not be involved after two years.

Mayor Grogan added, who knows how many of them will be there two years from now.

Council Member Ellis asked if they were saying \$141,000 for the two years to which Council Member Burnette explained that it was an annual operating cost. Council Member Ellis stated for clarification \$53,000 not \$141,000.

Council Member Hagood stated that he liked the idea of making sure they have all the details and information and he suggested that they put it into Unfinished Business until the next meeting and then Councilman Burnette could give him an update on what he might be missing and that was the Mayor's initial reaction before the audience clapped and he thought that was good.

Mayor Grogan replied that they have had information for a month and he had shared it with other people in town and talked about it being a done deal, etc.

Council Member Hagood replied that was not true.

Mayor Grogan replied he did not know and asked if there was any other discussion.

Council Member Burnette responded to a question by Council Member Epps about the process. The Goodwill Board, the executive committee will be meeting in June and they will have to see these costs

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and approve taking that over at the end of two years and if they do not approve it then it does not happen.

Council Member Epps asked if they could just call this an information meeting until they have that meeting.

Council Member Burnette replied that he thought it was more than information; it was their best shot at the numbers, the budget that it was going to take to operate that facility. To answer another question about a contract, he had talked with the City Attorney she agreed that there needed to be something written among the partners in this and she would draw that up.

Council Member Hagood asked if they could wait on that a little bit to which Council Member Burnette replied that their thinking was that they needed to decide as to whether they were going to do this or not so that they could then approach Goodwill and get their approval to see where they were. RCC was in it but Goodwill's Board has to pass this. His thinking was that they should not be able to go into their board saying if they want to do this then they will pass this later on. If they do not pass it, even though the City Council has approved it, then it would not happen.

Council Member Ellis asked how many other resource centers there were out of the 100 counties in the state to which Council Member Burnette replied that he could not answer that but he did know there was one other in the county.

Council Member Carter asked if RCC had already bought into it to which Council Member Burnette replied in the affirmative and explained that they were the ones that explained the Basic Skills Plus to them.

Council Member Epps asked, so they would know by the next meeting whether it was a go to which Mayor Grogan replied they will not meet until June and Council Member Burnette added that the executive committee will be meeting but the full board does not meet until June.

Action on the motion was as follows: Council Members Tuggle, Burnette, Epps, Turner, Ellis, Carter voted in favor of this motion. Council Member Hagood voted in opposition. This motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Acceptance of bid on 730 Spring Street

The City has received a bid on the house and lot located at 730 Spring Street in the amount of \$1,000 from Jesse Griffith. The tax value of the property is \$6,810 and there is currently due \$6,247.23 in past due taxes.

The advertisement for bids was run in the News & Record on January 5 and 12, 2011. The advertisement for upset bids was run in the Eden Daily news on March 27 and 30, 2011. No upset bids were received.

The City of Eden has invested a great deal in this site both for nuisance and housing code violations. There is currently due to the City \$2,102.62 for nuisance abatement fees. There is also an active file for violation of the Minimum Housing Code. The previous owners of this property conveyed their interest to the City rather than go through the extensive process of having the City demolish the house and then sue for the cost of the demolition.

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The house is still standing and the bidder is aware that he must bring the house to code or the City will continue with the housing action.

In my opinion, our best outcome is to sell the property, regain what we can and encourage new development on the site.

Based upon the foregoing information and the fact that we continue to have to mow and maintain the property, I recommend that the City Council accept the bid.

Ms. Stultz explained that they had dealt with this property for a number of years. The heirs deeded the property over to the city and at that point there was \$2,102.62 owed to the city in nuisance abatement fees and that was before they had to go in and demolish the house. There was currently \$6,247.23 in ad valorem tax. A gentleman who lives in the neighborhood has offered the city \$1,000 for the property and he would be responsible for paying all of the taxes in which the city would get its portion and then he would be responsible for demolishing the house or up fitting it to code. So, at this point with all those things in mind, the staff recommended they accept the bid.

Council Member Burnette stated that he knew that she said they would be paying the taxes, but what about the nuisance abatement fees.

Ms. Stultz replied that they would not get those. The \$1,000 would go towards it but the city would not have to mow it anymore this year or pay for the demolition.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Ellis to accept the bid on 730 Spring Street. All Council present voted in favor.

(b) Approval and adoption of Resolution supporting the Eden ABC Store's Travel Policy.

Mayor Grogan explained that this item was under Consent Agenda and it was now being discussed as New Business.

Council Member Hagood stated that in their packet, unless he had missed it, they did not have the Travel Policy.

Ms. Erin Gilley, City Attorney, explained that it was the Travel Policy for the City of Eden.

Council Member Hagood explained that the question he had, the City of Eden was organized completely different than the store. He knew that they have a manager and a board, but the city had a manager with different guidelines and that sort of thing. He questioned the details of that travel policy, who approves it and the timing of the checks, when you get your money and advances. He asked if someone might answer that question.

Ms. Gilley replied that she did not believe Mr. Robinette was present.

Council Member Hagood explained that their ABC has two masters. The city had some responsibilities and they also answer to the State ABC. The State ABC has guidelines and a lot of those have changed recently and he would like to be assured before they just give blank approval that they did not change their Eden policy that conflicts with the ABC guidelines.

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Ms. Gilley explained that this was no change to the Eden Travel Policy.

Council Member Hagood questioned if they were not asking the store to do something different than the State ABC might be asking them to do or requiring them to do to invoke the city's policy.

Mayor Grogan commented that he was at the ABC Board meeting and they adopted the State ABC Policy.

Ms. Gilley added that they did not get a copy with the email that was submitted but it was pursuant to General Statute 18B700(g)2 (see below), which states the exact procedure that they went by to copy the city policy.

(g2) Travel Allowance and Per Diem Rates. – Approved travel on official business by the members and employees of local boards shall be reimbursed pursuant to G.S. 138-6 unless the local board adopts a travel policy that conforms to the travel policy of the appointing authority and such policy is approved by the appointing authority. The local board shall annually provide the appointing authority's written confirmation of such approval to the Commission and a copy of the travel policy authorized by the appointing authority. Any excess expenses not covered by the local board's travel policy shall only be paid with the written authorization of the appointing authority's finance officer. A copy of the written authorization for excess expenses shall be submitted to the Commission by the local board within 30 days of approval.

Council Member Hagood asked if that would conflict with the State ABC guidelines.

Ms. Gilley replied no, she would say it did not, as it was pursuant to Statute.

Council Member Hagood asked if there was anything different between what they do and what the city does as far as when he looked at the organization. The manager approvals, board, travel and out of state travel, those guidelines.

Ms. Gilley replied that she thought they would need Mr. Robinette to answer that question.

A motion was made by Council Member Hagood, seconded by Council Member Burnette to table this request until the May regular meeting. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

Mayor Grogan stated that they would ask Mr. Robinette to be there or he could give them the information in writing.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic & Tourism Development

Mr. Dougherty gave a presentation on the All American City process. He explained that he wanted to talk a little about the All American City Award. The mission of the National Civic League, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, was to strengthen democracy by increasing the capacity of the nation's people, fully participating and building healthy and prosperous communities. They were involved in three areas, government and governance, civic engagement and civic recognition awards.

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He explained that the 2011 All American Awards was their 61st year giving this out to communities. It talks about communities that deal with their issues from a grassroots way and a collaborative way and in such a way they have programs that teach other people how they can be affective. There were certain benefits for applying as individuals and businesses look to relocate in All America cities. Also, the award can invigorate a sense of community pride and they saw this in Reidsville when they won in 2008.

He explained that the application process actually started last July and they took about six or seven projects and finally whittled it down to three. He noted in the slide presentation a photograph of David Bradley, the CEO of Statesville Chamber of Commerce. He talks about what it did for their city when they won it in 2009. He noted that Mr. Bradley also came and worked with them as well.

He pointed out some of the fees, a \$100 application fee, and the average delegation was about 26. He noted that they could see some of the North Carolina winners who have been well represented over the years. Again, the criteria was civic engagement, public private partnerships, not just one entity doing this but all kinds of organizations working together, inclusiveness, trying to have the diverse segment of their population working together to solve problems. He noted that they needed to show innovation, using creative resources to solve problems, and then how each project has an impact on the community.

The projects really had to have improved the community within the last five years and at least one of those projects must deal with children. So they looked at three projects after a lot of discussion over many months. They selected Dan River Basin Association (DRBA), Rockingham County Education Foundation and the Rockingham County Student Health Centers. He noted that those two that say Rockingham County were actually started in Eden and were so successful they were moved to the other parts of the county. The three pressing issues that they address were economic, sustainability and diversification. He explained that Eden's resources were one of the reasons why they were going to be supplying water to the Mega Park and why they currently have a candidate right now looking at a site because of their water quality and DRBA helps them along with that. They have also helped develop the tourism industry. For educational attainment, 10.8 percent of their people in Rockingham County have any education above high school and he could tell them that it was a real problem when industries like Miller, they had their 30th year here and a lot of people retired. You have to have a certain amount of credentials to work there. Even Gildan, you had to be computer literate to work on a forklift and that was why some of these training programs were important.

Just to give them an overview of these projects, Dan River Basin Association started in 2002. It was just a grassroots effort by several people in Eden and Reidsville. It covers a 3,300 square mile river basin, dealing with the Smith, Dan and Mayo rivers. Two states and 16 counties are covered by this organization. Their goal is conservation, recreation and education and they did inspire the Riverfest. They had some thoughts about a trail along the sewer lines which became the Greenway and the American Canoe Association got very close to coming to Eden a few years ago. Ms. T. Butler of DRBA plans the Big Sweep every year and they have gotten 42 tons of stuff out of the rivers over the last 12 years. They also partner with Miller-Coors on conservation projects and they work to keep their rivers clean. The Education Foundation was started in 2008. Its goal is to promote education beyond high school. They have two college advisors that share their time between two schools but in the upcoming year they will have four college advisors. The Student Health Centers were started by

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(Dr.) Nigel Buist and (Dr.) Bill McLeod when they moved here in 1992 from Canada. This is collaboration between two hospitals, Rockingham County Schools, County Health and Mental Health agencies, Social Services and area physicians. He pointed out that 97 percent of the students in schools were authorized to use these and they deal with new issues such as cyber bullying and texting and driving.

It was because of these programs that Eden became a finalist so they will be taking a contingent of people to Kansas City. It will include project executive directors and volunteers. They wanted to thank the people that were involved with this project, Ms. Sylvia Grogan and Ms. Myla Barnhardt who helped with the application and that was quite a project in itself. They were doing the fundraising now and he could say that in the last two days they have over \$13,000 committed and they just started two days ago. Also, those who led the project, those who benefitted from the project, and there are many children in the high schools that have benefitted, they will be with them.

There will be a theme to the presentation and Statesville's was "Many Cultures Want Rhythm" and they had the high school drum line with them. Gastonia had James Worthy as one of their residents and that helped quite a lot. Eden's would probably have a river theme to it. The presentation was kind of interesting, as it was ten minutes. You have 30 seconds for the introduction and about three minutes for each project and a 30 second close. You have to be clear, precise and brief. He added that they would do a lot of practice sessions here at City Hall and there will be questions from the judges afterwards about the projects. There will be a presentation committee and there will be a theme for each day and Gildan has graciously donated the shirts. There would be a design for each day and the Civic Action Fair was something like a Business Expo and Ms. Adams would take care of that. There would also be a quilt square that will be added onto the other 25 cities and that will be circulating.

To let people know the schedule, there will be an advance team going on the (June) 14th and on the (June) 15th the delegation will arrive around 12:00. There would be a practice session at 3:00 and the presentation from 4:20 to 4:50. Then there will be a Civic Action Fair afterwards. On Friday there would be a pre-awards ceremony and an actual awards ceremony from 7 to 9 and a post awards ceremony and then you depart and get back the next day.

He also wanted to let the City Council know that they have been really busy. Mayor Festerman of Reidsville wrote Mayor Grogan a letter and they were at a meeting with him last Tuesday night and he was quite gracious and offered to give any assistance. This has been a good thing for everybody he had talked to who has been involved in it, the fundraising, how it was going and they certainly hope they will come back with an award.

Mayor Grogan commented that one thing people should know, the reason this all of a sudden came out of nowhere, they did not want to get information trying to start to do things until they knew that the application made the final selection and that information did not come out until about a week or 10 days ago. He stated that Eden was approved as one of the finalists and there were 26 cities in the United States applying and 10 will be awarded. He certainly thought the City of Eden had a great opportunity. They thought that the money could be raised and that no tax dollars would be spent for this project. He thanked Mr. Dougherty for his report and he emphasized again that contrary to what some of the information that has already been put out about it and the tax dollars, if there were tax dollars spent, they would get an official report on it and they would certainly see numbers in the paper

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about the amount of money that had been raised. He also pointed out that all three projects involved children and the help these projects were doing for children in the schools at no cost.

Council Member Carter commented that he had been sitting there listening to some of the statements that were made and a couple of them kind of bothered him a little bit. Several months ago this Council did something that showed the people that they do care about them and how they feel. He noted that WGSR did a good thing for it on their television show and the Greensboro News & Record gave a good write up in the paper, he did not see a lot in Eden, unless he just missed it, but a lot of people did not know anything about it, but this City Council was due to have two water and sewer increases, actually three, over a two-year period and this City Council voted to table those increases to the public which amounted to a big savings to every homeowner inside the city and outside, if you were getting city water, and that includes industry.

Council Member Hagood pointed out that it rolled back to which Council Member Carter agreed that it did roll back but it comes back up for another vote. The increases did not take place or has not taken place. Council Member Hagood pointed out that it did not decrease anything.

Council Member Carter replied that it would have and asked if that was not correct.

Mr. Corcoran replied yes, the Council had already voted on three increases and those have been delayed for two years so the increases would have come into existence earlier than they would right now, right now the way it stands, they are still on the books but two years down the road from where they would have been.

Council Member Hagood stated that they had a large increase at the beginning of 2010 and that stayed in place, that will attribute to a huge earnings in water and sewer, probably much more than they made the previous year which was over \$2 million and that was after a million dollars had been transferred over to the General Fund and you only make money there by overbilling your residents.

Council Member Carter stated that this does not have anything to do with it and Mr. Corcoran added, again just to remind everybody, the increase he was talking about amounted to \$7.38 a month for the average consumer that used 5,000 gallons a month so that was the increase, \$7.38 a month.

Council Member Hagood stated that if it was not very much, roll it back. He challenged them to do that and then not go forward and say you saved something when you just delayed the inevitable.

Council Member Epps stated that he was not disputing his comments but they received a grant because they did that because they told them that they were not in the average ranks where you could get grants so they got a grant out of it too. Another thing, he wanted to mention that he really respected Mr. Johnny Farmer (Director of Parks & Recreation). He was out at the park, Mr. Farmer did not know he was there the other day, and he did not just work from 9:00 to 5:00, he was out there at night, putting powder down and stuff and got the place booked up. There were a lot of tourists coming in and so forth, and he and his staff who assist him, he just wanted to give them heads up and say thank you.

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Mayor Grogan stated that the night that they talked about to reduce or not follow through with the rate increases and so forth, he thought that Councilman Hagood made the comment after the presentation was made, that it was his idea.

Council Member Hagood replied that it was his idea to check that increase very closely and to see how much money was being made and he thought it was too much and he thought the rates were too high, that they were making too much money and that showed when the auditor presented the audit, she said the city had a very good year and made over \$2 million after it transferred a million dollars and he thought that was too much. They were on track to do it again because the rate increase starting at 2010 was still in place and at fiscal year end that will show up.

Mayor Grogan commented that if he could come up with the numbers to make this city run, he knew they hear a great deal of comments about cut cut cut.

Council Member Hagood replied that the subject was reducing rates and all they did and they did not reduce anything. He added that the Mayor almost said the word “reduce” when he made his comment there.

Mayor Grogan replied that he did not say “reduce,” he just said that he (Hagood) was the one who said it was his idea that they do reduce it to which Council Member Hagood agreed that he would reduce it. Mayor Grogan added that he made the comment that he did that, that was his idea and then all of a sudden it became the idea of some other people in town that they made the City Council do those things.

Council Member Carter commented that it did push back or however he wanted to determine it, but the people were not being assessed and that it would be looked at again before that happened, so if you look at it long term, yes it was going to save them money.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(a) Approval and adoption of minutes: March 22, 2011.

(b) Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 12.

The budget amendment allocates grant funds received from NC Department of Health and Human Services for the State Health Initiative Program. The state will work with the City of Eden to conduct a project designed to assess and improve policies to better support healthy environments and active lifestyles.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 12

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund				
Revenues				
State Health Initiative Program Grant	10-3491-86000	\$	- \$ 25,000.00	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>

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**General Fund
Expenditures**

Planning Professional Services	10-4910-19400	\$	25,800.00	\$	50,800.00	\$	<u>25,000.00</u>
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To allocate grant funds received from the NC Division of Public Health

Adopted and effective this 19th day of April, 2011.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

John Grogan, Mayor

(c) Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 13.

