

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Council 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:

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

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Proclamation: Remember Me Thursday.

Mayor Hall called Melissa Greene with the Friends of Eden Animal Rescue forward before he read the proclamation.

Ms. Greene said the Rescue did more than take animals from shelters to avoid euthanasia. They liked to reach out to the community to let them know what the process was and the importance of taking in animals to get them adopted. They were a 501(c)3 nonprofit so everything they did to raise money went straight to the care of animals. They had several ongoing events such as a golf

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tournament in a couple of weeks at Oak Hill Golf Course. She invited anyone to play or sponsor. They loved to work in the community to help people who needed assistance with feeding their pets, pet vaccinations, or with spay and neuter. The Rescue tried to reach out networking to find homes for pets. They appreciated community support. She invited everyone to come out for Remember Me Thursday. If anyone wanted to volunteer, they should contact the Rescue.

Mayor Hall said the Friends of Eden Animal Rescue was a great organization. His family adopted a dog there in February and she had turned into a nice pet. He thanked the Rescue for putting them together.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Friends of Eden Animal Rescue is participating in Remember Me Thursday®;

WHEREAS, the staff and volunteers of Friends of Eden Animal Rescue have agreed to devote their time, resources and energy to this united effort to bring attention to orphaned pets;

WHEREAS, Friends of Eden Animal Rescue will hold a public candle-lighting ceremony with the goal of remembering those orphaned animals who died without a loving home and shining a light on the orphaned animals still waiting for their forever homes throughout the City of Eden and surrounding area;

WHEREAS, Friends of Eden Animal Rescue is working in cooperation with animal organizations and rescue groups from around the world in partnership with Remember Me Thursday® founder Helen Woodward Animal Center;

WHEREAS, the Remember Me Thursday® campaign will assist in not only bringing attention to the orphaned pets in the City of Eden, but will therefore result in increased adoptions of these pets;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neville Hall, Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim that the fourth Thursday of September is the official Remember Me Thursday® Day.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2018.

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

b. Proclamation: National Manufacturing Day.

Mayor Hall called on Economic Development Director Mike Dougherty before he read the proclamation.

Mr. Dougherty said one of the positive things about manufacturing in Eden was that Karastan celebrated its 90th anniversary. They paid their employees very well and the employees had tremendous longevity. The proclamation talked about apprenticeships. Rocket Top was one where 20 kids would do apprenticeships through high school and then be offered jobs. The ¼ cent sales tax, which they lobbied for heavily many months, would provide a Workforce Development Center so kids would have a pipeline in to get the education they needed for manufacturing jobs. As manufacturing continued to get more automated and sophisticated, the kids needed education for the jobs.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Dougherty for his comments.

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PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 5, 2018 “NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY”
IN CITY OF EDEN/ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, NC #MFGROCKSNC2018

WHEREAS, Recognizing October 5, 2018 as National Manufacturing Day, a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, The Reset Rockingham Partners, Rockingham County Manufacturers Association, Rockingham Community College’s Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Rockingham County Public Schools Career and Technical Education, and the Rockingham County Center for Economic Development, support manufacturing and manufacturing careers;

WHEREAS, National Manufacturing Day will be recognized with the following events:

- 1 - October 1st, Monday, 6:30 p.m. the County Board of Commissioners approving Board Resolution celebrating National Manufacturing Day and the Presentation of the 2018 New and Expanding Manufacturers in Rockingham County.
- 2 - October 3rd, Wednesday, Rockingham Community College hosts Manufacturing Day:
 - Young people and others in the community to the manufacturing sector
 - Career opportunities
 - Demonstrate the contributions manufacturing makes to the local economy
 - Contribution to the vitality of our community
 - Show modern manufacturing for what it is – a sleek, technology-driven industry that offers secure, good-paying jobs
- 3 - October 4th, Thursday, each high school’s student will tour an industry in their prospective communities.
- 4 - October 5th, Friday from 11:30-1:30 by special invitation of Dr. Mark Kinlaw, RCC President, and hosted by Rockingham County Center for Economic Development, the Manufacturing Industry Leaders Luncheon/Tour of RCC Advanced Manufacturing facilities; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is a corner stone of our economy with approximately 108 manufacturing companies located in Rockingham County, representing 21% of the workforce, providing leading-edge manufacturing jobs for employees and contributing to broad-based prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham Community College works with local industries to maximize success through quality workforce training; and

WHEREAS, one of the keys to America’s greatness is its ability to make things, to devise and develop new products from the ingenuity and skill of manufacturers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eden City Council does hereby proclaim October 5th, 2018 as “National Manufacturing Day” in Eden, North Carolina in recognition and appreciation to the many manufacturing companies of our community.

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c. Proclamation: Constitution Week.

Mayor Hall noted the proclamation was added to the agenda at the meeting. He read the proclamation.

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WHEREAS, September 17, 2018 marks the two hundred and thirty-first anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as constitution week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neville Hall, Mayor, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2018 to be

CONSTITUTION WEEK in the City of Eden and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great SEAL of the City of Eden on this 18th day of September, 2018 and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty third.

City of Eden
Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

SET MEETING AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings at this time.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Hall asked City Attorney Erin Gilley to read the City’s policy for the speakers.

Preston Allen, 1723 Maryland Avenue, thanked the Mayor, City Manager, City Council and Municipal Services Director Paul Dishmon for the outstanding work on the sidewalks and curbing/guttering. They worked hard over the last month. He had one request that when workers were paving a street they needed someone to direct traffic to make it safer.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Allen for the positive comments about the sidewalks. Mayor Hall said if Mr. Allen saw the repaving and thought they needed more people, please call the City as it was going on because that could possibly be a safety issue. The City had a great staff who did what they could for the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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- a. Update on the status of Highway 29 improvements for Future Interstate 785.

Mayor Hall called on Planning and Inspections Director Kelly Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said it was an exciting project for the City because for many years economic development activities had been hampered due to a lack of proximity to an interstate. However, in partnership with Guilford County's Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization in Division 7 of DOT, which they were a part of, there would be improvements from the Hicone Road intersection on Highway 29 to the Highway 158/Highway 14 interchange in Rockingham County. Signage would go up that would say future Interstate 785. The project would cost over \$300,000,000. There were 915 regional projects submitted and the Highway 29 project was one of the 115 that got approved. Ms. Stultz said nothing would happen instantly but Hicone Road was being worked on. The new road should be wonderful for Eden since it would be a good road for a truck to travel to get to Eden.

Council Member Burnette thanked Ms. Stultz and Council Member Carter for their hard work on the project. It would make a positive difference to Eden. He asked Ms. Stultz for the distance it would cover.

Ms. Stultz replied it would be from the Hicone Road interchange at Highway 29 all the way to the Highway 158/Highway 14 interchange with all of the interchanges along that route.

Council Member Burnette asked when the project would begin.

Ms. Stultz replied it was underway as it had been funded and design work had started. She said like with Highway 220, once they began erecting the signs was when they saw the greatest benefit and that should start happening soon. Council Member Carter had been a part of the Rural Planning Organization for the County for a long time. The meetings were often tedious and held in Greensboro. There were two groups that met - elected officials, for Rockingham County that was the county commissioner as well as municipal representative Council Member Carter. The other group of people at the meetings came to speak but did not vote like the elected officials.

Council Member Carter said the biggest problem and what took time was building the service roads along the new highway. They would have to be built at each intersection. He thanked their Guilford County friends that lobbied their points to get the road approved. He thanked Caswell County as well. They had worked on the project for a long time. Any time they saw someone from the State they were right there talking in their ear to get the project approved. He was glad to finally achieve approval.

Ms. Stultz thanked all of the staff in Rockingham County for working together, the County Planning Director and Reidsville Planner Donna Setliff.

Council Member Grogan asked if there was a map of the new interstate.

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Ms. Stultz said there was a map and she would get a copy to the Council. She did not know how it would translate to put up on a slide for the meeting. She said there would be better graphic depictions as the months went by when they started doing plans.

Council Member Carter said to think about Highway 14 from Highway 29 all the way to the Greensboro Hicone bridge.

Mayor Hall said they had done a lot of work in that area already. He thanked Council Member Carter and Ms. Stultz for attending the meetings because the interstate would be an economic development tool for Eden. It got Eden's distance to an interstate from the previous 40 miles down to about 14 miles. They hoped the interstate would be an economic incentive.

