

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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| Mayor: | Wayne Tuggle, Sr. |
| Council Members: | 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 |
| Deputy City Clerk: | Deanna Hunt |
| Representatives from Departments: | |
| News Media: | Justyn Melrose, Rockingham Now |
| | Roy Sawyers, RCENO |

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

RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Imagine a Day Without Water

Mayor Tuggle asked Ms. Melinda Ward, Wastewater Superintendent to come forward and read the following proclamation recognizing “Imagine a Day without Water”.

IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER

Whereas, the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the City of Eden; and

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Whereas, 15,527 residents on average utilize 50 gallons of water per person, per day; and

Whereas, the City of Eden has about 5900 residential customers, 169 miles of water distribution lines, the water system 95 years ago; and

Whereas, the crisis in Flint, Michigan and recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida show the severe impacts of what can happen to the health and well-being of a community without access to clean drinking water; and

Whereas, utilities nationwide are grappling with aging infrastructure and lack reliable revenue and funding to maintain systems let alone upgrade their systems; and

Whereas, one-fifth of the U.S. economy would grind to a halt without a reliable and clean source of water; and

Whereas, managing water responsibly is critical to our nation's environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation, and recreation; and

Whereas, investing in our drinking water and wastewater systems will secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come; and

Whereas, innovation in water conservation and water reuse will drive job growth, economic development, and establish a 21st century paradigm of water management in the United States; and

Whereas, for every one job created in the water sector, another 3.68 jobs are added in the national economy. And for every \$1 spent on infrastructure improvements, the US generates \$6 in returns; and

Whereas, different regions face different water challenges, so the solutions to strengthen our drinking water and wastewater systems must be locally driven, but reinvestment in our water must be a national priority; now; therefore, be it **RESOLVED, BY Wayne Tuggle, Sr., Mayor** that the City of Eden recognizes that water is essential to the quality of life and economic competitiveness and acknowledges the importance of educating the public about the value of water through the "Imagine a Day Without Water" campaign.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Eden is dedicated to investing in water and wastewater infrastructure and calls on our federal partners to bring much-needed funding and innovation to protect and restore our critical water infrastructure.

Dated this 17th Day of October, 2017

By: Wayne Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Tuggle stated that they needed to pull the second part of Item 7d (1) and all of 7d (2) of the Public Hearing. A motion was made by Council Member Hall seconded by Council Member Carter to set the meeting agenda as amended. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion passed.

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

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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.

Mayor Tuggle called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Meggan Odell, Senior Director of Transit Service, to come forward.

Ms. Odell explained that the sole purpose of this public hearing was to discuss the consolidated grant for the SKAT bus service for Fiscal Year 2019 which begins July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019, so they were in fast forward.

She stated that the SKAT bus has been very successful in Eden since its launch in January 2013 and the service has helped numerous citizens of the city by providing reliable transportation for employment, school, socialization, etc.

The entire SKAT system county-wide has provided 101,000 trips. The Eden bus alone has seen 47,215 of those trips since it launched and 11,726 of those was this last fiscal year.

She explained that already for the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, July through September, Eden has had 3,743 trips proving that the system is still growing and right on track for an increase in ridership over last year. The highest volume stops in the Eden area were the Dollar Generals in both Spray and Draper and of course the Walmart.

Other highlights were that they sold 26 semester passes to RCC students for the fall semester of 2017 and six of those went to Eden residents so there are six people that ride the bus every day to school to RCC and then there are at least seven people in Eden who use the bus daily for employment.

They have been able to maintain the cost efficiently so the amount in this application was the same as the previous years of \$142,000 and the match to the grant which was the city's portion was 10% of that which was \$14,200.00 and always this amount was offset by any advertising revenue or fares collected so it was \$1.00 to ride any bus passes that they sell and then any advertising that they do on the outside or interior of the buses.

They continue to assess existing routes and encourage improvements. They have built partnerships with other health and human service organizations, governmental entities and nonprofits who have all found that the SKAT bus was the answer to get their participants to where they need to go. They also certainly appreciate the city's continued support, such as the bus shelters that were approved and their advocacy, she knew that a lot of them have gotten on the bus and ridden and they definitely appreciated that.

She closed by stating that she was available to answer any questions and to point out there were some voluntary surveys on the table for anyone who wanted to fill one out relating to this project.

Mayor Tuggle stated that over the years he had been to the bus stops and talked to a lot of people who would not have any opportunity to get medical help or go to the grocery store, it has been a wonderful thing and it has helped a lot of people.

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 Burnette to approve

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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. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

FY 2019 RESOLUTION

Section 5311 (including ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Public Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

A motion was made by (*Board Member's Name*) Council Member Ellis and seconded by (*Board Member's Name or N/A, if not required*) Council Member Burnette for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes 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 rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements of each funding source for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); and

WHEREAS, the funds applied for may be Administrative, Operating, Planning, or Capital funds and will have different percentages of federal, state, and local funds.

WHEREAS, non-Community Transportation applicants may apply for funding for "purchase-of-service" projects under the Section 5310 program.

WHEREAS, (*Legal Name of Applicant*) City of Eden, NC hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project(s), prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all 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, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the State of North Carolina required for 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 City Council is hereby authorized to submit grant application (s) for federal and state funding in response to NCDOT's calls for projects, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services.

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I (*Certifying Official's Name*)* Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr. (*Certifying Official's Title*) Mayor of City of Eden, NC do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the (*Name of Applicant's Governing Board*) Eden City Council duly held on the 17 day of October, 2017.

HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION

State Funds

FY 2019 RESOLUTION

Section 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Human Service Transportation funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances, and the required local match.

A motion was made by (*Board Member's Name*) Council Member Jerry Ellis and seconded by (*Board Member's Name or N/A, if not required*) Council Member Jim Burnette for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes 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 receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the funds applied for may be Administrative, Operating, Planning or Capital funds and will have different percentages of federal, state, and local funds.

WHEREAS, non-Community Transportation applicants may only apply for funding for "purchase-of-service" projects under the Section 5310 program

WHEREAS, (*Legal Name of Applicant*) City of Eden, NC hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project, prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation;

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

I (*Certifying Official's Name*)* Wayne Tuggle (*Certifying Official's Title*) Mayor of City of Eden, NC do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the (*Name of Applicant's Governing Board*) City Council of City of Eden, NC duly held on the 17 day of October, 2017.

b. (1)Consideration of a Zoning Text Amendment Request and Adoption of an Ordinance to amend Section 11.24(i)(2) of the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance to Remove Wording Which Requires that

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Automobile Sales Lots be Paved in the Business-General District. Request Submitted by Roger Ore. ZONING CASE Z-17-07.

(2)Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the amendment of Section 11.24(i)(2) of the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance to remove wording which requires that automobile sales lots be paved in the Business-General District.

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

Ms. Stultz explained that this amendment was initiated by Roger Ore so that he could use his property in the BG district for a used car business. The property in question formerly housed a used car business which was “grandfathered” when the zoning ordinance was amended to require that used car lots be paved.

The property owner planned to open a similar business on the property, but because the former business has been closed for longer than six months, it has lost its legal-nonconforming status. The original amendment to the zoning ordinance, to require that used automobile sales lots be paved, was initiated primarily for the BH-1 and BH-2 districts along Highway 14. Staff is of the opinion that requiring the sales lot for used cars to be paved places an unnecessary hardship on property owners wishing to operate used automobile sales businesses in the BG district. Furthermore, staff can see no benefit to requiring that the sales lots be paved, since paving creates more impervious surface, which creates more runoff into the watershed and other areas. Therefore, staff recommends removing the requirement that used automobile sales lots be paved in the BG district.

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

Council Member Burnette asked if this was in all zones.

Ms. Stultz replied that right now it was required in Business-General and it should not be.

Council Member Burnette asked if this applied to all zones or only Business-General.

Ms. Stultz replied that it replied only to Business-General.

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 Epps seconded by Council Member Ellis to approve the Zoning Text Amendment Request and Adoption of an Ordinance to amend Section 11.24(i)(2) of the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance to Remove Wording Which Requires that Automobile Sales Lots be Paved in the Business-General District and to also approve the Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the amendment of Section 11.24(i)(2) of the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance to remove wording which requires that automobile sales lots be paved in the Business-General District. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

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(i) Business-General District (2) Conditional Uses of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Eden is hereby amended to read as follows:

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(2) Conditional Uses

Automobile sales; provided that the office and any other structures located on the property be permanent structures situated on permanent foundations, and that said structures meet all state and local building codes; provided further that any exterior lighting associated with the business may directly illuminate only the said property; provided further that any public address system associated with the business be operated only during normal business hours, and turned off after normal hours of operation; provided further that all entrances, exits and traffic patterns associated with the business meet N. C. Department of Transportation and City standards, and that said entrances, exits and traffic patterns be approved by the Planning Department.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 17th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF EDEN
BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Sheralene Thompson,
CMC, MMC
City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A
STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
CITY OF EDEN ZONING ORDINANCE
CASE NUMBER Z-17-07
TEXT AMENDMENT**

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

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2007, the Eden City Council adopted the Land Development Plan. Plans such as the City of Eden Land Development Plan are not designed to be static but are meant to reflect the City of Eden’s needs, plans for future development and to remain in compliance with North Carolina State Law and the City of Eden’s ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Planning Board received a request to remove wording which requires that automobile sales lots be paved in the Business-General District;

WHEREAS, On September 26, 2017, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend changes to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend **Section 11.24(i)(2)** to remove wording which requires that automobile sales lots be paved in the Business-General District.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The original amendment to the zoning ordinance, to require that used automobile sales lots be paved, was initiated primarily for the BH-1 and BH-2 districts along Highway 14. Staff is of the opinion that requiring the sales lot for used cars to be paved places an unnecessary hardship on property owners wishing to operate used automobile sales businesses in the BG district. Furthermore, staff can see no benefit to requiring that the sales lots be paved, since paving creates more impervious surface, which creates more runoff into the watershed and other areas.

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.

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- B. Maintain and enhance Eden’s community character and heritage.
- C. Use infrastructure investments as effectively as possible.
- D. Attract new jobs and a more diverse tax base.
- E. Protect natural, cultural and historic resources and open space as we grow.

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

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

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

Approved and adopted and effective this 17th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF EDEN
BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Sheralene S. Thompson,
CMC, MMC
City Clerk

c. (1)Consideration of a zoning text amendment request and adoption of an Ordinance to amend Section 11.24(k) and Section 11.24(l) to remove automobile repair as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 Districts and to allow automobile repair as a permitted use in these districts. Request submitted by the Planning Board. ZONING CASE Z-17-08

(2)Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the amendment of Section 11.24(k) and Section 11.24(l) to remove automobile repair as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 Districts and to allow automobile repair as a permitted use in these districts.

Mayor Tuggle called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Stultz to come forward.

Ms. Stultz explained that this amendment was initiated by the Planning Board in order to correct some inconsistencies in the zoning ordinance. Currently, service stations are allowed as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 districts, however major automobile repair is not allowed in the BH-1 district. Over the years, there have been numerous automobile repair businesses (both major and minor) operated in these districts, either independently or in conjunction with service stations. There are several properties that have operated as legal non-conforming uses in these areas for years. There are also several vacant properties that would be ideally suited for this type of business, if allowed. This amendment would allow reuse of these properties with proper provisions in place so as not to adversely affect surrounding properties and other districts. Staff is of the opinion that there are sufficient provisions in place (buffer requirements, no open storage, etc.) so that automobile repair can be compatible with other uses in these districts.

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Staff recommends that service stations continue to be allowed as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 districts. Staff also recommends that automobile repair be allowed (as stated above) in the BH-1 district, and therefore in the BH-2 district, with the conditions listed (no open storage, etc.) Based upon the foregoing information, staff recommends in favor of the text amendment.

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 Hall seconded by Council Member Carter to approve the zoning text amendment request and adoption of an Ordinance to amend Section 11.24(k) and Section 11.24(l) to remove automobile repair as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 Districts and to allow automobile repair as a permitted use in these districts and to approve the resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the amendment of Section 11.24(k) and Section 11.24(l) to remove automobile repair as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 Districts and to allow automobile repair as a permitted use in these districts. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

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(k) Business-Highway #1 District and Section 11.24(l) Business-Highway #2 District of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Eden are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 11.24(k)(1) Business-Highway #1, Permitted Uses is amended by adding the following:

Automobile repair, towing and temporary storage services (including body works, but excluding open storage of wrecked automobiles).

2. The first paragraph under Conditional Uses in Section 11.24(k) and Section 11.24(l) shall read as follows:

(2) **Conditional Uses**

Automobile sales; provided that the office and any other structures located on the property be permanent structures situated on permanent foundations, and that said structures meet all state and local building codes; provided further that any exterior lighting associated with the business may directly illuminate only the said property; provided further that any public address system associated with the business be operated only during normal business hours, and turned off after normal hours of operation; provided further that all entrances, exits and traffic patterns associated with the business meet N. C. Department of Transportation and City standards, and that said entrances, exits and traffic patterns be approved by the Planning Department.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 17th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF EDEN
BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Sheralene S. Thompson,
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CASE NUMBER Z-17-08
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 to remove automobile repair as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 districts and to allow automobile repair as a permitted use in these districts.

WHEREAS, On September 26, 2017, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend changes to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Section 11.24(k) and 11.24(l) to remove automobile repair as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 districts and to allow automobile repair as a permitted use in these districts.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

This amendment was initiated by the Planning Board in order to correct some inconsistencies in the zoning ordinance. Currently, service stations are allowed as a conditional use in the BH-1 and BH-2 districts, however major automobile repair is not allowed in the BH-1 district. Over the years, there have been numerous automobile repair businesses (both major and minor) operated in these districts, either independently or in conjunction with service stations. There are several properties that have operated as legal non-conforming uses in these areas for years. There are also several vacant properties that would be ideally suited for this type of business, if allowed. This amendment would allow reuse of these properties with proper provisions in place so as not to adversely affect surrounding properties and other districts. Staff is of the opinion that there are sufficient provisions in place (buffer requirements, no open storage, etc.) so that automobile repair can be compatible with other uses in these districts.

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY:

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

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

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

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

- 1. The Eden City Council finds that the proposed amendment to the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance is

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consistent with the goals and recommendations of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended.

- 2. At no time are land use regulations or plans of the City of Eden or any jurisdiction in the State of North Carolina permitted to be in violation of the North Carolina General Statutes.
- 3. Therefore, based upon the foregoing information, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is reasonable and in the public interest.

Approved and adopted and effective this 17th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF EDEN
BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Sheralene S. Thompson,
CMC, MMC
City Clerk

d.(1)Consideration of a zoning text amendment request and adoption of an Ordinance to repeal Section 11.24(r) I-RO Industrial Reuse Overlay District and Section 11.24(s) Manufactured Home Overlay District of the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance. Request submitted by the Planning Board. ZONING CASE Z-17-09

(2) Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the amendment of Section 11.24.

Mayor Tuggle called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Stultz to come forward. He clarified that they were only considering the first part to which Ms. Stultz replied yes they were not going to do the Manufactured Homes. Mayor Tuggle explained that they would be considering just the one on the Industrial Reuse Overlay District.

Ms. Stultz explained that this amendment was initiated by the Planning staff in an on-going effort to update the city’s land use regulations. The Zoning Ordinance has far too many districts, and some of these have become unnecessary or obsolete over time.

The Industrial Reuse Overlay District (I-RO) was designed to allow manufacturing operations in districts that would not otherwise allow them. This district was originally created when a local company requested to establish a textile sewing operation in a former grocery store building in a downtown district. That was the one-and-only request the Planning Department has ever received for this type of use, and that company has long since ceased to exist. The City now has a mixed-use district that would allow such a use as part of a development plan.

The Manufactured Home Overlay District (M-HO) was a district created specifically for mobile home parks. Since 1967 the City has had no new applications for a mobile home park. The Zoning Ordinance provides for orderly development of subdivisions for manufactured housing. Therefore this district is obsolete.

Staff is of the opinion that the I-RO or the M-HO districts are no longer needed in the Zoning Ordinance.

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

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 Burnette seconded by Council Member Moore to approve (1)Consideration of a zoning text amendment request and adoption of an Ordinance to repeal Section 11.24(r) I-RO Industrial Reuse Overlay District as amended and to also approve a resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the amendment of Section 11.24. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

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(r) I-RO Industrial Reuse Overlay District and Section 11.24(s) M-H Manufactured Home Overlay District are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 17th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF EDEN
BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Sheralene S. Thompson,
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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 to repeal Section 11.24(r) I-RO Industrial Reuse Overlay District and Section 11.24(s) Manufactured Home Overlay District.

WHEREAS, On September 26, 2017, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend changes to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To repeal Section 11.24(r) I-RO Industrial Reuse Overlay District and Section 11.24(s) Manufactured Home Overlay District.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

This amendment was initiated by the Planning staff in an on-going effort to update the city’s land use regulations. The Zoning Ordinance has far too many districts, and some of these have become unnecessary or obsolete over time.

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STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY:

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

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

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

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

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

Approved and adopted and effective this 17th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF EDEN
BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Sheralene S. Thompson,
CMC, MMC
City Clerk

e. Consideration of a Local Historic Landmark Designation for the Eden Historical Museum located at 656 Washington Street. The request was submitted by the property owner. HPCL-17-01.

Mayor Tuggle called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Stultz to come forward.

Ms. Stultz explained that the Eden Historical Museum (former Roberts Café) was built around 1885 and remains one of Leaksville’s most distinctive commercial structures. Originally a business operated by L.J. Martin, the building also housed a Coca-Cola distributorship as early as 1909. Beginning around 1919, the Spencer Roberts family operated a café on the first floor and lived on the second until around 1950 when the property was purchased by Jimmy and George Hondros, who continued to operate a café here until around 1980. It has since seen several occupants before its current occupant, the Eden Historical Museum.

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The building is a two-story brick structure featuring a bracketed frame cornice above the storefront and a band of corbeled brick pendants across the cornice at the top of the façade. The front has two segmental arched windows in large, recessed window planes. The building has been meticulously maintained and retains most of its original features. The property is a contributing structure in the Old Leaksville Commercial District, a National Register District.

Based upon the historical and architectural significance of the property and the above information, staff recommends in favor of the designation of the property as a local historic landmark.

Council Member Burnette asked what the criteria was for this designation.

Ms. Stultz replied that they look at the age, the integrity of the building and this was one that the current owner has spent a lot of money to restore it to its former glory. They look at its contribution to the community and the fact that after all these years she could say that it was the Robert’s Café building tells them that on a local level it was important. This was a good way to encourage people to invest in downtown development and other historic properties. It was a tool that had been used for a long time and in this case she thought it would benefit them more than they could ever gross in property taxes.

Council Member Moore asked that when she said it would give them more control over the building, was that like when it had some structural problems a year or so ago, they would have more say-so in that.

Ms. Stultz explained that they had plenty of say-so in that and what was at risk of falling, but what she was talking about was to stop someone from taking off the historic façade, or putting in windows that were not in keeping with the other buildings around it, it was to help keep the district more purer than it would have been and they did not regulate anything inside.