The budget amendment is to record the revenue and expenditure for furniture that was donated to the City of Eden by AC Furniture. Even though money was not actually expended, for audit purposed we have to record a revenue and offsetting expenditure for the fair market value of the donated property.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 13

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Administrative Donated Property	10-3412-88000	\$	- \$	\$ 1,500.00
				<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>

**General Fund
Expenditures**

Econ Development C/O Equip - NonDepr	10-4135-57001	\$	- \$	\$ 1,500.00
				<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>

To record the revenue and expenditure for donated property.

Adopted and effective this 19th day of April, 2011.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

John Grogan, Mayor

(c) Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 14.

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The budget amendment is to move funds from the Sewer Fix It Program line item in the Sewer Construction budget to the Capital Outlay – Equipment line item in the Collections & Distribution budget. These funds will be used to purchase a new sewer camera. The current camera has been out of service for repairs and is still operating poorly which has delayed identifying sewer problems for the Sewer Fix It Program.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 14

	Account #	From	To	Amount
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures				
W/S Maint C/O Equip - Depreciated	30-7125-57000	\$ -	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 77,000.00
S/C Sewer Fix It Program	30-8130-24790	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ (77,000.00)
				<u>\$ -</u>

To transfer funds for the purchase of sewer camera.

Adopted and effective this 19th day of April, 2011.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

John Grogan, Mayor

(e) Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 15.

The budget amendment is to allocate funds to the Powell Bill account. There was an error made in the calculation of the 2010 allocations and the city received an additional \$18,997.35 due to this error. This money will be used to add W. Arbor Lane to the current paving contract.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 15

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
State Street Aid Allocation - Powell Bill	10-3325-33000	\$ 447,100.00	\$ 466,100.00	<u>\$ 19,000.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Powell Bill Contracted Services	10-4515-39400	\$ 447,100.00	\$ 466,100.00	<u>\$ 19,000.00</u>

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To allocated Powell Bill Funds received due to an error in calculation by the State.

Adopted and effective this 19th day of April, 2011.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

John Grogan, Mayor

(f) Approval to call a public hearing to consider the FY 2011-2012 Budget on May 17, 2011.

(g) Approval and adoption of Resolution and Rockingham County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2010.

Item 12(g) was pulled from agenda

(h) Approval and adoption of Resolution supporting the Eden ABC Store's Travel Policy. (Gary Robinette, Eden ABC Store)

Item 12(h) was moved to Unfinished Business item 10(b).

(i) Resolution in support for an application for grant funding, specifically OJJDP-2011-2967, by the Rockingham County Forensic/Gang Prevention Bureau to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Resolution

In the matter regarding the Rockingham County Forensic/Gang Prevention Bureau's application for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant funding;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina through the Governor's Crime Commission recognized the need of, and approved grant funding for the creation of the Rockingham County Forensic/Gang Prevention Bureau on July 1, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, grant funding for the operation of the Rockingham County Forensic/Gang Prevention Bureau will expire on June 30, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau was created to assist criminal justice and youth services providers in Rockingham County in documenting and suppressing criminal activities in the county by providing forensic services including documentation of youth gang participation in criminal activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau has coordinated the completion of two independent studies to determine the extent of gang participation in Rockingham County resulting in the determination of at least 28 active, separate youth gangs with over 400 suspected or documented members; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau has created a Focused Deterrence program involving multiple community shareholders to counter and suppress youth gang activities in Rockingham County; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau has solicited mutual cooperation with our recreation department in establishing youth athletic educational programs to combat youth gang participation; and,

WHEREAS, there exists a documented need for the Rockingham County Forensic/Gang Prevention Bureau's continued committed participation to reduce criminal youth gang activity; and,

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WHEREAS, Rockingham County and its inclusive municipalities continue to experience limited fiscal revenues as an economic Tier One county;

NOW THEREFORE, I John E. Grogan, and the members of the Eden City Council, City of Eden, resolve to acknowledge and communicate our support for an application for grant funding, specifically OJJDP-2011-2967, by the Rockingham County Forensic/Gang Prevention Bureau to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

John E. Grogan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC
City Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle seconded by Council Member Carter to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, c, d, e, f, and i. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Hagood seconded by Council Member Turner to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted

Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC
City Clerk

ATTEST:

John E. Grogan, Mayor