Ms. Stultz said the interstate was something that was created in committees working with DOT. It was truly the case of the squeaky wheel getting the oil. She had been told by DOT that every time they saw her she wanted something, but her job was to get what was best for Eden and Rockingham County.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Stultz for the update and for fighting for Eden.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Ashley Latham Photography Development Incentive Grant Application.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said it was her night for things that were good. Ashley Latham Photography purchased several buildings on Washington Street and did an absolutely marvelous job in their renovations. When the Council adopted a program to provide incentives for commercial areas in the community in May 2017, that was the project they were thinking of that would be a stimulus for the area and would give just a little bit to help people get over the hump with their project. Ms. Stultz said they had submitted all of the project data to Adam Mark with Rockingham County's Economic Development Office for the County's approval. That particular grant was one developed with the County and all of the municipalities to provide a tax break from the City and the County for prospective businesses. Ashley Latham Photography had paid taxes for 2018 and she thought the County would issue a check as they should be eligible to receive funds immediately. Ashley Latham Photography did a great job and Ms. Stultz hoped it would encourage others. The City had not had a lot of success at getting people knowledgeable about the programs but now Main Street Manager Randy Hunt had been informing businesses about them. Programs like it were a fine idea and it was beneficial to the City to help the businesses.

Mayor Hall said the program was created for that type of reinvestment and redevelopment of downtown. He was holding their receipts and years of evidence that showed the business did everything required to be eligible for the grant. They did not just call up and ask for a refund. He hoped another business would hear about it and be encouraged to do the same thing.

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Ms. Stultz said often incentives given by local government were criticized. Ashley Latham Photography would only receive dollars they had generated.

Mayor Hall said it was based on an increase in their tax value. When their property value went up, then the taxes increased. The Council decided a couple years ago the City would help with that increase. If a business increased its property's value, then the City would help the business with their tax increase for a certain amount of time.

Council Member Ellis commented that Seth and Ashley Latham were both graduates of Morehead High School and they moved back to Eden to open up a great business. He appreciated them and their business being in Eden.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to approve the Ashley Latham Photography Development Incentive Grant Application. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

- b. Request for the City Council to ask the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of an Annexation Petition for property located at 342 Wilshire Drive.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said years prior and at the request of the Wright Company, the City had annexed the former Northridge, now called Summit Place, but several adjoining properties not owned by Wright had not been annexed at that time. There was one property left that had not since been annexed and those owners at 342 Wilshire Drive had applied to be annexed. The benefit of annexation would be a half-off water bill for the residents, along with other City services. Ms. Stultz asked the Council to start the process of annexation for 342 Wilshire Drive.

Mayor Hall said they had dealt with the properties requesting annexation for several months one at a time.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to adopt a Resolution directing the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of an Annexation Petition for property located at 342 Wilshire Drive. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE
A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER N.C.G.S. 160A-58.1

WHEREAS, a Petition requesting annexation of a lot described in said Petition was received on August 14, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Eden; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 160A-58.2 provides that the sufficiency of the Petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden deems it advisable to proceed in response to these requests for annexation:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eden that: The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described Petitions and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

This the 18th day of September, 2018.

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BY: Neville A. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

c. Approval of Boards and Commissions Appointment.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said if the appointment went through, there was still one vacancy on the Eden Strategic Planning Commission. The Commission asked that the Council appoint Rev. Merinda Easley to serve and Ms. Stultz recommended her as well.

A motion was made by Council Member Hampton to appoint Merinda Easley to the Eden Strategic Planning Commission. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

d. Appeal of a nuisance violation at 622 Lake Street by Ronald East.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said as of the last meeting, her department was instructed to start a house by house, lot by lot, code enforcement inspection of every street in Eden. They had covered 46 linear miles of streets. One of the inspectors started east, the other west, and she hoped they would meet along Highway 14 soon. The code compliance report which documented the 186 violations sent out in the month of August was on the City's website. It was good news for the City that the Council gave her department a generous amount of funding for inspections that year. Mr. East received a letter about his property at 622 Lake Street. He had a business where he worked on rental properties and he had appliances and other items stored on his property, some under a carport, some not. Obviously that kind of storage was strictly prohibited by the City's nuisance ordinance. Mr. East was sent a notice and came in to appeal her decision that it was a nuisance. Ms. Stultz said that Mr. East was not denying that the items were on the property but he thought he should be able to run his business.

Council Member Ellis asked what residential code the property was in.

Ms. Stultz replied she thought it was R-6. She showed pictures of the property from last year and then another picture from August 28, 2018.

Council Member Ellis asked Ms. Stultz to describe what R-6 was.

Ms. Stultz replied R-6 was a single family residential district.

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Mayor Hall said the Inspection Department showed zoning district R-20 for the property.

Ms. Stultz apologized for the confusion. R-20 was a large lot traditional post World War II zoning district. It only allowed for single family residences and until the last 10 years, home occupations were not allowed in R-20 but they had made some improvements to that code. However, R-20 was totally a residential district.

Council Member Hampton asked if all of the items were in Mr. East's backyard.

Ms. Stultz replied they were in the side yard.

Council Member Carter asked if it would be OK if the carport shelter were enclosed like a building.

Ms. Stultz replied Mr. East would still be in violation because he was running a business in a residential district but the department might not have noticed it. One of the things that happened when they did a lot of code enforcements was that people would get excited and report others. Mr. East would have had a zoning violation with a closed building due to conducting business in a residential zone but it would not have been a nuisance violation.

Mayor Hall called on Mr. East to address the Council.

Mr. East said he had done business for over 20 years in Eden. He took care of 300 to 400 rental properties for 12 years or more from his home at 622 Lake Street. At the particular time one of the pictures was taken he had a stove and refrigerator ready to go into a rental house. He repaired appliances and would keep them available for his customers. He would also use some of the appliances for parts if a customer needed it. He had gotten rid of some of the items in the pictures and planned to place the remaining stuff neatly under his shelter. It happened to be a bad time when the pictures were taken because stuff was in disarray due to trying to get to other items. He said if the inspectors were going east and west he had a neighbor down the road with the same type of stuff in his yard but that neighbor did not receive a notice.

Mayor Hall asked for the address of this neighbor since 186 notices were sent out and this person may have gotten one.

Mr. East replied he did not know the physical address but the neighbor had been living there the same amount of time he had. He talked to another person who did the same type business and they had their stuff outside piled high on Stadium Drive for four years and he had not received a notice. He did not care about those people but he had been running his business for 20 years in Eden. He was a single parent just trying to make a living. He had not had any problems but this year he had received two notices for the same thing. He put a tarp over the stuff one time and then this recent occasion he was moving stuff around because he had just bought several new items. He had some appliances that he had repaired and was going to take to a rental unit. He did not have the money to close the shelter in. He was so busy he did not have time to get the stuff organized after working all day. He would like permission to keep some of his stuff under the

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shelter even if he needed to cover it up with a tarp. He again said he did not have the money to close the shelter in. He apologized to Ms. Stultz for being upset when he came in about the notice.

Council Member Ellis asked Mr. East if he came in that day.

Mr. East said he came in the day of the first notice, August 24, to complain and then he got the second notice four days later worded more in depth. He said it was probably because he came in a little upset and they added more to the notice.

Ms. Stultz replied not at all. The way they processed notices was in the truck with a computer and printer so when staff saw the violations, the process got moving. The nuisance was posted on the property right then. The inspector brought the paper into the office for Local Codes Administrator Debra Madison to send out in the mail. Any pictures were included in their file.

Mr. East said he understood that and then he read the notice dated August 24 which stated he had construction debris in front of his house. He said the items were not in the front of his house but on the side of his house. The description on the paper from August 28 said appliances and junk were in the yard and under the carport. They were two different things.

Ms. Stultz read the Nuisance Ordinance section 6-37 of the Eden City Code. The ordinance said the open storage of any icebox, refrigerator, stove, water heater, freezer or other similar large appliance, glass, scrap building materials, building rubbish, debris or similar items were a violation of the ordinance.

Mayor Hall said the Council received complaints asking why they did not make the City look better. He responded by saying that it would depend on the citizen's willingness to clean up their own space. One of his pet peeves was littering, although this issue was not littering. He could not believe how many people littered and then complained about how dirty the City was. Someone might think something was fine but their neighbors may not want to look at it. The City would write an ordinance and adopt it and the Planning & Inspections Department was doing their job by enforcing the ordinance. It was not that the department was out to get Mr. East, they were out to get everyone not in compliance with the ordinance. In his opinion, if they sent out that many notices, it was obvious they had made a sweep of the City checking for all violations and were trying to correct the issue that the City got complaints about more than any other item. Mayor Hall said that he understood that Mr. East did not have the money to close in his shelter. However, he needed to present the Council with a plan for how he could get in compliance with the ordinance. Mayor Hall asked if there was any way Mr. East could get into compliance without closing the shelter in. Mayor Hall said Mr. East could move the items but he knew the items were needed for Mr. East's business.

Mr. East said he had been trying to clean it up a little bit and had gotten rid of some stuff. He was trying to condense the stuff down. His neighbor told him that Ms. Stultz had come out to his house that day before the meeting.

Mayor Hall said he rode by Mr. East's house that day as well. It did not look exactly like the picture displayed there but there were still code violations.

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Mr. East said he was sure there was still stuff under his shelter.

Mayor Hall asked Mr. East if he took all of the usable parts off of a large item could he not then get rid of the unneeded piece.

Mr. East said he had been doing that but he had been busy renovating 10 new rental properties and was too tired by the time he returned home to work on the items under the shelter. He worked hard for his customers doing repairs to get them top dollar rent for their properties. He worked on two houses in Eden that could have been condemned but were now livable and earning their owners \$650 monthly rent.

Ms. Stultz said when Mr. East came into her office he was angry and frustrated with the letter that he had received. If someone came in and needed to work out a plan with them or to give them an extension of time they would do that for everyone who came in. Ms. Stultz told Council once they had made their decision if Mr. East's property was still deemed a nuisance then she would be glad to work with him.

Mayor Hall said he did not want to see any harm done to Mr. East's business. He appreciated that Mr. East had rehabbed properties but he could not drive a truck without tags over there to work because there was a law that he had to have tags. There was a law that Mr. East could not have the appliances in an open shelter.

Mr. East said he needed the things to be able to work.

Mayor Hall said the items had to be stored properly according to the law. He told Mr. East they would love to work with him and to have a plan, but Mr. East could not just say he did not have time to fix it. That was not a plan.

Mr. East said that he was not saying that he did not have the time. He said he would get it condensed down to where he could store his stuff under the shelter neatly, maybe covered, until he could figure out how to get the sides on the shelter. He would greatly appreciate it as he needed the shelter to be able to work. He had tried to clean it up and he had no other place to put the items. He had other buildings full of repair items.

Mayor Hall again told Mr. East he appreciated him rehabbing the older properties. He said he wished the whole City would start a beautification process.

Council Member Ellis told Mr. East the City was tightening down on the violations. He had been to look at Mr. East's property. He appreciated his working for many property owners for 20 years in Eden renovating their rental homes. He asked Mr. East if there was any way for him to clean the items up and put a front on the storage shelter. A business should not be run in that area. Mr. East had been lucky to run his business in a residential area for 20 years.

Ms. Stultz replied Mr. East could run his office and function from his house with a permit, which her department could do. A contractor's storage yard was something that Council could permit in other districts.

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Council Member Grogan said particularly with appliances.

Ms. Stultz said the appliances were a violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Council Member Ellis said they were trying to get porches and yards cleaned up. This was not the City picking on him, they were trying to get the City cleaned up. He knew Mr. East could clean the property up. They had talked about the issues in the past. Maybe they could look at Mr. East's property in 30 days if that was OK.

Ms. Stultz said Mr. East had appealed whether or not his violation was a nuisance and before they do anything else they would need to decide if it truly was a nuisance. If it was deemed a nuisance, then she could meet with Mr. East and set up an arrangement.

Council Member Ellis said it was a nuisance when he looked at the pictures with a refrigerator and dishwasher in Mr. East's yard.

Mr. East said he understood but the department was calling the method of storage a nuisance and Mr. East said it was part of his business.

Council Member Ellis said he understood it was Mr. East's business but when the camera came by the picture of the stuff showed a nuisance.

Mr. East said they should have gotten about six other pictures in his area.

Council Member Ellis said they did not operate like that and he was confident they did not decide to target Mr. East.

Mr. East said he hoped they did not operate like that but he would be watching around. He said straight down Stadium Drive there were many properties that looked worse than his.

Council Member Ellis said Mr. East was a good man who always paid his taxes and had a good family.

Council Member Epps asked if they could rule if this property was a nuisance and give Mr. East until next the next meeting to have it straight.

Mayor Hall said they would vote on whether or not it was a nuisance. He said staff had recommended they consider it a nuisance based on the definition of what the City's ordinance said but the owner had appealed that saying he did not think it was one. The Council would vote which one they agreed with.

Mr. East said if it was a nuisance he still needed a little room to store his stuff for his business. He said he could store it neatly with a tarp over it instead of throwing it away.

Mayor Hall said again he thought the Council needed to decide whether or not it was considered a nuisance. After that, Mr. East would need to get with Planning and Inspections to determine how

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to remediate the nuisance whether that was totally removing it or covering it to not be a nuisance. Mayor Hall thought they would work with Mr. East to fix the issue the easiest and cheapest way he could.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan to deny the appeal. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

- e. Request to approve Strategic Plan funding to pave the Matrimony Creek Greenway/Nature Trail parking lot.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said through the Strategic Planning process and projects, the Matrimony Creek Greenway first phase was constructed. She had never seen the parking lot without a car rain or shine. The Strategic Planning Commission on August 7 voted to recommend to fund the paving of the parking lot at the Matrimony Creek Greenway in the amount of \$42,000. Ms. Stultz said the amount of \$42,000 was based on the expertise of Director of Transportation Engineering Tammy Amos who handled all of the City's street repaving. The cost could vary a little.

Council Member Burnette said he sat in on the Strategic Planning Commission meeting and he asked the Commission if they would look at things and not try to project the whole year for budgeting the money Council had set aside for them. He asked them to budget what they thought should be done in the first quarter so that was what Council was seeing with the two Strategic Plan funding items. Even though it was a lot of money it was spread out over the entire first quarter. He wanted to make sure they understood the plan.

Council Member Carter asked if the funding would come out of the Strategic Planning budget.

Council Member Burnett replied yes, the money was already budgeted but it was up to Council to approve or disapprove the projects they recommend.

Mayor Hall explained the role of the Strategic Planning Committee was to decide the projects they would like to fund and then ask Council to approve or not with the funding. It was part of their budget.

Council Member Burnette said the Strategic Planning Commission knew how much funding they had allotted. He said there was some discussion on each of the items about what and when to do things, but it was unanimous about recommending the projects to the Council.

Council Member Ellis asked Council Member Burnette how much money would be left in their budget.

Council Member Burnette said if all of the items presented were approved there would be about \$210,000 left in that budget.

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Council Member Burnette said one other expenditure from the budget was approved last meeting for the Our State Digital Content Proposal. He explained they were asking to approve the projects so they could get them completed within the next three quarters and not wait until the end of the budget year.

Council Member Hampton said she had been working with the Matrimony Creek project and it was a wonderful project. The only fault was the greenway did not go all the way down to the waterfall. If they were going to use \$42,000 for the parking lot, she would rather use that money to continue the greenway to the waterfall.

Ms. Stultz replied there was money budgeted for Phase 2 of the greenway. She said Phase 1 should have revealed the waterfall.

Council Member Hampton said at the ribbon cutting when she walked it did not go all the way to the waterfall.

Ms. Gilley said it did go to the waterfall at this time.

Mayor Hall said the greenway stopped about 10 feet from the waterfall. The project was currently paused but would continue with Phase 2. Getting the greenway to extend closer to the waterfall did not need to override the funding for the parking lot because the greenway would continue in phases. The phases were already budgeted and they are not taking money from that part to pave the parking lot.

Council Member Hampton said she had heard that fundraisers in the community were a part of the funding for Phase 2 to connect the current greenway to Douglass Elementary School.

Council Member Burnette verified with Mayor Hall that money was set aside for Phase 2 in the budget.

Mayor Hall replied it was.

Ms. Stultz said it was not in the Strategic Planning budget but in a separate line item.

Council Member Hampton said that was just what she had been told and she wanted to have the correct information before she voted.

Ms. Stultz said she did not want to speak too much for Parks and Recreation Director Johnny Farmer but she had not heard anything regarding fundraising for the project.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Strategic Plan funding to pave the Matrimony Creek Greenway/Nature Trail parking lot. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

- f. Request to approve Strategic Plan funding for the Karastan Mosaic, Wire Animal Public Art and Nature Trail Amenity Package Projects.

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Mayor Hall called on Coordinator of Tourism and Special Events & Projects Cindy Adams.

Ms. Adams said she had three exciting projects to present to the Council that helped the City's quality of life. Quality of life was important in the City. Two of the items were public art projects. She wanted to share a few statements about public art and how it affected the quality of life. Many studies had looked at the economic development benefits of art, but there had also been wider examinations of the effect of art on a community's sense of place. That was mentioned many times in the Strategic Plan – creating a sense of place. A recent study of 43,000 people in 43 cities found that social offerings, openness and welcomeness and the aesthetics of a place – its parks, its art and green spaces ranked higher than education, safety and the local economy as a driver of attachment. Art was setting a growing trend by being an important and recognized part of public history and living culture. It added meaning to cities and created a uniqueness to communities and neighborhoods. It reflected who they were. Art in communities that was accessible allowed people to experience it every day. They did not have to go to museums or galleries. It encouraged people to pay attention and it created great conversations. In America, cities and towns were almost in direct competition of being the city, the place where people wanted to live, visit and where they spent their money. Strong public art broke that sameness and blandness and gave them a better sense of identity which created loyalty. Art could help them celebrate the qualities that made their place different from all the other places. Ms. Adams suggested the City create a sense of civic vitality so others would want to live in and visit Eden.

Ms. Adams' first item was a Wire Wildlife Sculpture Public Art Project. On her PowerPoint presentation, she showed photos of the animal figures and said they were life-size sculptures to be placed on the lawn at City Hall. The outdoor art project coincided with the wildlife photo project inside City Hall. Both of the projects would create a great field trip opportunity. The artist who would create the sculptures was Josh Cote from Bakersville. He was an accomplished artist who had been featured on HGTV, in Southern Living Magazine, and his art was at The Laurel in Asheville. There would be six pieces made of durable wire that would last a long time, so they would be permanent. The project would cost \$10,770.

Ms. Adams' second item was the Karastan Mosaic. It was perfect timing due to Karastan having recently celebrated its 90th Anniversary. The Karastan Mosaic Rug would cost \$5,000 and be displayed in Grogan Park. Former Rockingham County Arts Council Executive Director and local artist Teresa Phillips would complete the project. Ms. Phillips did a mosaic displayed at Annie Penn Hospital and another one to be displayed at the Chinqua Penn Trail. This mosaic would be a 3x5 rug of the original 717 pattern on the concrete at the entrance of the gazebo. It would be a community build, meaning the artist would like Karastan employees, City Council members and students to help put in mosaics. She would like everyone to have ownership of this project. Ms. Adams said when the unveiling of this completed project was held they would like to have a Karastan celebration. The manager of the Karastan plant would like to get the famous historic World Fair Karastan rug that traveled around the United States brought to Eden for display and to have a real celebration of what Karastan meant to the community.

Ms. Adams' third and biggest project involved Matrimony Creek. She was on the Advisory Committee for the Belews Lake Greenway Project that was up and coming. The County,

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Rockingham Community College and Duke Energy Trail's Program with Tim Johnson, hired landscape architect firm OBS of Raleigh to develop an amenities package for that trail. Mr. Johnson would like to see all of the trails in Rockingham County have a uniform amenities look. Ms. Adams said they would have their own logos and coloring system for Matrimony Creek but the basis for all of the amenities would be the same. Therefore, if someone came to Rockingham County on one of the trails they would know where they were. The amenities were sleek and modern and involved cool elements like stacked rock, brushed metal and 8x8 timbers. The Nature Trail Amenity Package would cost \$28,700. It was a package of amenities for the Matrimony Creek Nature Trail and included a trailhead marker \$8,000; kiosk \$3,500; four cedar benches \$3,200; three information/education panels \$6,000; trashcans \$3,200; four mile markers \$2,400; and bollards \$2,400.

Ms. Adams said the total request for the three projects was \$44,470. They would be funded with money already allocated for the Strategic Plan projects.

Council Member Grogan said in line with what they were talking about earlier trying to clean up the City, those types of projects were exciting. They were the types of things to show people when they came to visit. Ms. Adams had told her that Karastan had given a lot of their plans and drawings for the mosaic and therefore become personally involved with the project.

Ms. Adams replied that Karastan Manager Darin Quesinberry had given free rein of their design department for the use of any employee, material or drawing that was needed for the mosaic. Many of the drawings that he had made available were historical drawings, which showed Karastan was very much in favor of the mosaic project.

Council Member Moore asked if the items were approved how quickly the projects would begin.

Ms. Adams replied the next day.

Council Member Moore asked how long would it take to complete the Karastan Mosaic.

Ms. Adams replied once Ms. Phillips got the prep work completed and there was a track of good weather she did not think it would be a lengthy process. Ms. Adams was planning for a late fall unveiling.

Mayor Hall said on the Nature Trail Amenity Package the estimates were all even rounded number prices. He asked had if she would be able to consider for one company to bid the project out to possibly get a better price.

Ms. Adams said yes, they could as those were estimates given by OBS the architectural firm. She believed those estimates were based on Raleigh costs so they should be able to get prices a little cheaper.

Mayor Hall said maybe they could get a local contractor who could do more than one of those items and possibly reduce the price.

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Ms. Adams said they would love to do that.

Mayor Hall said if the project was approved they should pursue that plan to get the items as cheaply and professionally done as possible.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

City Manager Brad Corcoran said the report was put online the previous week, added to the City's web page and submitted to Eden's Own Journal for the upcoming addition. He said the report was full of pertinent information and he would be happy to answer any questions that anyone might have.

Mayor Hall said there were a few items he would like to point out. On page 5, the sidewalk assessment policy explained there would be some financial input by any homeowners involved in sidewalk projects and adequate signatures required also. Council was sometimes asked questions about why the City had not installed sidewalks in a residential neighborhood and the policy would help answer those questions. Also, on page 6, it noted that on August 31, he, Mr. Dougherty and Mayor Pro Tem Burnette went to the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill for an announcement from the Virginia Secretary of Commerce upgrading that facility to a Tier 4 Ready Site, which would give the site a lot of leverage since there were not many facilities at the level in their region. There had been some good news in a recent press release and he asked Mr. Dougherty to speak about it.

Mr. Dougherty said the City was in a regional partnership for the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill. Eden would supply water and sewer to the park. He said half of the cost to run water lines had been funded by grants so it was less of a burden on taxpayers. The previous Friday an announcement was made that a second company had signed a purchase agreement and it would be a \$200,000,000 investment for 179 acres. They did not have the job numbers yet. They had six months and then the option of three consecutive 12-month periods to do their due diligence, but he did not think it would take that long. He explained this was the second company that had done this, with the first purchase agreement they renewed the agreement last year and there was a fee involved there. He said the company had some skin in the game. When it came to the park in relation to other ones, it was really in its infancy as they had just gotten the ability to clear properties about a year and a half ago. The analogy was given at the City Council Retreat that the Research Triangle was started in 1951 and languished for 14 years but now employed 50,000 people. Sometimes things took a little while, but the interest in the site had picked up dramatically. The Commonwealth of Virginia considered it as their number one mega site. The site was the number three site choice for Toyota Mazda which gave them tremendous credibility. With the Tier 4 designation they were working to get all of the utilities there. The time to market

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used to be 18 months but was now down to seven months and that was why building or infrastructure would need to be in place in order to meet new demands.

Mayor Hall said the information was just announced so there was no company name associated with the agreement yet. He said they would be very secretive while they did due diligence and it was months or years away from breaking ground. He said it was positive that there was interest in the park. He pointed out the information about 622 Washington Street, which was the building the City rehabbed. The Council had previously voted on the process for upset bids and they had a couple of those on the property. He asked Ms. Stultz to speak on where they were in the process and when the next important date would be.

Ms. Stultz said the following afternoon at 4:30 would be the end of the upset time for the current bid that had been advertised. They knew they already had one upset bid in a sealed envelope and more could still come in. Then they would have to run an advertisement with the new upset bid and wait 10 days. They would continue the process until a bid stood for 10 days. Once that were to happen that bid would need to be approved, rejected or made a counter offer by the City Council. The process could take a while.

Mayor Hall said they would have the upset bid opened the next day and start the process all over again. Anyone interested in 622 Washington Street could see Ms. Stultz for a tour.

Council Member Ellis asked Police Chief Greg Light to explain the closing of Country Club Drive for school traffic.

Chief Light said with the closing of Draper School, Central Elementary School inherited about 120 extra kids. He said they knew there would be a traffic problem. For many years there had been only one officer directing traffic at Central Elementary. For the first two weeks of school they had a civilian directing traffic and four additional police officers trying to direct traffic. He said it was very congested on Stadium Drive. It became an emergency situation and they did not want drivers crossing left of the center line and possibly having a head-on collision on Stadium Drive. He said with the help of Ms. Stultz, Ms. Amos and the Police Department staff, they came up with the traffic pattern in the City Manager's Report as far as closing Country Club Drive for that short amount of time. Chief Light said he had not had any real complaints and it had certainly cleared up Stadium Drive for emergency traffic.

Council Member Ellis replied excellent call.

City Manager's Report – September 2018

Attention Central Elementary Parents:

To ensure the safety of our students, families, and community the Eden Police Department is currently rerouting traffic during AFTERNOON dismissal. Starting Monday, September 10, the northbound lane of Country Club Drive from Stadium Drive to Greenway Street is being closed from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. during afternoon dismissal. Parents may utilize Panther Lane and Greenway Street or Edgewood Drive and Meadow Road to gain access to Country Club Drive for school pick up. There would be one line coming into the pickup line from Country Club Drive.

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Any parent wishing to park in the parking lot and walk up would also have that option. This change would allow for a safe and orderly dismissal that would not block Stadium Drive. Please see the maps below. Morning traffic patterns will remain the same. We appreciate your patience during this change! We appreciate your patience as we continue to work to ensure the safety of our children, school staff and citizens.

Cancellation of 15th Annual Eden RiverFest Celebration

Eden Mayor Neville Hall has announced that the 15th Annual Eden RiverFest celebration has been cancelled due to Hurricane Florence. While the exact path of the storm continues to fluctuate, most predictive models show it is having a direct impact on the City of Eden. The forecasted heavy rains and high winds would make it dangerous for vendors and attendees alike. "This is our largest annual event and we are disappointed that it has to be cancelled, but the safety of all involved is of primary importance," stated Hall. The City has scheduled additional emergency personnel on duty and on standby to address the impact of the storm. For more information on the event, contact Cindy Adams, Coordinator of Special Events and Tourism at cadams@edennc.us.

Update – Highway 29 Corridor for Future I-785

Eden and Rockingham County are in Division 7 (Alamance, Caswell, Guilford, Orange, and Rockingham counties) of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Funding for road improvement projects on state maintained roads can come from our division and/or directly from the state. Councilman Darryl Carter and the Planning Directors for Eden (Kelly Stultz), Reidsville, and Rockingham County are members of the NCDOT group in the Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization (RPO). This group was formed to improve fairness for funding for roads and other methods of transportation for rural areas as we compete with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Eden, Reidsville, and Rockingham County, with support from Guilford County, Caswell County, the City of Greensboro and NCDOT have been pressing for funding to improve Highway 29 from Hicone Road in Guilford County to US 158/NC 14 in Rockingham County to interstate standards in pursuit of becoming I-785. The Highway 29 project is considered a regional project. Across the state of North Carolina, 915 regional projects were proposed. Our project was ranked very high and was one of only 115 that were funded. According to the NCDOT, the primary purpose of this project will be to improve safety, reduce congestion, improve travel time and improve economic vitality. The total cost of this project will be nearly \$300,000,000. For a number of years our economic development activities have been hampered somewhat by a lack of proximity to a major interstate. These funded improvements will resolve that issue for Eden and will also help Reidsville, Rockingham County and Caswell County. Instead of Eden being 40 miles from an interstate it will be 10 miles, which makes quite a difference to industrial site consultants. Special thanks go to Eden City Councilman Darryl Carter, our elected representative on the Rural Planning Organization team. Mr. Carter was instrumental in lobbying support from Guilford, Caswell and Rockingham Counties to help this project score enough points to be funded. In addition, special thanks to Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections, who is also a member of the team and has supported the project for several years.

Code Enforcement Update

The City of Eden has initiated the process of traveling every street in our jurisdiction in an effort to complete a comprehensive sweep to identify all nuisance, zoning, junk car, human habitation

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standards, and non-residential maintenance standards violations. Since we began the sweep, we have covered 46 linear miles of streets and roads within the jurisdiction. We have completed 260 local code inspections since the last report. This includes our sweep and the violations that are reported. The breakdown of the 260 inspections are as follows: 6 for building violations, 186 for high grass, 30 for junk cars, 32 for junk storage, 1 for yard waste and 5 for zoning violations.

The N.C. General Statutes require that a Notice be mailed to each property owner by certified mail - return receipt requested and first class mail. If that mail is returned, the property must be posted. The City of Eden posts every property at the beginning of the process. As a part of our sweep, there are 155 properties that generated 189 certified mail notices and first class mail notices. Over time, this becomes very costly. Many properties require more than 1 notice because of multiple owners. The 155 properties identified include: 118 high grass and weeds; 14 junk and trash; 11 junk cars; 3 zoning violations; and 9 housing code violations.

If you would like to see a list of the properties listed on our Code Compliance Report, which includes properties that received notices prior to August and are still pending action, you can visit the main page of the City's website at <https://www.edennc.us/>. The Code Enforcement Sweep will continue to be a major focus of our Planning and Inspections Department. The list below is compiled to give each of you a better idea of the process:

Steps of a local code inspection that has a violation: 1. Staff receives a telephone call or email with a complaint. Or we do a proactive search for violations; 2. Permit is created in BluePrince and an inspection is requested; 3. Inspector visits property; 4. Inspector takes a picture of the violation 5. Inspector posts a Notice of Violation 6. Inspector sends the pictures of the violation and posting to the appropriate staff member; 7. Inspector enters inspection results in BluePrince 8. Research is done to identify the owner(s) of the property using the online service of the Rockingham County Tax Department and Register of Deeds 9. We enter the owner's data on to a spreadsheet for a mail merge and tracking information. This spreadsheet includes the following columns: Code for violation, owner's name, owner's mailing address, property address for violation, certified mail number, return receipt number, date notice mail, deadline date, posted date, date certified mail was receipt, yes or no if the mail was signed for by owner, abated date, date requested contractor to abate the violation, name of contractor, date the City received an invoice from the contractor, date the invoice was delivered to the Finance Department, date the Finance Department billed the invoice and the amount of the invoice; 10. Certified mail receipts are printed; 11. Return receipt cards are printed; 12. Certified mail envelopes are printed; 13. First class mail envelopes are printed; 14. 3 copies of the Notice of Violation is printed; 15. Envelopes are stuffed; 16. Envelopes are mailed. The cost is \$6.67 for each certified mail envelope and 47¢ for each first class envelope; 17. Receive telephone calls from majority of owners about the notices; 18. When the return receipts or envelopes are returned to the City, the spreadsheet is updated and the receipts or envelopes are filed; 19. After 15 days, the inspector goes back to the property to determine if the violation has been abated by the property owner; 20. The inspector posts the results of his inspection in BluePrince; 21. If the violation has been abated, the file is closed; 22. If the violation has not been abated, staff contacts the Facility Maintenance crews for the abatement; 23. If the violation is too large for Facility Maintenance, staff contacts a contractor that has registered with the Planning and Inspections Department and has provided the appropriate insurance certifications; 24. When the violation is abated by either the City crew or

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outside contractor, staff calculates the cost and sends a Statement of Cost to the Finance Department; 25. The Finance Department sends an invoice for the cost.

For more information concerning our Code Enforcement efforts please contact Debra Madison, Local Codes Administrator/GIS Coordinator, at dmadison@edennc.us.

Eden Youth Council

The new members of the Eden Youth Council were sworn in at the August City Council Meeting. New members include Grace Blalock, Victoria Calderon, Felix Calderon, Michael Hall, Chris Hopper, Kylie Huffman, Ben Jones, Jadan Martin, Ainsley Pyrtle, Bay Twilla and Will Twilla. Returning members include Cody Dunn Chair, Nicole Hernandez, Vice Chair, Megan Blankenship, Secretary, Grey Martin, Recruiting Chair, Matthew Shockley, Harrison Smith, Blair Tuggle, Mason Barham, William Flynt, and Larson White. Meetings with members of the Executive Council, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Burnette and City staff revealed a desire to take a fresh look at the Council's yearly projects. The Eden Youth Council's next meeting is scheduled to include a planning session where the Council will set their annual projects. There will be an emphasis on why each member originally wanted to become involved in the Youth Council and their desires to influence the community. The first Eden Youth Council project for this school year was intended to be RiverFest, but that has been cancelled. The Youth Council has scheduled an "Adopt a Street" cleanup for September 22. Council members will meet to clean up litter along the sides of Kennedy Street, the street that they chose to keep clean.

Sidewalk Assessment Policy

Have you wanted to explore the feasibility of having sidewalk installed on your road? On January 21, 2003, the Eden City Council adopted an assessment policy for the installation of new sidewalks. The minimum criteria for sidewalk installation projects shall not be less than an entire street length between intersections and shall extend to the terminus of the existing infrastructure, if any. In addition, more than 50% of the adjacent property owners must sign a petition requesting the sidewalk extension and if the property deed is registered in more than one name, all owners must sign the petition. Also, property owners that own more than one parcel must sign for each parcel of land adjacent to the proposed sidewalk. The cost of extension will usually be assessed based on street frontage and the North Carolina General Statutes sets the requirements for assessments. Once presented with a qualifying petition, the City Council "may" decide to participate in a portion of the funding. Eden, like many communities, has traditionally paid for 50% of the project and assessed the citizens adjacent to the improvements for the remaining 50%. Traditionally, the City pays for the improvements up front and then the property owners make 5 equal annual payments with an interest rate established by the City Council. During the FY 2018-19 budget process the City Council investigated the feasibility and costs associated with installing sidewalks in three large neighborhoods/areas. They included: 14,734.40 linear feet of sidewalk in the Grand Oaks area (20 different street sections) at a projected total cost of \$1,473,439.90; 11,437.09 linear feet of sidewalk in the New Street area (25 different street sections) at a projected total cost of \$1,143,709.18; 7,900.67 linear feet of sidewalk in the Harris and Klyce Streets area (14 different street sections) at a projected total cost of \$790,067.23.

As you can see, the installation of sidewalks is an expensive endeavor. However, if you are interested in exploring the feasibility of having a new sidewalk installed along your road the

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sidewalk assessment policy should be used as a guide. For more information concerning our sidewalk assessment policy please contact Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections, at kstultz@edennc.us.

Citizens Academy Update

The 2018 Citizen’s Academy got underway on August 16 with sixteen participants, and will continue until graduation during the October City Council meeting scheduled for October 16, 2018. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- September 13: Municipal Services Department (Streets, Solid Waste, Fleet Maintenance, & Collection & Distribution) and the Engineering Department
- September 20: Economic & Tourism Development Department
- September 27: Parks, Recreation, Facilities & Grounds Department
- October 4: Planning & Inspections Department & Positively Eden Strategic Plan
- October 11: Finance & Human Resources Department
- October 16: City Council Meeting - Graduation

Economic & Tourism Development Department

Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill

The Berry Hill Regional Mega Park has been renamed to the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill. Recently, there have been questions about the construction on Berry Hill Road on the opposite side of the industrial sites. Part of the gravity sewer, a sewer pump station and force main are currently under construction. This sewer will connect to the sewer force main the City of Eden installed during 2011-12.

On Friday, August 31, Virginia's Secretary of Commerce and Trade announced the Mega Site had earned Tier 4 certification. Tier 4 certification means the land is graded and utilities like water and sewer lines are already in place or will be soon. VA Department of Commerce and Trade Secretary Brian Ball stated that the risks to a client are reduced if the site is in “ready to go” condition as happens with this certification. The certification comes from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership's Virginia Business Ready Sites program. The Mega Site is only the seventh Tier 4 site in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Having utilities in place makes a site more attractive to potential users because the time is lessened for project development.

KDH Defense Systems

On September 4, Eden’s KDH Defense Systems, Inc., a leading manufacturer of American-made, high-performance protective solutions, announced it has received close to \$85 million in contract extensions on previously awarded contracts from the U.S. Army. Production will be done at the company’s Eden manufacturing facility. The first award is a \$61 million shared Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (“ID/IQ”) contract extension from the Army Contracting Command for the Modular Scalable Vest (MSV) Generation II. Under the terms of the contract (W91CRB-15-D-0021, modification P00019), KDH will produce the MSV Gen II, with an estimated completion date of August 20, 2019. KDH, along with two other companies, was initially awarded a \$49 million shared firm-fixed-price contract for the Soldier Protection System, Modular Scalable Vest in July 2015. The second award is a shared ID/IQ contract extension from

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the Army Contracting Command for Soldier Protection System Torso and Extremity Protection Blast Pelvic Protectors (“BPP”) under contract W91CRB-15-D-0032. The modification issued by the U.S. Army increases the contract ceiling by \$23.8 million and extends the ordering period by two years through September 2020. As a result, the Government may place additional delivery orders for a grand total of up to \$37.3 million under the terms of this extended contract. KDH was one of three companies to win the initial award in September 2015.

Area Companies Hiring

Gildan, KDH Defense Systems, Loparex, Lowe’s Home Improvement, Hampton Inn, Sheetz, Dollar General of Ridgeway, Va., Cook Out, and Papa John’s are all now hiring. Please stop by these locations to learn more about the available jobs.

Ray’s Bait & Tackle

Ray's Bait & Tackle reopened at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, August 31 at 317 W. Meadow Road. Their business hours are Monday-Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. They sell hunting and fishing supplies. Owners are David and Marie Moreadith.

Kitty’s Restaurant

This restaurant has moved to the former Howard’s location on Meadow Road in front of the Eden Mall.

Lidl Supermarket

The City was in contact with Will Harwood, Lidl Director of Communications, on Saturday, September 8. The Eden store continues to be “on hold” and this status is unlikely to change for the foreseeable future. Originally, Lidl had planned to open 100 U.S. supermarkets in 2018. That number has been reduced to 20 as they develop more effective product mix and marketing strategies to compete in the U.S. market.

Spray Cotton Mills

The mill developer is also working on a Forest City project. His intention is to develop both properties, either simultaneously or very close together. The Spray project will include market rate apartments, restaurants and a microbrewery.

Gildan Sock and Apparel Sale-New Location!

A sock and apparel sale will take place October 4 through 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The sale will be held in the old Pennies for Change space next to Di’Lishi frozen yogurt in the Meadow Greens Shopping Center. Mark your calendars and don’t miss this exciting sale.

Industry Bus Tour

Gildan, Loparex and Weil-McLain have all agreed to host Morehead High School teachers and counselors for an industry bus tour on a regularly scheduled teacher work day. RCC will end the tour with a luncheon and discussion of the workforce development programs available now and those coming with the development of the workforce center. This is being done to familiarize teachers and counselors with the available career opportunities at Eden companies.

Text Messaging

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Make sure you are in the know! Text the keyword EDENNC to 51660 and stay up to date on meetings, events and opportunities for our citizens.

“A Few Minutes with The Mayor”

Tune in to WGSR Star News the last Thursday of every month at 6:15 p.m. and spend 15 minutes with Eden’s Mayor Neville Hall.

Explore Eden Facebook Page

Please join our Explore Eden Facebook page as another way to stay up to date on what to do in Eden! We have over 7,180 followers!

We have an e-newsletter!

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

622 Washington Street Update

The new roof has been installed with gutters and downspouts attached to the rear of the building. The drywall was installed along the newly constructed back wall. In front, the second story windows have been installed. The city has received bids for the purchase of this building and the bidding process will continue as advertised until a final upset bid is accepted.

Fieldcrest Public Space

A red, white and blue Draper logo was selected from the Positively Eden Strategic Plan branding study to be used as a sign for this space. The sign is large, spanning 21’ by 8’ and was installed on the right side interior wall. Lighting has been ordered to highlight the sign and illuminate the area.

Bridge Street Parking

Our request to the Home Trust Endowment from the Eden Downtown Development Corporation was accepted to pursue a grant providing funding for landscaping, parking lot striping and benches for this newly renovated parking area. A formal announcement is expected in October.

EDDI

The Eden Downtown Development Corporation has selected the 2018 Main Street Champion to be announced at a later date. The sub-committees are researching an entrepreneurship program, a vacant commercial building strategy, small scale public art installations and a beautification project.

Eden Preservation Society

The Eden Rotary Club and Eden Preservation Society continue planning and collecting artifacts for the Luther Hodges exhibit that will be developed inside the Eden Municipal Building. A formal announcement from the Home Trust Endowment grant is expected in October.

Get Fit Rockingham

Get Fit Rockingham 2018 ended September 15 and planning begins for next year. We had over 1,300 participants countywide with more than 800 here in Eden.

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Cars and Coffee

The final Cars and Coffee for the year will be held on Saturday, September 29 at Family Video. The event continues to grow larger each month. We will host the series of meets again in the spring of 2019.

Historic Draper MSD

The Historic Draper Municipal Service District met to discuss new signage to replace the sign at the privately owned park at the corner of Stadium Drive and Fieldcrest Road. They chose to research the sign further and focused additional discussions on upcoming outdoor events.

The Boulevard

A Cars and Crabs event will be held November 10 and a multicultural festival October 13 as well as a Halloween parade October 31.

New Restaurant

The new owner of the former Buick dealership building on the corner of Patrick and Washington Street continues working to place a restaurant in the building.

Former Full Moon Saloon

The buildings new owners plan to finish renovations to the outside of the structure this month.

Engineering Department

Street Resurfacing Project Updates

The FY 2018-19 Street Resurfacing Contract, No. 1 was completed by Waugh Asphalt, Inc. on August 30. The following streets were repaired and resurfaced: Cedar Street, Haled Street, Price Street, West Avenue, Early Avenue, Ayden Road, Kendall Street, Spring Street, Sunset Drive, Arbor Lane, Oakridge Drive, Oleander Drive, Carolina Avenue and May Street. The pay application was received on September 11. The total cost of the contract was \$494,036.40. Our next street resurfacing contract is tentatively scheduled to start construction in the spring of 2019.

Knight Street - Maintenance Acceptance

The Oaks Homeowner's Association had the private section of Knight Street repaired and resurfaced by Waugh Asphalt in August bringing the roadway up to city specifications. The work was inspected and approved by city staff. The Homeowner's Association will be submitting a request seeking the City Council's approval to accept the maintenance on Knight Street from Oleander Drive to Laurelwood Drive sometime later this month.

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

Revised plans for the Morehead Street 2" water line replacement project was received on August 29. Draft bid and contract documents have been prepared and should be finalized by September 21. Hydrant flow data was submitted for use by Stoltzfus Engineering, Inc. in preparation of the engineer's report, and one change requested to be made during preparation of the final plan drawing. A tentative bid opening date is set for October 18.

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A proposal from Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc. was approved on August 10 for preparation of plans for about 750 feet of 6-inch diameter water main on Jackson Street, north of W. Moore Street. A preliminary plan layout was received on August 30, with a few discussions and exchanges of sketches for the proposed tie-in at the intersection taking place over the next week. Preparation of the preliminary plan and profile set of drawings is taking place now, along with preparation of an easement plat for a small portion of one lot.

Preliminary plans for installing about 300 feet of 2-inch diameter PVC water main along Ridge Avenue west of N. Hale Street are about 75% complete. Draft bid and contract documents have been prepared. Both are expected to be finalized by engineering department personnel by September 25, although a tentative bid opening date has not been established.

Fire Department

The Eden Fire Department hosted the Citizen's Academy on August 26. The participants were treated to a PowerPoint presentation by Tommy Underwood, Fire Chief, that included the location of the city's fire stations and a description of the apparatus housed at each of the fire stations. The capabilities of the department were discussed and the staffing of each station. Demonstrations of the various equipment were presented along with a fire extinguisher stimulator and fire safety tips for the home.

Municipal Services Department

Klyce Street River Access and Draper Landing River Access

The City of Eden has been awarded a \$100,000 Duke Energy Water Resources Fund Grant for the development of a new river access at the Klyce Street and for improvements to the Draper Landing river access. We are currently in the process of preparing to reinstall the steps at the Draper Landing river access and are completing the necessary surveying work for the property at Klyce Street in preparation for this project.

Recycling Improvements

We are currently evaluating our recycling operations at the six drop port sites as well as our recycling center. We hope to make some recommendations for City Council's review and consideration in the near future.

Bridge Street Washout

Staff is currently in the process of repairing the wash out on Bridge Street that occurred due to the heavy rains. Once all of the necessary repairs have been made the road will be reopened to traffic.

Fleet Maintenance Work Orders

The Fleet Maintenance Division generated 251 work order for repairs and preventive maintenance to the fleet during the course of the past month. In addition, they are currently working on getting quotes for new equipment that was included in the FY 2018-19 budget and setting up demos with different vendors so the operators can decide which is the best brand for the job.

Parks & Recreation Department

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Parks & Recreation Grant

In the recently approved state budget the NC General Assembly included \$500,000 in funding for Eden to use towards Parks and Recreation. This \$500,000 grant will be used to help build the new Splash Pad complex that will be constructed within Freedom Park. Special thanks to Senator Phil Berger for his efforts and support in obtaining these funds for our community. On August 21 the City Council awarded a contract for the development of the Splash Pad to VORTEX and a purchase order was issued on August 27. VORTEX is currently working on construction documents and we anticipate that construction will begin sometime in October of this year. A RFQ for Design/Build Construction of a bath house was sent out on August 29 and the RFQ's are due to be submitted to the City for consideration by 2:00 pm on October 2. For more information concerning this project please contact Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks, Recreation, Facilities and Grounds at jfarmer@edennc.us.

Community Accents Program & Parks & Recreation Radio Program

Staff participated in the Community Accents Program with WLOE (Wonderful Land of Eden) radio on August 22 and will be participating in the same program on October 12. In addition, staff participated in the Parks & Recreation Radio Program with WLOE on September 14 and will be participating in the same program on September 26 to update the public on our recreational program offerings during the months of October and November. We remain involved in these community outreach efforts in an effort to update residents about the programs being offered by our Parks & Recreation Department.

Mill Avenue Swimming Pool

The Mill Avenue Swimming Pool closed for the 2018 season on September 3 and will re-open for the 2019 season during Memorial Day Weekend in 2019.

Concert in the Park Series & Cruise In

A Concert in the Park/Cruise in event was held on August 25. The next Concert in the Park/Cruise in event will be held on September 29 beginning at 5:30 pm in Freedom Park. These events will be held on the last Saturday of each month through October 2018. For more information please call 336-623-2110 Extension 3030 or email Ms. Georgette Spence at gspence@edennc.us.

Be Healthy Rockingham County

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham meeting held on September 12 and will attend the one scheduled for October 10.

Softball Tournaments

There are softball tournaments scheduled at Freedom Park on September 22 – 23, September 29 – 30, October 6-7, and October 13-14. These events bring visitors to our community who often end up spending money that helps our local economy.

Matrimony Creek Greenway Nature Trail

The Matrimony Creek Greenway/Nature Trail is now complete. Staff requested funds from the \$300,000 Strategic Planning lump sum allocation included in the FY 2018-19 budget for the pavement of the parking lot at this facility as well as funding for an amenities package that will

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include: trailhead markers, kiosk, cedar benches, information/educational panels, trash cans, ¼ mile markers and bollards. The Strategic Planning Commission voted at their meeting in August to recommend the allocation of these funds and this request is being submitted to the City Council for their formal consideration during their meeting on September 18.

Bridge Street Tennis Courts Resurfacing Project

The resurfacing of the Bridge Street Tennis Courts is scheduled to begin sometime in late September or the first part of October, depending on the weather.

Planning & Inspections Department

GIS (Geographic Information Systems)

Maps have been printed and provided to the Eden Police Department as requested for preparation of Hurricane Florence.

622 Washington Street

Beginning on August 17, we have begun receiving bids on the 622 Washington Street property. The first bid was advertised and an upset bid received on September 4. This bid has been advertised and can be upset until 4:30 pm on September 19. Bids received before the 19th will be held and opened after the closing of the bid process. Once a bid has stood for 10 days, it will be placed on the City Council agenda. At that time, the Council can accept or reject any offers received or withdraw the property from sale.

Community Appearance Commission

Staff prepared minutes and an agenda for the regular meeting scheduled for September 4. We had planned to discuss what the Commission can do in advance of RiverFest to “spruce up” the downtown area (re-do planters, pick up trash, etc.). Unfortunately, only 2 Commission members showed up, so the meeting was adjourned.

Historic Preservation Commission

The commission met on August 20 to discuss a recommendation to the State Historic Preservation (SHP) organization that the First Baptist Church be removed from the National Register due to the steeple replacement. A letter from the Commission to the SHP stating the Commission recommends removal from the register was prepared as requested by the City’s Historic Preservation Commission.

Police Department

The Eden Police Department has scheduled CPR and AED Training for the entire department for the month of October 2018. The CPR training will re-certify all officers within the Eden Police Department. This training will also include training for the new AED units purchased this year. Deputy Chief Clint Simpson is scheduled to attend the first session of the UNC School of Government Municipal and County Administration Course during September 18-21 2018. Chief of Police Greg Light and Deputy Chief Clint Simpson will be attending the Shepherds and Shields lunch meeting scheduled for October 16.

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We would like to congratulate and welcome Michael Langel on his employment with the City as a Police Officer I. Officer Langel was sworn in by Mayor Hall on September 12.

Public Utilities Department

Sewer Collection System Annual Performance Report

The Sewer Collection System Annual Performance Report was submitted to the state of North Carolina during the course of the past month. We are very proud to announce that this is the eighth year in a row that we have reported no violations from our wastewater treatment plant, and the total overflow volume from the collection system was much lower than previous reports. A copy of this report is available on our website and a summary of this report will be included in the next edition of Eden’s Own Journal. Congratulations to Terry Shelton, Director of Public Utilities, Ms. Melinda Ward, Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment and the staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the excellent work they continue to do on a daily basis.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval and Adoption of the July 17, 2018 Minutes.

b. Request to award banking services contract to HomeTrust Bank.

In July, the Finance Department sent out banking services request for proposals to all local banks. The current banking service contract with HomeTrust Bank expires on October 1, 2018. The new contract will run from October 2018 until September 2021. All the banks met the City’s standard requirements for banking services. Interest earned and the costs of the services were the deciding factors in the selection of banks. Comparing the four proposals, the Finance Department projected the monthly interest less the estimated monthly service charge to calculate the net earnings (loss). Given all the different criteria, the Finance Department recommends that the City of Eden accept HomeTrust Bank’s proposal for banking services. HomeTrust has held the City’s banking services since 2009 and they have always been eager to meet our needs and requests.

	BB&T (Option 1)	BB&T (Option 2)	First Citizens Bank	First National Bank	HomeTrust Bank
Projected Earnings Credit/Interest Earned	\$1,035.62	\$1,737.97	\$ 338.01	\$ 1,375.89	\$1,962.20
Estimated Montly Service Charge	\$1,849.61	\$1,729.64	\$ 1,429.31	\$ 1,314.11	\$1,009.28
50% Overall Discount	\$ (924.81)	\$ (864.82)			
	\$ 924.80	\$ 864.82			
NET EARNINGS/(LOSS)	\$ 110.82	\$ 873.15	\$(1,091.30)	\$ 61.78	\$ 952.92

*Note: The interest earned is only a projection using the current interest rate quoted by each bank. The interest rate is variable. The estimated monthly service charge is based on banking activity for June 2018.

c. Approval and adoption of a Resolution approving the Travel Policy adopted by the Local ABC Board.

The Eden ABC Board previously adopted the City of Eden Travel Policy at the March 18, 2011 Board Meeting. The policy was adopted as written. N.C. General Statute 18B-700(g2) required that local ABC Boards adopt a travel policy that conformed to the travel policy of the appointing authority and such policy was to be approved by the appointing authority annually. The Board has not had it approved since 2016, an oversight. They are seeking approval

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from the City Council. If approved, as stated in the statute, the local board shall annually provide the appointing authority's written confirmation of such approval to the ABC Commission, and a copy of the travel policy authorized by the appointing authority.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Eden is the appointment authority for the local ABC Board, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 18B-700(g2), the City of Eden, as the appointing authority, shall approve the travel policy adopted by the local board. Such travel policy shall conform and be the policy used by the City of Eden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the local ABC Board has adopted a travel policy that is identical to and conforms to the travel policy of the City of Eden, and that the City Council for the City of Eden hereby approves such policy.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 18th day of September, 2018.

City of Eden
Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

d. Consideration to approve a proposed water main extension by Dan River Water, Inc.

Mike Lemons, Utility Supervisor for Dan River Water, Inc., requested that Council grant approval for the proposed installation of approximately 1,065 LF of 8-inch diameter PVC water main, along with 5,830 LF of 6-inch diameter PVC water main, and 400 LF of 2-inch diameter PVC water main along Peach Tree Road and Blueberry Road. Preliminary plans for the proposed project were prepared by William E. Mitchell Associates. Approval of the proposed improvement was being requested in accordance with the water purchase agreement between the City of Eden and Dan River Water, Inc. The proposed improvements were to serve less than 30 existing houses located on the two roads, which were located off N.C. 87 in Wentworth. There was not an existing water main on either of the two roads. The Engineering Department recommended the proposed water main improvements to the Dan River Water, Inc. system be approved.

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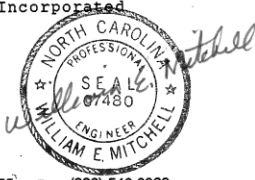
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CIVIL ENGINEERS, LAND PLANNERS & SURVEYORS



ENGINEER'S REPORT NO. 1
WATER MAIN EXTENSION
PEACH TREE ROAD / BLUEBERRY ROAD
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
SEPTEMBER, 2018

- (1) Existing water system : Dan River Water Incorporated water system
- (2) Facility served : Extension of Dan River Water Incorporated water system to serve Peach Tree Road / Blueberry Road
1,065 L.F. 8" water main
5,830 L.F. 6" water main
400 L.F. 2" water main
- (3) Applicant : Dan River Water Incorporated
610 Patrick Street
Eden, N.C. 27288

Owner : Dan River Water Incorporated
610 Patrick Street
Eden, N.C. 27288
- (4) Facilities served : Potential 27 single-family residences
- (5) Future service : N/A; no expansion plans
- (6) Alternate plans : None; site is within Dan River Water Incorporated service area
- (7) Financial considerations : Cost borne by Dan River Water, Incorporated from available funds
- (8) Future demand : N/A; no expansion plans
- (9) Character of source of water supply : Supplied by City of Eden; no known sources of pollution
- (10) Water treatment processes : N/A; water provided by City of Eden
- (11) Purchased water : Dan River Incorporated purchases all water from City of Eden
- (12) Description of design basis : N/A; water provided by City of Eden
- (13) Daily demand data : Water provided by City of Eden; daily demand does not exceed agreement with City of Eden for purchase of water
- (14) Infrastructure improvements : N/A; water provided through existing Dan River Water Incorporated system



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A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall wanted to thank all of the fire and rescue people who put in a lot of extra time into the preparedness for Hurricane Florence. The City was lucky that the storm did not affect them like it possibly could have but if it had, they would have been ready for it. He appreciated all the Public Works people working extra hours getting up trees and police, fire and rescue workers.

Council Member Ellis noted that it was Mayor Hall's birthday and wished him a happy one.

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Council Member Hampton wanted to recognize 21-year-old businessman Logan Hensley from her ward who was moving his business from Bridge Street to Kennedy Street because it had grown so much. She said Mr. Hensley had sold 69 cars from February to the present. She was so proud of his business and its growth.

Mayor Hall thanked Council Member Hampton for pointing out the young business man. He said he was glad to have Mr. Hensley in Eden.

Council Member Carter wanted everyone to remember the people and animals in the eastern part of North Carolina who were still struggling from the hurricane. He thanked Ms. Greene with the Friends of Eden Animal Rescue for sharing with the Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hunt
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Neville Hall
Mayor