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 Epps seconded by Council Member Hampton to approve the Local Historic Landmark Designation for the Eden Historical Museum located at 656 Washington Street. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE EDEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM
TO BE A HISTORIC LANDMARK

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that, after the Eden Historic Preservation Commission and the City Council of the City of Eden having fully complied with all legal requirements, including publication of notices of public hearings and the holding of separate public hearings relative thereto, and the Eden Historic Preservation Commission having proposed the designation of the Eden Historical Museum located at 656 Washington Street as a Historic Landmark and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources State Historic Preservation Office having deemed that the Eden Historical Museum at 656 Washington Street has the requisite special significance and integrity for landmark designation, the following described property is hereby designated to be a “Historic Landmark”:

Section 1: Description of the property:

Being all of that property commonly known as 656 Washington Street located on the south side of Washington Street and identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7979-0758-3129 and Parcel ID #137542.

Section 2: Name of Owner: Jean Dunn Harrington.

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Section 3: Elements of the Property Integral to Historical Value: The Eden Historical Museum (former Roberts Café) was built around 1885 and remains one of Leaksville’s most distinctive commercial structures. Originally a business operated by L.J. Martin, the building also housed a Coca-Cola distributorship as early as 1909. Beginning around 1919, the Spencer Roberts family operated a café on the first floor and lived on the second until around 1950 when the property was purchased by Jimmy and George Hondros, who continued to operate a café here until around 1980. It has since seen several occupants before its current occupant, the Eden Historical Museum.

The building is a two-story brick structure featuring a bracketed frame cornice above the storefront and a band of corbeled brick pendants across the cornice at the top of the façade. The front has two segmental arched windows in large, recessed window planes. The building has been meticulously maintained and retains most of its original features. The property is a contributing structure in the Old Leaksville Commercial District, a National Register District.

Section 4: The waiting period set forth in Part 3C of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes entitled, “Historic Districts and Landmarks,” shall be observed prior to any demolition on the property.

Section 5: Filings and Notices of Ordinances: The Eden Historic Preservation Commission shall:

- (a) file this Ordinance in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina;
- (b) file a copy of this Ordinance with the Codes Inspector, City of Eden; and
- (c) notify the Tax Supervisor of the Rockingham County Tax Department of the adoption of this Ordinance.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 17th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF EDEN
BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Sheralene S. Thompson,
CMC, MMC
City Clerk

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

No one came forward to speak at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of the Certificate of Sufficiency by the City Clerk and approval to hold a public hearing on the annexation petitions of property located at 889 Morgan Road and 893 Morgan Road.

Ms. Stultz explained that at their September regular meeting, the City Council had instructed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of a petition for voluntary annexation for properties identified as follows:

Address Owner(s)
889 Morgan Road Ruby Scales
893 Morgan Road Burdock Millner

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With the assistance of the City Attorney, staff has determined that proper signatures were placed on the petition and that the owners listed above are the owners of the properties identified on the Petitions.

This type of annexation does not have the same requirements as does an involuntary annexation. However, there are requirements with regard to fire service. She then asked the City Council to accept the certificate of sufficiency and call a public hearing for their November regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Carter to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency by the City Clerk and approval to hold a public hearing on the annexation petitions of property located at 889 Morgan Road and 893 Morgan Road. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Plan

A. Request for purchase of property and development of pocket park at 165/167 N. Fieldcrest Road.

Ms. Stultz explained that they have been working to develop a pocket park. The sight they have selected is located at 165/167 Fieldcrest Road. These buildings were in a serious state of dilapidation. The owner of the property tore down the buildings and it has left a large, unsightly void in the buildings along Fieldcrest Road. The combined tax value of these properties is \$9,291. The cost to purchase the site is \$9000.00. Attached is a landscape plan for the pocket park at this site. The estimated cost for the new park is approximately \$24,000.00.

She stated that they respectfully request that the City Council approve the purchase of the property located at 165/167 Fieldcrest Road for the amount of \$9,000.00, approve the attached park design and approve the funding to build the park at an estimated cost of \$24,000. Staff also plan to apply for an Urban Forestry Grant to help with some of the costs associated with the park.

She also presented a design of what they had planned for the park. Mayor Tuggle pointed out that aesthetically it would be an improvement. Ms. Stultz agreed that there would be more foot traffic, the businesses would do better and the area would be safer. So this would be a spot for people to meet and gather.

Council Member Epps stated that it was an eyesore and very dangerous as it was. Council Member Ellis stated that it was a great job.

Council Member Carter asked if the front façade and everything been inspected.

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Ms. Stultz replied that the buildings in that particular downtown area are not party walls in the same sense as the ones in some of their other downtown areas. Things sometimes surprise her, but so far that was what they knew. That was why they thought they could do it for \$24,000. She stated that Mr. Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager, had something to add.

Mr. Hunt presented one side of the building and then another picture of the other side. The muralist just recently worked on the Town of Stoneville mural and he has agreed to paint both of these murals and buy the paint that he recommended for \$1,000. So they were trying to get this in as time was of the essence, if did not get it approved, he would not be able to paint before it gets too cold. That was why it was so important to be able to add this mural in at this time.

Ms. Stultz added that they would like for them to consider all of this together so it would include the \$33,000 that they asked for and then another \$1,000 to total \$34,000 of the \$300,000 that the City Council appropriated.

Council Member Burnette stated for clarification that the Coca-Cola mural was not on the proposed (park) to which Ms. Stultz replied no, it was not the same site. He asked if that contained a contingency in that as well to which she replied yes.

Council Member Hampton thought that it was a great idea and considering the Mega Park, when you are coming from the Berry Hill Road and you come through Draper that was a total eyesore. It was the first thing you see once you go around the corner, so anything they could do to improve that look, since they were working on this Mega Park, would really help them with that.

Council Member Carter asked if Coca-Cola would help pay for any of that to which Mr. Hunt replied that there was a group that did go around repainting these murals. Cindy Adams has repeatedly tried to get in touch with them and they were just so log jammed and at this point, no they had not been able to get any relief from Coca-Cola.

Council Member Moore commented that the \$1,000 to paint both sides was just the Coca-Cola and not the rest of the building to which Mr. Hunt replied that was correct, just the murals.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Burnette to approve the purchase of property and development of pocket park at 165/167 N. Fieldcrest Road and also to include the repainting of the murals at 104 N. Fieldcrest. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

B. Request for the development of a dog park on the Freedom Park campus.

Mr. Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks & Recreation, explained that over the past several months, the Positively Eden Strategic Plan and the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan have been approved and adopted by the Eden City Council. Each of these plans discuss ways of helping to enhance the quality of life for the city residents. One of the items that was discussed in the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was the development of a Dog Park at Freedom Park and one of the goals in the Positively Eden Strategic Plan is to implement recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

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With this in mind, Parks and Recreation Staff and the City Manager have visited Dog Parks in other municipalities and in the surrounding area (Burlington) to see how their facilities are laid out. Staff has also researched Dog Park site designs and development on the internet, and feel that it has a plan that will provide a great space for the development of a Dog Park at Freedom Park. The site is located across from Picnic Shelter 1 and it is a little over an acre of land. The area will be divided up into two sections, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. The area will be fenced, along with water fountains, benches, pet waste containers, and trash cans located in each section.

The cost for the Dog Park Development is as follows:

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| Fencing | \$14,000 |
| Water Fountains | \$ 6,600 |
| Pet Waste Containers | \$ 1,672 |
| Trash Cans | \$ 2,620 |
| Benches | \$ 2,920 |
| Materials for Water Lines | \$ 3,000 |
| Signage | \$ 2,000 |
| Contingency | \$ 2,188 |
| Total | \$35,000 |

Staff has spoken to city residents about the potential Dog Park and they are very excited about having a place to bring their dogs to get exercise, play and interact with other dogs.

City Staff would like to recommend that the Mayor and City Council approve the development of the Dog Park at Freedom Park and authorize the use of funds from the Positively Eden Strategic Plan Account.

Mr. Farmer also presented a PowerPoint that is available online and in the office of the City Clerk.

Council Member Epps asked if there would be trees there for shade to which Mr. Farmer explained that right now there were a lot of trees there but they would need to add a few trees on the right hand side as you go in the gate. This was just the first stage, once they get this done, he wanted to ask local veterinarians to sponsor exercise equipment and get that installed. They hoped that this would be something that would benefit not only their residents but also the pets that the residents love so much.

Council Member Epps pointed out that most people do not carry rabies verification around so how would he handle that.

Mr. Farmer explained that most of the time if you have a dog that was out you have your rabies tags and they were pretty much required to have that.

Mayor Tuggle asked if maintenance on this type of park any different and was there anything unique to it.

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Mr. Farmer explained that he and the City Manager toured other dog parks and they looked at the maintenance. The Burlington dog park had two gates at the back end of their park where their mower could go in and do one side and then the other.

Council Member Moore stated that he thought it was a good idea but asked what kind of trash can would cost \$655.

Mr. Farmer explained that they were made like the ones out of the coated vinyl. It was the type of cans they place at the Greenway. That trash can would probably last 10 or 12 years where you could go to Lowes and buy a \$25 or \$35 trash can but you would probably change those out every 6 to 10 months.

Council Member Moore asked if this was something like Burlington had to which Mr. Farmer explained that most of the places, it was a specialized thing for parks. Most of the parks put in these heavy duty trash cans so that they were in place and put in the ground and they were built to last for a very long time.

Council Member Burnette stated that he thought this was a good way to encompass more and more of their citizens and engage them in different things. He knew he said he went to Burlington and also to other areas.

Mr. Farmer replied that they went to Greensboro and other areas but Burlington and Greensboro had kind of a larger area than what they have and so he thought this was a trend that was happening all over the country now.

Council Member Hall asked if the signage would also spill out the liability issues to which Mr. Farmer explained that it states that you are responsible for any damage that your dog does and that would be in part when they come and fill out the registration form they would make sure that they sign that.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Moore to approve the request for the development of a dog park on the Freedom Park campus. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

C. Request for Text Message Marketing & WGSR Advertising Package.

Ms. Cindy Adams, Tourism & Events Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation. She noted the things that they were already doing to engage citizens.

- LED Sign at City Hall
- Explore Eden Facebook Page
- Explore Eden Website
- City of Eden Facebook Page
- City of Eden Municipal Website

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Monthly E-Newsletter
City Hall Page in Eden's Own Journal
City Manager's Monthly Report

Text Message Marketing

She explained that the effectiveness of Text Message Marketing is due to the fact that **91 percent** of people keep the mobile phones within reach **24 hours a day**.

Studies shows that **98 percent** of all text messages are ready within **3 minutes** of delivery. People tend to reach for their mobile phone as soon as they hear the ringtone of an incoming message.

\$299 to start / \$129 per month unlimited keywords and unlimited texts

There can be multiple keywords to best target our desired markets. For example, text Eden to 12345—all Eden news; text River to 12345—all river events; or text Festivals to 12345—all festivals. Texting is a cost-effective way to be able to **IMMEDIATELY** connect with your followers. They opt in because they want to stay informed.


WIN/WIN - Total: \$1,847


WGSR TV 47 Studio Gilmer Street, Reidsville
Transmitter –Friendship Church Road, Brown
Station information



- HD Digital OTA Station
- 1.5 million potential viewers
- Live programming (news, weather, talk and community interest)
- One share on Neilson
- More value for your money

WGSR TV 47 Coverage Map

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|  | Time Warner Cable | Ch. 5 |
|  | AT&T Uverse | Ch. 47 |
|  | Comcast Cable | Ch. 17 |
|  | Chatmosse Cable | Ch. 14 |

Serving Partial Markets:
DMA 46 - Greensboro Triad
DMA 67 - Roanoke - Lynchburg
wgsr47.com

Twelve months contract:

- Run 10 – Did You Know – :05 spots per day
- Run 3 minute infomercial -3 times per week (Include rivers, parks and other attractions as a tourism piece)
- Run :30 spot –3 times per day (ways to engage citizens)
- Mayor –once a month show –15 minutes (could go longer if topic requires not exceed 28:30)

Total - \$1,500 per month for 12 months = \$18,000

All content provided by CTT Productions, LLC

Using drone, stills and video

Film with drone –rivers, parks, downtowns (Draper, Leaksville, Spray, Cook Block and Boulevard), industrial parks and current business locations

Film:

- Did You Know –series of questions about Eden :05 spots –up to 25
- Create 3 :30 spots (Small Town Big Outdoors and others)
- Mini infomercial –2 –3 minutes
- Short sound bites from Who’s Who and citizens

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- Professional voice overs
- Professional graphics

CTT Productions will produce and package all the above and deliver electronically to use on TV, websites, social media, movie theater and other.

Total: \$5,000

Implementation

Collectively we would like to request \$92,847 to move forward with the three sets of projects just presented.

This money is part of the \$300,000 City Council previously approved for the Strategic Plan Implementation.

Council Member Moore asked if this would start in January or when to which Ms. Adams replied it would start whenever they wished. He asked if it would be a twelve month contract to which she replied consistently twelve months and most every day and ten times a day for the “did you knows”.

Mayor Tuggle stated that he has heard this non-stop for fourteen years and there was always somebody in the community who says you do not do such a good job communicating whether you do websites, Rockingham Now, or interviews, it is never enough. Everything is about social media and the way to get the word out is through something like this.

Council Member Epps asked if they would have the right to terminate with WGSR without penalty to which Ms. Adams replied yes because they would probably pay monthly.

Council Member Burnette agreed with Mayor Tuggle in that you always hear people ask how they would know this, how were they supposed to find out, where was this and he thought this was an opportunity to get that message out and goodness, everybody was attached to their cell phone.

Council Member Epps added that you have to spend money to make money.

Mayor Tuggle pointed out that this was the world of social media, no question about it.

Council Member Ellis asked her to give a description of the texting part to which Ms. Adams explained that it was done through the computer. She would have a website that people could opt in and they would be issued a number per message that they have. They would give the city their number and then it goes into a group. Then all they do is type in what message they want and they hit one button and it goes in.

A motion was made by Council member Ellis seconded by Council Member Burnette to approve the request for Text Message Marketing & WGSR Advertising Package. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

Before moving to the next item, Mr. Randy Hunt came forward to provide an update their initial

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return for their proposal for their branding study was only met with one proposal. The original request was sent out to all the branding companies listed on the North Carolina Main Street website. Ms. Stultz shared with him a planning web list that had information of other branding companies. So they sent the new companies an RFP and he had received some good feedback and expected more.

He also noted that parking had always been an issue for businesses on the Bridge Street end of Washington Street. The owner of the former Belks building and former Leaksville Hardware building planned to build a microbrewery in those buildings. His project was contingent on the extension of the Bridge Street municipal lot, so they were currently working on that. The University of Chapel Hill, NC Masters candidate from the Department of City and Regional Planning continues to research 622 Washington Street. That work will help them create the best use for that space.

The wedding contest was going on and over 30 organizations have participated. It was kicked off on September 29th and will end on October 31st. Their grand prize was valued at over \$7,000 and a lot of the businesses have seen increased traffic.

They also applied for a Duke Energy Water Resources Grant to help repair the Draper Landing and create a new landing on Klyce Street that was currently owned by the city. The new landing would double the length of a trip from the Leaksville Landing to the boat landing.

Mayor Tuggle thanked him for the information.

- b. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 733 Taylor Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

Ms. Kelly Stultz explained that an estimate for the demolition of the structure on this property is \$1,790.00. Once the demolition is done at the City’s expense, actions can be taken to recoup the funds in the same manner as the collection of special assessments.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER
FOR THE DEMOLITION OF
PROPERTY AT 733 TAYLOR 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 2nd day of November, 2016, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the structure owned by Lawson J. McCollum at 733 Taylor Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation that said property is more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Leaksville Township, Rockingham County, N.C. and COMMENCING at an iron pipe driven at the northwest corner of Taylor Street (formerly known as Spring Street) and Monroe Street and runs thence South 57 deg. 15 min. West 25 feet with the northern line of Taylor Street to the Point of Beginning; thence South 57 deg. 15 min. West 25 feet with the northern line of Taylor Street to a point; thence North 36 deg. 30 min. West 66 feet and parallel with Monroe Street to a point; thence North 57 deg. 15 min. East 25 feet to a point; thence South 36 deg. 30 min. East 66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. This being the same land conveyed on November 19, 1972 from John F.

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Adams and wife, Viola F. Adams by deed recorded in the Rockingham County, N.C. Registry in Book 591, on page 196, to Mary S. McCollum, widow.

The above described property being more commonly known as 733 Taylor Street, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7070-18-40-1100-00.

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of July, 2006, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 17th day of August, 2006, which was served on the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested on the 9th day of August, 2006, and by first class mail; and

WHEREAS, Lawson McCollum appeared at the hearing on August 17, 2006, and made arrangements with the building inspection to make the necessary repairs; and

WHEREAS, on 2nd day of November, 2006, the Chief Building Inspector made an inspection and determined that the repairs were being made; that the house was vacant and secure as required by the Complaint, and the action should be put on hold; and

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of September, 2008, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the structure owned by Lawson J. McCollum at 733 Taylor Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of September, 2008, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 8th day of October, 2008, which was mailed to Lawson J. McCollum and wife, Shirley D. McCollum by certified mail, return receipt requested; that the Complaint was served on Shirley D. McCollum by certified mail, return receipt requested on the 15th day of September, 2008; the Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the property owners by posting the property on the 10th day of September, 2008, and by first class mail; that the certified mail, return receipt requested mailed to Lawson J. McCollum 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 12th day of September, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 8th day of October, 2008 and the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owner, Lawson J. McCollum, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a Copy of the Order was served on the property owners by first class mail and a copy of the Order was posted on the subject property on the 9th day of October, 2008; that a copy of the Order mailed to Shirley J. McCollum by certified mail, return receipt requested, was returned by the U. S. Postal Service marked "Unclaimed"; 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 Lawson J. McCollum and wife, Shirley D. McCollum, 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 17th day of October, 2017

CITY OF EDEN
BY: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Sheralene S. Thompson,
CMC, MMC
City Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Ellis to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 733 Taylor Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

- c. Consideration of an Interlocal Agreement with Rockingham County for the Provision of Building Inspections Services.

Ms. Stultz explained that she and Ms. Tonya Caddle, Rockingham County Planning and Inspections Director, had discussed earlier in the year the need to establish a defined procedure for mutual aid and cooperation as related to building inspections. This will apply to periods when the City or the County has staffing issues or in times of emergency.

She recommended that the city join the county in approving this agreement for the protection and safety of their citizens.

Mayor Tuggle asked if this was a new thing.

Ms. Stultz explained that they have never had one for building inspections.

Mayor Tuggle asked if this was a typical thing in other places to which she explained that it was fairly common but they had never done it. This formalized it. They have helped each other out in the past but this makes the legal folks happy.

Council Member Burnette asked if any of the other municipalities in the county done this to which she replied she was not sure.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Hall to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Rockingham County for the Provision of Building Inspections Services. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

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- d. Confirm the amount of the indebtedness of demolition costs to be collected in the same manner as special assessments.

Ms. Stultz explained that the following properties have been the subject of housing code actions and the structures situated on the properties have been demolished pursuant to an Ordinance adopted by the Eden City Council. The cost of the demolition is noted for each property.

414 Glenn Street 8,220.00
580 & 766 Thornton Street 5,990.00

These particular liens are collected in the same manner as special assessments. The staff needs for the City Council to formally establish these liens and then to authorize legal action. When staff appear in court, their formal action will be proven through the minutes.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter seconded by Council Member Hampton to confirm the amount of the indebtedness of demolition costs to be collected in the same manner as special assessments. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

- e. Adopt Order of Collection for nuisance abatement fees to be collected as delinquent property taxes.

Ms. Stultz explained that the attached is a list of properties which have had nuisance violations and the costs associated with the abatement of the violation (copies of the invoices have been delivered to the City Clerk with the Order of Collection).

These particular liens are collected in the same manner as delinquent property taxes. The staff needs for the City Council to formally establish these liens and then to authorize legal action. When they appear in court, the Council's formal action will be proven through the minutes and the execution of the attached Order of Collection.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Burnette to Adopt an Order of Collection for nuisance abatement fees to be collected as delinquent property taxes. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

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Council Authorization for Action
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| Acct No | Street No. | Street Name | Owner/Paid By | Date Billed | Amount Billed |
|---------|------------|------------------|--|-------------|---------------|
| 21368 | 748 | Ayden Rd | DePriest, Celeste V. (mow) | 06/30/17 | 194.00 |
| 22310 | 826 | Bridge St. | Fitzgerald, Patrick J. (mow) | 09/22/17 | 82.00 |
| 20243 | 1116 | Center Church | Wilkerson, Rosabelle Heirs (mow) | 06/30/17 | 65.50 |
| 21341 | 709 | Circle Drive | Carter, Carol M. (mow) | 06/26/17 | 90.00 |
| 22220 | 753 | Davis St. | Property Transactions (mow) | 06/26/17 | 90.00 |
| 22293 | 421 | Decatur St | King, Karson (mow) | 07/20/17 | 90.00 |
| 22299 | 429 | Decatur St | Radford Properties of Rockingham County (mow/junk) | 08/31/17 | 90.00 |
| 20637 | 607 | Fieldcrest Rd. | Deboe, Elga (mow) | 06/19/17 | 120.50 |
| 20637 | 607 | Fieldcrest Rd. | Deboe, Elga (mow) | 08/31/17 | 140.00 |
| 22020 | 1210 | Fieldcrest Rd. | Witt, Kenneth W. (bush hog grass) | 01/27/17 | 130.81 |
| 21604 | 1212 | Fieldcrest Rd. | Patricia Meeks Bolen Heirs | 01/27/17 | 130.81 |
| 22219 | 910 | First St. | Owen, Jill L. (mow) | 09/22/17 | 74.00 |
| 22228 | 314 | Greenwood St. | Bullins, Thomas Edward (mow/junk) | 08/31/17 | 110.00 |
| 22286 | 129 | High St. N | Jackson, Robert E. (car towed) | 07/20/17 | 100.00 |
| 20214 | 101 | Hollingsworth St | Farmer, Jr., Melvin J. (mow & remove slude) | 06/30/17 | 941.25 |
| 21718 | 1226 | Irving Ave. | North Star Land & Properties, LLC | 06/30/17 | 113.00 |
| 22312 | 1254 | Irving Ave. | Battle, Sylvia B. & Others | 9/22/2017 | 66.00 |
| 21720 | 1132 | Lawson St. | Hall, Michael Elton (mow) | 06/26/17 | 90.00 |
| 21704 | 405 | Moir Street | Lowery, Dean (mow) | 11/21/16 | 129.25 |
| 21704 | 405 | Moir Street | Lowery, Dean (mow) | 06/26/17 | 90.00 |
| 21981 | 631 | North St. | Sawyer, Justin W. (mow) | 08/31/17 | 89.00 |
| 21957 | 616 | Oak St. | Springboard Legacy Ltd. (mow) | 09/22/17 | 74.00 |
| 22181 | 814 | Oak St. | TM Property Solutions, LLC (mow) | 06/30/17 | 81.50 |
| 22175 | 721 | Patrick St. | Stroud, Porsha & Adrian Hairston (mow) | 06/26/17 | 90.00 |
| 21594 | 105 | Periwinkle Rd. | McDaniel, Karen (mow) | 06/26/17 | 90.00 |
| 21594 | 105 | Periwinkle Rd. | McDaniel, Karen (mow) | 08/31/17 | 140.00 |
| 22295 | 173 | Periwinkle Rd. | WR Asset Trust (mow) | 07/28/17 | 144.00 |
| 22296 | 422 | Price St. | Mozingo, Shaun Kyle & others | 07/28/17 | 97.00 |
| 22303 | | Prospect St. | Mabe, Kevin W. | 08/31/17 | 110.00 |
| 20195 | 645 | Prospect St. | Baldwin, John | 08/31/17 | 90.00 |
| 10962 | 652 | Riverside Dr. | Burns, Sherry S. | 07/20/17 | 89.00 |
| 22302 | 711 | Riverside Dr. | Metcalf, Uriah | 08/31/17 | 89.00 |
| 21959 | 118 | Shady Grove Rd. | Hairston Estate, Betty (mow) | 06/30/17 | 122.00 |
| 22300 | 1000 | Sharpe Ave. | Tinsley, Eugene Heirs | 08/31/17 | 90.00 |
| 21000 | 1006 | Sharpe Ave. | Curtis, Dorothy M. (mow) | 06/30/17 | 81.00 |
| 21232 | 723 | Spring St. | Kirkman, Myrtle Heirs | 11/21/16 | 139.00 |
| 22097 | 1218 | E. Stadium Dr. | Harris, Susan V. & Daniel A. (mow) | 11/21/16 | 139.00 |
| 22097 | 1218 | E. Stadium Dr. | Harris, Susan V. & Daniel A. (mow) | 06/30/17 | 122.00 |
| 22301 | 109 | Stephens St | Hopper, Jennifer & Kristen | 08/31/17 | 89.00 |
| 20981 | 766 | Thornton St. | Powell, Andrew A. (cap water) | 01/27/17 | 190.99 |
| 22281 | 223 | Vintage Rd | Dwiggins, Kathy Marie (mow) | 06/30/17 | 96.50 |
| 22243 | 206 | Warehouse St. | Piedmont Folk Legacies, Inc. (Clean & Secure) | 03/24/17 | 1,118.27 |

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager’s Report - October 2017

Economic & Tourism Development Department

MillerCoors Site Update

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Two prospects are considering this site at this time. The City of Eden, Rockingham County and NC Department of Commerce have been working with all pertinent parties that are conducting due diligence work on this site.

New Street Sewer Line Upgrade

We have submitted a grant pre-application in the amount of \$1.0 million to the North Carolina Department of Commerce to upgrade the New Street sewer line. Both Gildan Activewear and Weil-McLain are located in this area.

Available Jobs

Gildan Activewear, Weil-McLain and KDH Defense Systems are currently hiring for various positions, including general laborers. Please visit NC Works on-line or the individual industry web sites for more information.

Lidl Supermarket

Work continues on the Eden Lidl store. No opening date has been given for the Eden store but it is anticipated that it will not happen before the first quarter of 2018. The City has been advised that it will be informed of an opening date when the Lidl representatives determine that date. We have also been advised that there are other Lidl stores that are also, or previously, have experienced construction delays.

Rite Aid Pharmacies

Rite Aid has been purchased by Walgreens. No plans have been submitted to convert the Eden Rite Aid to a Walgreens but that may happen in the future since Walgreens does not currently have a presence in the Eden market.

Farm House Deli

Missy Robertson Snyder has just opened this deli in the former Belk building, now called Total Vintage, on Meadow Road in Eden. They serve soups, wraps, panini sandwiches and have an adjoining baked goods shop. If you have not visited Total Vintage, this place is growing daily. Stop by to see what they have to offer. Their hours of operation are Wednesday-Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC)

The Eden KFC recently celebrated its completed renovation with a ribbon cutting. The franchisee thanked Eden customers who have supported their restaurant since it opened in 1984.

Bridal Promotion

The Main Street bridal promotion began September 29th with a city wide scavenger hunt and will continue through November 1st. Over 30 businesses and organizations are participating and the value of the prize is over \$6,500.

Eden Downtown Development Inc. (EDDI) Update

The EDDI board met on October 2nd and continued its review of their by-laws. Members from the public were invited to address any concerns to the board. The next meeting is November 13th at the

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Eden Chamber of Commerce. For additional information please contact Mr. Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager at rhunt@edennc.us

Murals

An artist has been contacted about restoring the two Coke murals in the Draper section of town. The murals can be completed this year as weather permits.

Microbrewery

An investor has interest in building a microbrewery on Washington Street. A major concern with this type of business is adequate parking. Information was shared about City plans to pursue the development of additional parking. A detailed plan will be submitted to the City Council in the near future.

Draper Pocket Park

The owner of property on Fieldcrest Road is working with the City to sell land for the creation of a pocket park. This will create a pleasing space to replace current blight. Detailed information including a drawing of the proposed pocket park will be presented to the City Council for their review and consideration during their meeting on October 17th.

Temptations in the Garden – Thursday, October 26th

The Eden Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Temptations in the Garden on Thursday, October 26th between 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Spray Mercantile Courtyard and Canalside at 413 Church Street. You are invited to come and be “Tempted” at this celebration of great food, spirits, art and music. Restaurants and caterers, along with beer and wine producers, are proud to share their best with you. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple in advance and \$25 per person at the door. The ticket entitles you to 10 tastings, food, music and a great experience! There will be a silent auction that includes food art and history items as well as an elegant cake auction that includes selections prepared by talented local bakers. This event is limited to 300 people so get your tickets early. For additional information please call the Chamber of Commerce at 623-3336 or check out their web site at www.edenchamber.com.

Treat Street – Friday, October 27th

The Historic Downtown Eden Merchants group is sponsoring Treat Street on Friday, October 27th between 3:00-5:30 p.m. along Washington Street. Children may dress up and trick-or-treat with participating merchants, identified with a Treat Street flyer in their window. Also participating this year is Simply the Best Flowers at 349 West Kings Highway. In addition, the annual costume contest will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Washington Street Park.

Riverfest Wrap-Up

Wow! We had quite a festival with record numbers in attendance. We certainly had the good weather on our side. Our entertainment was a big hit! Both headline bands did an outstanding job, along with all the local talent featured during the day Saturday on both stages. We had record numbers for the concerts as well. Also, our features that included the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, Knockerball, Amusements, Rock Painting, Archery, Trick Roping, Chainsaw Carving and so much more were very busy. Our strolling magician on Friday night said he had large crowds all evening long. Another great moment at the festival was our 50th Anniversary Celebration and

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Recognitions. A huge thank you to the Eden Historical Museum and their volunteers for being such a big part of our weekend long celebration. They created some incredible displays and were open the entire festival. We debuted our new “Small Town Big Outdoors” tent/display setup at the festival and received several positive comments about it. Plans for 2018 have already begun!!

Arts Council Grant

We were pleased to recently learn that we have been awarded a \$2,100 Grassroots Grant to conduct Hispanic Heritage Day in 2018 by the NC Arts Council. The local arts council raved about the event last year and really wanted us to do it again. We will once again invite all Eden 5th graders to participate. A date will be coordinated with the school system and announced at some point in the future.

LED Sign

The new sign here at City Hall is working great!! It has been mulched and straw has been put around the bare areas. The Sign Shop will be installing the letters “EDEN CITY HALL” this week and additional landscaping will be completed in the near future. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from the community! Recent messages have included information about Leaf Collection, Breast Cancer Awareness Activities, Freedom Park Activities, City Council Meetings and more.

Quilt Square – Rockingham County Quilt Trail

The quilt square has been put under glass and had a metal frame put around it at Tri-City Glass to protect it from the elements. Our square will be placed in Grogan Park and is the 30th square on the Rockingham County Quilt Trail.

Veteran’s Day Celebration

We have been working with Draper Elementary School on our Annual Veterans Day Parade (8:45 a.m.) & Ceremony (9:15 a.m.). It is set for Thursday, November 9th and will be held in the Veteran’s Park located on Fieldcrest Road.

Engineering Department

Street Resurfacing Projects – Update

The FY 2017-18 Street Resurfacing Contract, No. 3 – Waugh Asphalt hopes to start construction the week of October 16th. Weather permitting, 25 of the 36 street sections on this contract are scheduled to be completed by November 15th. The remaining 11 street sections will be resurfaced in the spring of 2018.

Southwood Drive Upgrade – Waugh Asphalt hired Delta Contracting to mill out the gravel section of Southwood Drive between E. Arbor Lane and E. Harris Place at a depth of 9.5 inches. This work was completed in conjunction with the E. Harris Place Improvements Project on September 26, 2017. After milling out three small areas on E. Harris Place later that afternoon, we realized we were not going to be able to use the asphalt millings as the stone base due to the size of the material being removed. The following day, city forces hauled 493 tons of ABC Stone from Martin Marietta

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to the site and installed the 6-inch stone base. The city's cost to upgrade Southwood Drive was \$15,674.05. Wynnefield Properties, the developer of Ashton Way Apartments; has hired Waugh Asphalt to install the asphalt on the gravel section of Southwood Drive while they are working in Eden later this month.

E. Harris Place Improvements Project – Delta Contracting milled out the deteriorated sections of asphalt pavement between Linden Drive and Southwood Drive on September 26th, 27th and 28th. Waugh Asphalt installed 7 inches of asphalt base course in the areas as they were dug out. Waugh Asphalt's paving crew came in on Thursday, September 29th and overlaid the entire street section with 1.5 inches of virgin asphalt surface course. On October 3rd, Triad Road Maintenance re-installed the pavement markings.

Morgan Road Resurfacing – This is a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) project. The Gordon Brothers completed the asphalt milling on Tuesday, October 10th. Over the next 7 to 10 days, NCDOT will have contractors working on the patching, structure adjustments and the installation of 2 additional handicap ramps. The road is scheduled to be resurfaced the week of October 23rd.

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

Additional revisions to plans for the W. Arbor Lane and Wildflower Lane Water Main Replacement project resulted in the Bid Opening date being changed to October 31st.

A crew from Shiloh Utilities, Inc. begin work on the Victor Street 2" Water Main Replacement project on October 12th. Work on the project is expected to be completed by the end of November.

Survey and design work by engineering consulting firms is expected to be underway by the last week of October for the Water Main Replacement projects along a portion of Sunset Drive, and a couple sections of Jackson Street.

Finance & Personnel Department

Eden Budget Message

The Eden Budget Message for the current 2017-2018 fiscal year is available on our web site at www.edennc.us. This 57-page document gives a comprehensive overview about our current budget. Once you go to our web site click on the Documents and Forms link at the bottom of the page. Once you are on the Documents and Forms page click on the Budget Documents – City of Eden link. Once you are on the Budget Documents – City of Eden page click on the 2017-2018 Budget Documents link and you will then see a link to the City Budget Message for FY 2017-2018 on the right side of the page. If you have any questions after reviewing the Eden Budget Message please feel free to contact me at bcorcoran@edennc.us.

Information Technology Department

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October is Cyber Security Awareness Month. We would like to remind each of you to be extra vigilant in regards to your online activities. Data breaches are increasing at a rapid pace. No business, institution, or individual is now considered too small for hacking groups to target. It seems the tool of choice for today’s hackers is e-mail. Infected e-mail attachments that install ransomware that encrypts your files, holding them for ransom, or that install back doors allowing a hacker to steal your online account and banking information are becoming more prevalent. E-mails that trick the user into thinking it is from their bank or financial institution often contain links to specially crafted websites designed to capture and record account numbers, credit card numbers, account login credentials, and passwords. We encourage each of you to keep these red flags in mind when determining if an e-mail is genuine:

- Generic subject line – Legitimate e-mails usually have detailed subject lines.
- Suspicious links – Hover over links with your mouse cursor in e-mails to see the actual destination of the link. In general, avoid clicking on any link in an e-mail.
- Improper use of copyright – This is often used to make a phishing email look official.
- Bad grammar/spelling – Phishing e-mails often contain misspelled words and bad grammar. This is a sign that the e-mail did not come from a professional organization or a real person.
- Unnecessary urgency – Be wary of e-mails that implore you to act immediately, offer something that sounds too good to be true, or ask for personal information. Use your intuition and if something ‘feels’ wrong, consider calling the organization or institution directly to confirm the e-mail is actually from them.

Remember, when in doubt, throw it out. If an e-mail looks suspicious, it probably is.

Municipal Services Department

Tornado Response & Recovery Costs Summary & Request for Public Assistance Funds

On October 6th I sent a letter to Mr. Michael A. Sprayberry, Director – North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) respectfully requesting that our response and recovery costs related to the EF-1 Tornado that struck our community on May 5th be recommended to Governor Cooper for consideration as a State Type 1 disaster declaration for public assistance as forth under North Carolina General Statutes 166-A. Specifically, it was noted that Eden has documented actual response and recovery costs in the following amounts:

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Debris Removal: | \$216,906.67 |
| Emergency Protective Measures: | \$ 30,541.79 |
| Road and Bridges: | <u>\$ 953.01</u> |
| Total | \$248,401.47 |

The threshold for declaration previously set forth by NCEM is \$193,154. Since the City’s actual documented eligible costs exceed this threshold the City is eligible for reimbursement of 75% of its documented eligible costs or \$186,301.10 if approved by the Governor. The City of Eden will be responsible for the remaining \$62,100.37 in costs.

Surplus Auction Scheduled for November 4th

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A surplus auction will be held at our Municipal Services facility on Klyce Street on November 4th. For more information please contact Paul Dishmon, Director of Municipal Services at pdishmon@edennc.us.

Parks & Recreation Department

Freedom Park Fall Festival & Cruz In

The Eden Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring the Freedom Park Fall Festival & Cruz in at the Kiwanis Amphitheatre in Freedom Park on Saturday, October 28th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The event will include FREE inflatables, mini golf, Zap the Zombie game, Italian Ice and food vendors, Scooby Doo Bounce House and Slide, various games, cake walk, FREE face painting, a prizes. There will be a costume contest at 6:00 p.m. with the winner receiving a Walmart gift card. Music will be provided by the Bullet Band plus Karaoke. This is a fun filled event for the whole family!

Dog Park

One of the goals in the *Positively Eden* strategic plan is the implementation of recommendations included in the recently completed and adopted Park and Recreation Master Plan. City staff has created a conceptual plan (see below) for a dog park at Freedom Park. There will be two separate areas: one for large dogs and one for small dogs. A formal recommendation concerning this project will be presented to the City Council for their review and consideration during their meeting on October 17th. For additional information concerning this project please contact Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks and Recreation at jfarmer@edennc.us.



Draper Landing River Access Repairs & New River Access Point Off Klyce Street

City staff is in the process of preparing a grant request to the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund that provides grants up to \$100,000. First, we intend to seek funds to repair the Draper Landing River Access that was damaged by the Spring rains and second, we intend to seek funding for the installation of a new river access point on City property at the end of Klyce Street approximately

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one-mile from the Leaksville Landing. This will allow tubers a longer float along the Dan and create a more manageable race beginning point for the Great River Race.

WLOE – Parks & Recreation Radio Program & Community Accents Program

Staff conducted the monthly Parks & Recreation Radio Program with WLOE on September 20th, and then participated in the Community Accents Program with WLOE on October 13th. We use these opportunities to update our residents and others about the Parks and Recreation programs that are happening.

Freedom Park Nature Trail Improvements – Project Update

Staff has met at the Freedom Park Nature Trail and discussed the improvements that will be made to the trails that include additional stone and granite dust, additional picnic tables, and the installation of 10 RV camp site pads at the back of Freedom Park. Work is expected to begin in the fall of this year and will be completed no later than April 20, 2018 per the grant agreement. For additional information concerning this project please contact Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks and Recreation at jfarmer@edennc.us.

Be Healthy Rockingham County

Parks and Recreation staff attended a Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on October 4th and will be attending the upcoming meeting on November 1st. This group is working on doing a survey of the County to determine what the needs of the County are as it relates to recreation and health related activities offered in the County. They are using the recently completed City of Eden Parks & Recreation Master Plan as a guide.

Matrimony Creek Greenway – Project Update

The Matrimony Creek project is moving forward, Josh Woodall, Landscape Specialist/Code Inspector of the Planning Department has contracted Pilot Environmental to identify wetlands for this project as required by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), and this work should be completed soon. Once this is completed, the area will be surveyed, and this information will be sent to Stoltzfus Engineering Inc. for the Engineering Services that will be necessary for this project. Erin Gilley, City Attorney is working with Hampton Heights Baptist Church on the transfer of property as well as all of the necessary easement property transfers and hopes to have all of this work concluded by the end of October. Once this stage of the project is completed, then the actual work on building the Matrimony Creek Natural Trail can begin. This Project must be completed by no later than April 20, 2018 per the grant agreement.

Planning & Inspections Department

Code Enforcement Update

We gained access to the Accurint program on September 29th. We have already been able to find 2 property owners for buildings that are the subject of a violation of Minimum Housing Code. We will continue to search for other property owners that have housing violations or owe the City for nuisance abatements. 9 notices have been mailed by certified mail and first class mail. 6 were for high grass, 1 for junk, 1 for junk cars and 1 was for violation of the Minimum Housing Code. Staff will follow up on notices as they reach their deadlines and send any that have not been abated to the Facility Maintenance Division.

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Historic Preservation Commission Update

The Commission recently held a public hearing to consider a request for local landmark designation of the Eden Historical Museum. The Commission recommended in favor of the request. The Commission discussed book sales and ways to promote the book. In addition, the Commission plans to proceed with a historic marker recognizing the east end of Stadium Drive as the former “Ferry Road”.

Planning Board Update

Zoning Case Z-17-07 – The Planning Board recommended approval of a text amendment to remove wording which requires that automobile sales lots be paved in the BG districts.

Zoning Case Z-17-08 – The Planning Board recommended approval of a text amendment to allow automobile repair as a permitted use in the BH-1 and BH-2 districts.

Board of Adjustment Update

This board did not meet during the past month.

Community Appearance Commission Update

The Commission discussed ways to “re-energize” the commission and possible projects. They voted to change their meeting date to the 1st Tuesday of each month (to avoid conflict with Planning Board meeting time). Prioritized projects include: Freedom Park overflow parking, sign ordinance revisions, safety/appearance issues at driveway entrance to Hampton Inn & Walmart (off of Hwy. 14), issues with dilapidated mills, and neighborhood improvement awards.

Tree Board Update

The Tree Board did not have a quorum for their September meeting.

Police Department

The Project SAFE Rockingham County (PSRC) program is an anti-gun violence coalition that seeks to reduce gang-related and chronic offender violent crime and illegal gun possession. After two years of operational success with funding from the Governor’s Crime Commission, PSRC is now supported by the six law enforcement departments in the county. In its six years of operation, PSRC has brought about positive changes to the criminal landscape. The next session for this program will be held on October 25th.

Vehicle Injury Prevention for a Very Important Person Program

The VIP for a VIP program (Vehicle Injury Prevention for A Very Important Person) is a program taking place at Morehead High School on October 24th, involving presentations by the Eden Police Department, Eden Fire Department, and other local first responder agencies. It will consist of a one-hour presentation in the auditorium at 10:00am, providing testimony and statistics directly related to teenage fatalities. At 2:15 in the afternoon, the students will assemble outside for a demonstration of a fatal car crash.

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Public Utilities Department

EPA Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to Stop Sewer System Overflows Update

At this time, we are on or ahead of schedule for our projects and our documentation submittals to the EPA and water infrastructure for our grant and loan funding. The Water Infrastructure Section of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has until November 1st to complete their review of our engineering report and give their approval for all projects. Design work on all the projects has been started by our engineering firm. Our first semi-annual progress report to be submitted to the EPA as part of the Administrative Order on Consent will be due November 1st.

Leachate from the Duke Energy

The Duke Energy Landfill Project began pumping leachate to our Wastewater Treatment Plant during the last ten days of June. During the billing cycle for July and into August they only pumped two days due to limited rain. The month of September was very dry, and no leachate was pumped to the City. Duke Energy is beginning to start filling the first cell of the landfill with coal ash, and this activity should start producing an accumulation of leachate. If anyone has any questions about any of this material or would like to meet with me to discuss any suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact me at bcorcoran@edennc.us.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and Adoption of Minutes: September 19, 2017.
- b. Approval of Garbage Truck - 5-Year Financing.

In the 2017-2018 Budget, City Council approved the purchase of a new garbage truck for the Solid Waste department and it has been set up in the budget to be financed. On September 28, 2017, bids were requested from our local banks for the financing and received the following quotes:

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| Cater Bank & Trust | 2.35% |
| United Financial (Home Trust) | 1.71% |

The lowest quote is from United Financial at 1.71%. The first payment will not be due until next fiscal year (2018-2019) and the annual payments will be \$60,327.26 for five years. It was respectfully ask that Council approve United Financial (Home Trust) as the successful bid.

- c. General Fund Street Resurfacing Projects Financing.

The City Council approved a new loan in its FY 2017-2018 budget of \$1,100,000 within the General Fund. The city needs to proceed with private placement financing for the Street Resurfacing Projects.

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Resolution Approving Financing Terms

WHEREAS: The City of Eden, North Carolina (the "City") has previously determined to undertake a project for the financing of street resurfacing projects, (the "Project"), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The City hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"), in accordance with the proposal dated July 25, 2017. The amount financed shall not exceed \$1,100,000.00, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 2.63%, and the financing term shall not exceed fifteen (15) years.

2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the "Financing Documents") shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution. The Financing Documents shall include a Financing Agreement and a Project Fund Agreement as BB&T may request.

3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by City officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.

4. The City shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The City hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).

5. The City intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the City's official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the BB&T financing described above. The City intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the City's general fund, or any other City fund related to the project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

6. All prior actions of City officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 17th day of October, 2017.

Wayne R. Tuggle, Mayor

d. Approval and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment at Public Auction.

The listed items have reached end of life and/or are in need of parts that exceeded the cost of replacement of the item. Staff respectfully request that they be declared surplus and sold at public auction at the Public Works Facility on Saturday, November 4th, 2017 at 10:00 am. All items will

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be sold “as is/where is”. A resolution and notice was published not less than 10 days before the day of the auction.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN
PERSONAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the city by public auction to the highest bidder:

WHEREAS, the City of Eden has surplus property as listed below:

2017 Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

| MAKE/MODEL | YEAR | VIN NUBMER | CONDITION |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| FORD 4S | 2001 | 2FAFP71W21X137497 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71W45X149575 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71W95X149572 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71W25X149574 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71WX5X149578 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71W85X149577 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71W55X149570 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2000 | 2FAFP71W6YX173137 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2006 | 2FAFP71W06X163491 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2006 | 2FAFP71W96X163490 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71W75X149571 | POOR |
| GMC TRUCK | 1985 | 1GDG6T1B4FV618184 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71W15X149579 | POOR |
| CHEV 4S | 2005 | 2G1WF55K459284724 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2000 | 2FAFP71W2YX173135 | POOR |
| WSTR. TRUCK | 1996 | 2WKPDCC6TK941933 | POOR |
| CHEV 4S | 1995 | 1G1BL52P9SR177628 | POOR |
| CHEV TRUCK | 1991 | 1GN9V26K7MF129254 | POOR |
| FORD TRUCK | 1993 | 1FTEF25N3PNB22658 | POOR |

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| CHEV 4S | 2005 | 2G1WF55KX59285229 | POOR |
| FORD TRUCK | 1994 | 1FTHF25H5RNB53758 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 1996 | 2FALP71W4TX192135 | POOR |
| CHEV TRUCK | 1984 | 2GCEK14H6E1178643 | POOR |
| FORD TRUCK F350 | 1995 | 1FDKF37H1SNA65090 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 2005 | 2FAFP71W65X149576 | POOR |
| CHEV 4X4 TRUCK | 1985 | 1GCGD34J0FF317192 | POOR |
| FORD 4S | 1998 | 2FAFP71W4WX169925 | POOR |
| AUTC TRUCK | 2005 | 5VCDC6BE55H201621 | POOR |
| FORD DUMP TRUCK | 1991 | 1FDXK74P6MVA28138 | POOR |
| MACK TRUCK | 1988 | 1M2AY04Y3JM004238 | POOR |
| TRAILER | 1988 | NCX696934 | POOR |
| CHEV TRUCK | 1994 | 1GBM7H1J9RJ102542 | POOR |
| CHEV 4S | 1995 | 1G1BL52P4SR176628 | POOR |
| GMC | 2002 | 1GDM7H1C32J509772 | POOR |
| FORD | 1988 | 6610 4X4 TRACTOR | POOR |
| | 1988 | BUSH HOG MD406 | POOR |
| | 1974 | GREAT DANE TRAILER | POOR |
| TORO | | (2) 2870 MASTER TORO MOWERS | POOR |
| TORO | | (2) MASTER TORO MOWERS | POOR |
| | 1995 | (2) PULL TRAILERS | POOR |
| HEIL | 1984 | HEIL TRAILER | POOR |
| | 1970 | 20FT HOMEMADE TRAILER | POOR |
| FRAIL MOWER 3PT | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |

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| HITCH | | | |
| (3) AIR COMPRESSORS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| (2) START ALLS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| PIPE LIFTING TOOL | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| FILE SAFE | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| (6) FORD REAR ENDS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| HYDRAULIC TANK | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| (16) SKID STEER TIRES | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| TRUCK TOOL BOX | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| (2) MILITARY GENERATORS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| BLOODMOBILE SIGN | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| (3) KNUCKLE BOOM CLAMS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| KNUCKLE BOOM PARTS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| DUMPSTER TRANSPORTER | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| RAIL ROAD TIES | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| (4) STIHL CHAINSAWS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| PURE POINT CAMERA SYSTEM | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| 3PT HITCH WOODS MOWER | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| PAPER PRINTER | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| (5) SNOW PLOWS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| SEATS FOR VEHICLES | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| (19) CAR WHEELS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |

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| POLICE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| MASSEY FEGUSON COMPACT | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |
| TRACTOR | 1981 | NONE | POOR |
| MISC., BELTS, BEARINGS, CHAINS, OIL AND AIR FILTERS | UNKNOWN | NONE | POOR |

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 160A-270 provides for the sale of such City property by public auction. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Eden that the above listed property is hereby declared as surplus and Paul Dishmon, Municipal Services Director is authorized to arrange for the sale of said surplus property and complete the sale at the auction. A public auction shall be conducted on November 4th, 2017 at 10:00 am at the City of Eden Public Works Facility located at 1050 Klyce Street, Eden, NC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property listed above will be sold on an “as is, where is” basis with all sales being final and the right to reject any and all bids being reserved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council shall cause a notice setting forth the details of this resolution to be published in accordance with NCGS 160A-270.

Adopted this the 17th day of October 2017.

CITY OF EDEN

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheralene Thompson
City Clerk

A motion was made by unanimous consent to approve the Consent Agenda.

CITIZENS ACADEMY:

Mayor Tuggle welcomed the members of the 2017 Citizens Academy graduates who were present, Gerri Hunt, Mona Lisa Mccorkle, Deirdre Moyer, Michael Richardson, and Sandy Williams to accept their certificates.

He also announced the Favorite Department Award to the Eden Police Department. Chief Reece Pyrtle accepted the award.

Mayor Tuggle then announced the Favorite Instructor Award to Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Burnette had a few comments to make. *The comments are verbatim below:*

Recently I finished reading ***Celebrating 50 Years Consolidation: 1967-2017***. First I am going to recommend that if you have not read this book, please do so. I think you will find it very informative and very interesting. It can be instructive if you let it.

As I was reading the book, it made me reflect about a lot of the proceedings. I found this book to not only provide history but also lessons about the present and lessons about the future. And I would like to share with you my thoughts about that and those lessons.

Once consolidation was approved by the citizens, a 23 member governing board made up of leaders from the consolidated areas and led by Bill Armfield served from September 1967 until the first election in May of 1968. And this board faced its challenges right from the beginning when a law suit was filed to block consolidation. On April 8, 1968 the North Carolina Supreme Court unanimously upheld a lower court decision holding valid the consolidation of the Tri-Cities.

May 7, 1968 Jones Norman was elected the first mayor of Eden. In his acceptance speech he talked about the characteristics of leadership that contribute to good leadership in local, state and national government. He also said that *he wanted a unified Eden, not just a consolidated one*. Think about that. Unified vs consolidated. There is a big difference. The leadership of the City Council and Mayor is always important but extremely so in the formation of a new city. To me this would be like starting a corporation from scratch with 15,000 employees already there.

There were many accomplishments in that first year. At the one year anniversary Mayor Norman talked about many of those accomplishments, to name just a few were the creation of a new zoning ordinance, upgraded street lighting, employing a city manager, combining the police departments in to one location, purchasing property and a building for a central city hall, and many more.

But the comment that he made that really made me consider where we really are today was, “Now as we recognize and celebrate Eden’s first anniversary, may we all as citizens rededicate ourselves in unity and spirit to continue our efforts to make Eden the finest city in the United States. To help attain that goal, all of us need to be boosters of our city. If you want to live in the kind of a city like the kind of city that you like, why you need not slip your clothes in a grip and go on a long, long hike, you’ll find what you’ve left behind for there’s nothing that’s really new. You knock yourself when you knock your city, it isn’t the city it is you. This is true, we reflect the city in which we live.”

One of the largest challenges the city faced in the early years was the lack infrastructure for water and sewer. There were homes in Eden that had septic tanks that were overflowing. There were two separate bond issue votes for water and sewer improvements in the first few years and they both were defeated. Part of the negative information that was put out about passing the bond issue was supposition, part was half-truths and part untruths. This sharing of information was done much like

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the information that was put out a few years earlier when consolidation was vehemently opposed. At that time, unsigned leaflets were distributed house to house with some very incorrect and negative information. They had no internet back then.

The city continued with not only these major struggles but other problems as well. For example, City Manager Ed Welch after completing his first year on the job commented “there have been some exasperating times and problems that really had me in a sweat”. He knew that the jealousies between the old towns of Leaksville, Spray and Draper still existed. He would get complaints that more work was being done in one area than another.

At the May 1969 Council meeting Mayor Norman being reelected addressed the audience as follows: “It is my hope that my brief remarks will in no way ruffle anyone’s feelings. There are far too many important issues before us to waste time or efforts in personal recriminations which are in most cases 90 percent untrue and always 100 percent unnecessary. Certainly, I am not laboring under any cloudy delusions regarding the gravity of local problems facing this board, nor the urgency of teamwork on the part of this board and all of its citizens of Eden. If we take a human view of the problems that affect our city and attempt to solve them with good common sense, I feel sure we can succeed in overcoming them to the best advantage of all citizens. No man was big enough yesterday, no man is big enough today and no man will be big enough tomorrow to have animosity and reason at the same time.”

Think about all of those things being said 50 years ago. And the struggles then. And the struggles now in 2017. And what is being said in 2017.

But with leadership from mayors and councils over the 50 years many problems and obstacles have been overcome and Eden has progressed. We still have many problems and obstacles to work through. It is our job to provide the leadership so Eden will continue to progress. Over the years, I think that as a city council we have made progress and as a council we have had a good working relationship. Well, I can think of one term that was an exception to that.

I said in the beginning that this was not only about history but also about the present and the future.

Those words and quotes that I have shared with you are as appropriate today as they were 50 years ago. Maybe even more so today.

So what did I learn? First is, “The more things change the more they stay the same”. You may not have heard those words 50 years ago....but have you heard them recently? Have you heard of similar negative situations recently? Maybe you have even seen a negative sign recently!

Next, for us as leaders and as a city council, let us make sure that today we learn from the mistakes in our history or else it is true that we are destined to repeat it.

Let me assure you that each council member and every person at this dais is working to make Eden the finest city in the United States. And that is a fact, regardless of the innuendos and half-truths that are being circulated by a few antagonists.

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So in conclusion, let me share some advice given by Teddy Roosevelt. This is especially for our council, councils of the future, city staff and employees and city staff and employees of the future: "It is not the critic who counts. ... The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly ... who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

Mayor thank you for allowing me the time to share this with everyone.

Mayor Tuggle stated that he wanted to follow up and unfortunately a lot of times you have to say these type of things but, I am on my last leg as mayor here, I will be out in November, there will be a new mayor and unfortunately I think, I have been in the community a long time I spent 30 years in education and some of you out there are some of my former students sitting there tonight. I have always tried to be a man of integrity and a man of honesty and I have tried to do the right thing, I never have done anything illegal or not do anything with any child I have ever dealt with and I have always felt the same way about dealing with the people in the city.

Social media now it is there to divide people, with all the good there is a lot of bad there. And with Brad Corcoran, I have known him for a long time, Cindy Adams, Mike Dougherty, Reece Pyrtle, Paul Dishmon, Tammie McMichael, Tommy Underwood, Johnny Farmer and all of these Council Members and myself, I assure you that you take a beating from certain individuals that claim you are dishonest, you don't do what you are supposed to do, there is malfeasance associated with everything you do. You don't care about people...and I would hope that all of you out there do not let these people that are negative people try to divide all of us. They will divide us by wealth, they will divide us by religion, they will divide us any way they possibly can and unfortunately with all the good that comes from social media there is also a lot of bad with it too. Like I said, these people I have called out I have known them for a long time and some of them I actually taught in school just like some of you that are sitting out there. And they are some of the most decent, honest, hardworking people I have ever worked with. It was in education for 30 years and 14 with City Council. And what a fine group of people it is here to work with and I take a lot of pride in it and I hope when you see and read and hear these things from these negative people, that is all they bring to this community is negative stuff, they never do anything positive, all they do is gripe and complain all the time. And I don't have to tell any of you, you probably already know certain people right now, that's all they live for is to gripe and complain and they never do anything to help. So I hope you will stand up to them and tell them how you have some decent, honest, good people that are trying to do the right thing for the city.

Council Member Hall also commented:

I would just like to say that I attended the funeral today for Wink Hoover, he was a great statesman in our county and he was going to be missed, a great man.

In closing Mayor Tuggle thanked all of the Citizens Academy participants for attending the meeting, what a wonderful bunch of people. He hoped that they would have a greater appreciation of how difficult it was to run the city. You don't make everybody happy all of the time.

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ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by unanimous consent to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ATTEST:

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor