

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Wayne Tuggle, Sr.
Council Members:	Bernie Moore
	Jim Burnette
	Angela Hampton
	Jerry Epps
	Darryl Carter
	Neville Hall
	Jerry Ellis
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
Representatives from Departments:	
News Media:	Roy Sawyers, RCENO, Gerri Hunt, Eden News

MEETING CONVENED:

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

INVOCATION:

Mr. Wayne Parleir, Pastor, Meadow View United Methodist Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS:

a. Recognition: Boy Scout Troop 567 – Leaksville United Methodist Church

Mayor Tuggle recognized Mr. Tommy Fleming and asked him to introduce Boy Scout Troop 567. Mr. Fleming introduced 8 members of the troop and explained that they were there to watch government in action as part of the requirements to earn a merit badge.

b. Recognition: Barbour Studio and Gallery Recognition – 30th Anniversary.

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Mayor Tuggle asked Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Business & Economic Development to come forward to introduce Tom and Maryann Barbour.

Mr. Dougherty explained that Barbour Studio and Gallery started off at the Eden Mall in 1986. Tom received Volunteer of the Year from the Chamber of Commerce. In 2006 the Barbour's moved downtown and Tom has been an integral part of the downtown, serving on the merchant's committee, the MSD board, and he was on the Eden Downtown Development Corporation. He takes pictures of city events and was always willing to lend a hand. He also does portraits, restorations, frame work and special events at his business. His wife, Maryann, was one of the top nurses in North Carolina and after she retired she got into her creative side by starting Beadful Things which has been a delightful addition. The Barbour's were also the 2014 Eden Main Street champions.

He then presented the Barbour's with a plaque of recognition.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Tuggle explained that they would need to add the streetscape improvement of the Cook Block to the Consent Agenda as item 12e.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Consideration of a Public Hearing to approve and adopt a resolution as well as approval of \$14,200.00 as part of the 10% matching requirement for a NC Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$142,000.00. This grant is from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for public transportation projects. The NCDOT has been designated as the State agency with principle authority and responsibility for administering capital projects for small urbanized and rural areas. All municipalities in which the SKAT bus is located are asked to provide matching funding for the services rendered in those communities.

The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Rockingham County as well as provides transportation options and services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using Demand Response, Subscription and Deviated Fixed Routes. Services are rendered by Aging, Disability and Transit Services of Rockingham County. A grant is being requested from the NC Department of Transportation for \$142,000.00 with the local share being \$14,200.00 as part of the 10% match requirement. All municipalities in which the SKAT bus is located are asked to provide matching funding for the services rendered in those communities.

City Council is being asked to hold a public hearing to approve the resolution and the \$14,200 match for the grant as part of the October 2016 Eden City Council meeting. The \$14,200 was the same amount requested in the 2015-16 budget.

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Mayor Tuggle called for a public hearing and asked Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Business & Economic Development to come forward.

Mayor Tuggle asked Ms. Megan Odell to come forward and asked her how many years they have been operating the SKAT bus.

Ms. Odell explained that it began in January of 2013. Since that time, they have seen over 35,000 trips just in Eden alone. They estimate that probably 1500 citizens of Eden utilize the SKAT bus on a regular basis.

In August of 2014 they launched the connector system and that connected the systems together and when western Rockingham launched in 2015 so now they have a lot of Eden citizens who were now able to get to Wentworth. They have also partnered with Health & Human Services and other agencies to provide passes, Daymark Recovery as well as RCC so there were all kinds of people utilizing the system and they appreciate any support by the city.

Mayor Tuggle stated that he read some of the notes they had there and there were 15,000 people out of 90,000 plus people in Rockingham County who were disabled and that says a lot. He had been to some of the routes and talked to the people and it is a God send because they have no way of getting out of their house and going anywhere if it were not for the SKAT bus. He added that they did a great job.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Carter to approve and adopt a resolution as well as approval of \$14,200.00 as part of the 10% matching requirement for a NC Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$142,000.00. This grant is from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for public transportation projects. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL CALL FOR
PROJECTS PROGRAM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Status and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has been designated as the State agency with principle authority and responsibility for administering capital projects for small urbanized and rural areas; and

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WHEREAS, (Legal Name of Applicant) City of Eden, NC hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, and all small administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U.S.C.

WHEREAS, (Legal Name of Applicant) City of Eden, NC understands and agrees that capital project requests will be funded with 5310, 5311 (RTAP or ADTAP), 5339, state funds or a combination thereof. The applicant agrees they will adhere to the compliance of the grant used to fund the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (Authorized Official's Title)* City Manager of (Name of Applicant's Governing Body) City of Eden Council is hereby authorized to submit a grant for federal and state funding, provide the required local match, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide public transportation services.

I Wayne Tuggle, Mayor of City of Eden, NC do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the (Name of Applicant's Governing Board) City of Eden Council duly held on the 18th day of October, 2016

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

No one came forward to speak at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Property at 622 Washington Street.

Mayor Tuggle asked Mr. Dougherty to come forward.

Mr. Dougherty explained that the request was for the City Council to approve the purchase of 622 Washington Street.

The rear of this building collapsed in 2010. The subsequent deterioration of the building has adversely affected neighboring structures. The purpose for purchasing the building is to demolish it, stabilize the adjacent walls and create a linear park and walkway to the Bridge Street municipal parking lot. The linear park will be a community gathering place and provide easier access to much needed parking for this downtown area. He stated that the purchase price for the building is \$3,161.75.

Council Member Burnette asked what the next step was for this and would it have to come back for Council's approval of the contract for the demolition.

Ms. Erin Gilley, City Attorney, replied that they would have to come back and approve it, they bid it out and the contract would have to be awarded.

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A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member to Hampton to accept the deed to purchase property at 622 Washington Street. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

No Reports were scheduled.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2016.
- b. Consideration and Approval of 2016 Hino Knuckleboom 5-Year Financing.

In the 2016-2017 Budget, City Council approved to purchase a new knuckleboom for the Solid Waste department and it has been set up in the budget to be financed. On September 29, 2016 I requested bids from our local banks for the financing and received the following quotes:

BB&T	1.96%
Carter Bank & Trust	1.65%

The lowest quote is from Carter Bank & Trust at 1.65%. The annual payments will be approximately \$28,300 which is within the budgeted amount of \$31,500. I respectfully ask that Council approve Carter Bank & Trust as the successful bid.

- c. Consideration and Approval of Revised Reconnect Policy.

Please find attached the revised reconnect policy. The revision was made to the following:

PART SIX-SERVICE OPTIONS

I. OPTIONS IN BILLING PAYMENTS

C. Coin Acceptance Policy

Coins presented for payment of all fees and fines are pursuant to the following guidelines:

- A maximum of \$25.00 in coins will be accepted.
- Coins shall be rolled in like denominations unless the amount is less than that of a standard roll.
- All rolls shall be identified by the person paying prior to presentation.
- Identification shall include name, phone number and address of customer and/or person paying.

- d. Consideration and Approval of Eden Youth Council ByLaws.

- e. Consideration of Cook Block Streetscape

The staff has currently requested bids for the completion of the Cook Block Streetscape project. This project includes the removal of existing sidewalk and curb and gutter, the installation of decorative lighting, sidewalks and curb and gutter. Bids were opened on October 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Planning & Inspections Conference Room.

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There were 3 bidders for the project:

Thomas Hall \$149,046.50

P&S Grading \$168,785.00

Sam Smith, Inc., \$291,136.10

Staff recommended the contract be awarded to Thomas Hall.

A motion was made by Unanimous Consent to approve the Consent Agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Burnette gave an update on the Strategic Planning.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

ATTEST:

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor