

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

MEETING CONVENED:

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

INVOCATION:

Pastor Les Herod with the Church of God of Prophecy gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTINE MYOTT:

Mayor Hall said a few words about former City Council Member Christine Myott who passed away October 4. Ms. Myott served on Council for 16 years, two of those years as Mayor Pro Tem, before retiring in 2009. She was a thoughtful and dedicated member who always considered what was best for Eden citizens when she made her decisions. Ms. Myott was a wife, mother and grandmother, but also an avid reader and freelance writer who wrote for many publications. She published a book of poetry and a journal of her life for her children in her retirement years. In 1996, she received the Award of Excellence from Governor Jim Hunt for serving on the board of Help, Inc. Chris also served as a teacher at Leaksville United Methodist Church. She and her husband Jerry were longtime supporters of the Eden Salvation Army. On behalf of the Eden City Council, he extended sincere sympathy to the Myott family as they coped with the tremendous loss.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

a. Presentation: Citizens Academy Graduation

Mayor Hall asked the graduates to come forward. He said the Citizens Academy began in 2011 with the aim to provide residents with an in-depth look into municipal government and find out information about the services and programs Eden offered. There were currently nine graduates who attended nine weeks of classes. He presented each graduate in attendance - Scottie Eanes, Karla McDonald, Fran Peters, Joseph Smith, Earnest Valentine, Jaclyn Valentine and Dale Warren - with a certificate and the book *Celebrating 50 Years Consolidation: 1967 - 2017*. A reception would be held after the meeting and everyone was welcome to stay to enjoy refreshments. Each year, attendees voted on their favorite department and favorite instructor. He called Parks and Recreation Director Johnny Farmer forward to receive the award for favorite department and Police Chief Greg Light forward to receive the award for favorite instructor. (*Graduates Phil Hunnicutt and Mike Moore were unable to attend.*)

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Hall noted one agenda change - Item 13 should be Announcements and 14 should be Adjournment.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. (1) Consideration of a zoning map amendment request to rezone 4.02 acres on the south side of west Kings Highway (PIN 7979-07-77-0941) from Office & Institutional to Business-General.

(2) Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the proposed map amendment request to rezone 4.02 acres on the south side of west Kings Highway (PIN 7979-07-77-0941) from Office & Institutional to Business-General.

Mayor Hall called on Planning and Inspections Director Kelly Stultz and declared the public hearing open.

Ms. Stultz said the request was to rezone approximately 4.02 acres from Office and Institutional to Business-General. The property was on Business Park Drive and Kings Highway and currently vacant. It was zoned R-20 at the time of the original zoning and rezoned to O&I on June 21, 1971. The property was bordered on the north by west Kings Highway, the east by O&I property that contained an office complex, the south by R-20 that contained a cemetery, and on the west by vacant B-G property and vacant R-20 property. The O&I district was established primarily for office and institutional uses which had only limited contact with the general public and had no offensive noises, odors, smoke, fumes and other objectionable conditions. Residences were permitted in the district. The Business-General district was generally located on the fringe of Central Business districts, which this property was, and along major radial highways leading

out of the City. The principle use of land was for dispensing retail goods and services to the community and to provide space for wholesaling and warehousing activities. The western edge of the property fell partially in a flood zone; therefore, the development envelope for it was not quite as large. There had been no recent development pressure in the area, either on the residential or commercial properties. Because of the other commercial properties and office uses in the area, and because of the access to Kings Highway, staff was of the opinion that Business-General would be an appropriate zoning for the property which could encourage commercial uses in the area. Staff did not believe that Business-General zoning would be detrimental to the adjoining and surrounding properties. Based upon the character of the area and the office and commercial uses in the area, staff recommended in favor of the request, as did the Planning Board.

Mayor Hall asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposition.

Council Member Burnette said Ms. Stultz mentioned that part of the property was in the flood zone. That part would not have anything built on it. He asked if the access to the property would have to go through the DOT.

Ms. Stultz replied if there were an access directly off Kings Highway, yes. It would go to DOT and come back for her signature.

Mayor Hall replied the property fronted Business Park Drive.

Council Member Burnette said he asked in case the property need additional access.

Ms. Stultz said the property was not in the floodway but was in the flood zone. It could be developed but it was highly unlikely because of the expense.

Council Member Burnette said they could possibly develop it but would have to make some environmental changes.

Ms. Stultz agreed.

With no further discussion, Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to approve a zoning map amendment request to rezone 4.02 on the south side of West Kings Highway from Office & Institutional to Business-General and to adopt a resolution of a statement of consistency regarding the proposed map amendment. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The 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, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Eden is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1 - Change from Office & Institutional to Business-General the following tract:

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Being all of Lot 4 containing 4.02 acres as shown a Plat of Survey for Kings Highway Business Park by William S. May, Jr., R.L.S. dated April 11, 1988, the same being filed in Map Book 27 at page 27 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Rockingham County, North Carolina, said plat being incorporated herein by reference.

The above property identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7979-07-77- 0941 and Parcel Number 180217:

Section 2 - The Official Zoning Map of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 15th day of October, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING  
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF EDEN ZONING ORDINANCE  
CASE NUMBER Z-19-13 MAP 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 rezone 4.02 acres on the south side of West Kings Highway (PIN 7979-07-77-0941) from Office & Institutional to Business-General

WHEREAS, On September 24, 2019, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend to the Eden City Council that the rezoning request be approved.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The subject property was zoned R-20 at the time of original zoning and rezoned to O & I on June 21, 1971. The parcel has remained undeveloped since that time. The 8-G districts are generally located on the fringe of the central business district and along major radial highways leading out of the City. The principal use of land is for dispensing retail goods and services to the community and to provide space for wholesaling and warehousing activities. The Land Development Plan indicates that the highest and best use of this property is Employment Center. That is why the zoning change to Business- General is in keeping with the plan.

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's best interest.

Approved and adopted and effective this 15th day of October, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

### REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

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

Wally White, 314 Von Ruck Road, said he was had a complaint about recycling. On Friday, he tried to drop off paint cans at the Mebane Bridge Recycling Center. He was told by the attendant that unless he put a sticker on his car, littering his car, he could not leave the paint. It did not matter that he was a taxpaying citizen of the City, had his identification and could show where he lived, the only thing that mattered to the attendant was that Mr. White allow him to put a sticker on the car. He did not have any bumper stickers on his car and did not want any bumper stickers on his car, especially not a trash sticker. And that was what it was, a sticker to be able to trash stuff. Plenty of other citizens were shut down from using the only way to recycle in the City. He asked what was done for elderly citizens who no longer drove but had someone to recycle their things or a low-income person who did not own a car but wanted to try and do the right thing by recycling. The City was down to this one site to recycle. He was a taxpayer whose taxes paid for the site yet he was denied use of the service because of a sticker. He was fully prepared to show his ID. It was unacceptable that he could not use the site despite him showing proof that he was a resident.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of a request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 216 The Boulevard under the City of Eden Non-Residential Building Maintenance Ordinance.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said the building was a historic structure in one of the traditional downtowns. She went there to the movies as a child and realized the importance of the building. Since 2004, the City had dealt with owners trying to get the building demolished or repaired. The current owner bought the property in 2015. In November of 2017, her department asked for authorization to demolish the subject property. The Council tabled the decision until the January 2018 meeting. The majority of the structure had been demolished and removed from the property prior to the January 2018 meeting so the item was removed from the agenda. There had been nothing done to

the building since that time other than painting and some refurbishing of the front. The City continued to get complaints about the building. The photos showed that very little had been done between July 9, 2019 and October 4, 2019. The lowest previous bid in 2017 and confirmed in August 2018 was received from J.W. Saunders Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$18,339. Staff believed that the cost to demolish and remove the remainder of the building would be less than that amount due to the work of the current owner. They did not bid it out again because they were beginning to have problems getting contractors to give a bid on something only to have to bid it again and again. Staff recommended that Council allow her department to bid the project out.

Council Member Hampton asked if the project would be bid out again.

Ms. Stultz replied they could accept the bid if it was honored by the company or go out for bids again. If there was an order saying the City was actually going to demolish it, they should be able to get a response. Some of the buildings had been bid so many times, the companies did not want to bid again.

Ms. Gilley said they would need a motion if Council desired to demolish the building. The staff's recommendation was to have Council to award the bid to J.W. Saunders.

Ms. Stultz replied J.W. Saunders was the most recent low bidder.

Mayor Hall said that bid would have to change since it had been two years and right much work had been completed. He said Council should know what they were agreeing to pay.

Council Member Carter said the price should come in less.

Ms. Stultz replied they assumed it would be less than the amount previously bid because more of the building had been taken down.

Council Member Epps asked what the lowest bid was.

Ms. Stultz replied as Mayor Hall had said it was a little old but it was \$18,339. There had been several circumstances recently where the City collected bids several times and now contractors were not submitting bids. She decided to get an order first for this building. They could then award the job to Mr. Saunders as long as it was no more than \$18,339 or put it out to bid as long as it was no more than \$18,339.

Council Member Grogan said the front of the building did not look as bad as the inside of it. With Ms. Stultz getting many complaints about the building, she questioned what the biggest danger of the building was.

Ms. Stultz replied the back of the building was wide open. The front looked a lot better and it may look better than the photo made on October 4, since the owner had continued to work on it. However, the windows were still boarded up and there was more work to be done. Preferably, if they could preserve the façade and have it look like it used to with the marquee back and the theater in place that would be an item on her personal bucket list.

Council Member Burnette asked what the demolition criteria would be. He asked if the roof and façade would come down, leaving the two walls.

Ms. Stultz replied yes.

Council Member Carter asked if there were any structural concerns to the other two buildings.

Ms. Stultz replied none they were aware of at the time.

Council Member Hampton asked if it would be less confusing to other demolition companies if the job went back out for bids.

Ms. Stultz replied she would handle it how Council wanted it done.

Council Member Epps said he understood that Ms. Stultz said the current owner had worked on the façade some in recent days.

Ms. Stultz replied they had done some painting and minor repairs.

Council Member Burnette asked what the owner said about further work.

Ms. Stultz replied the owner was there and Council may want to ask him about plans.

Mayor Hall asked owner Michael “Blue” Hall if he wanted to speak.

Mr. Hall said he got a letter from the City saying there had been no progress made on the building. He had hauled off about 60 or 70 dump truck loads of rubbish from the property. He had worked on the property on his time off, between jobs and on the weekends. He was trying to do the right thing. He had photos showing that he had been working on the building (*attached in the official minute book*). He had spent over \$2,000 the last month. He did not get any grants. He felt he needed a little more time.

Mayor Hall replied it was always his preference for the property owner to take care of their own problems. He said he had talked to the property owner and had been in the building. Mayor Hall realized a lot of progress had been made and there was a lot left to be completed.

Mr. Hall said there had been 30 years of the previous owner not taking care of the property. The City had the so-called code enforcement who had let it get to that state and had done nothing. When he bought the building, he could not see the front of the property from the back entry. When he opened the door up, the stuff literally fell on top of him. He inherited the problem and the City should thank him for buying it. He bought it because his father owned an adjoining building. His father had complained numerous times to the City about the mess but there was never anything done about it.

Council Member Epps asked Mr. Hall what his intentions were on using the building.

Mr. Hall replied he was open for suggestions and that maybe the City could give him some ideas. The property across the street from his was demolished by the City. It was now a jagged piece of concrete with a chain link fence across the back of it. He said the whole back of his building was open because he had been going inside it with a skid steer and a dump truck. It would remain open until he could get it completed. There was also a property on Washington Street with the back out of the building and one with the front open. Mr. Hall had photos of the cleanup of the property that Council reviewed.

Council Member Epps asked Mr. Hall if he could put a barrier across the back of the building so no one could get in.

Mr. Hall replied he could.

Council Member Carter asked Mr. Hall what his intent was. The biggest concern was the reminder of the roof structure still there.

Mr. Hall replied he could not get the roof structure done until he could clear out the bottom of the building. He said stuff had been packed inside but he was closer to having it emptied.

Council Member Hampton asked Mr. Hall if he was just asking for more time.

He replied yes, he was going to fix the building. He said he could have a nice piece of property there if they let him.

Council Member Grogan asked what Mr. Hall's vision was for the building.

Mr. Hall replied he was not sure but he did not see a reason to tear it down and put up chain link fence.

Council Member Ellis asked if Mr. Hall had considered a gym in the building.



Mr. Hall replied there had been talk about putting some art-type stuff on The Boulevard so he questioned why the City would want to tear down a theater that had been there 75 or 80 years.

Council Member Ellis said that was probably not logical to do with the interior of the building.

Mr. Hall replied probably but maybe they could fix an amphitheater there. He did not know what could happen in the years to come. He would hate to see it all just thrown in the landfill.

Council Member Moore asked Mr. Hall how long it would take him to get it all cleaned up.

Mr. Hall replied maybe by the first of the year or possibly 60 days. He would work on it.

Council Member Burnette said last month they had given a citizen an additional two months to get everything cleaned up. He felt that might be appropriate this time as well to be fair.

Council Member Ellis said he agreed.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to give Mr. Hall an extension until the January 2020 meeting. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Gilley asked if they wanted the motion to bring the item back on the agenda in January meeting to enact the ordinance if it was not done.

Council Member Burnette replied no, what they did with the previous one was require the owner to have it done by the agreed upon date or Council would start the action.

Ms. Stultz said issues with the property had been going on since 2004.

Mayor Hall said there was more progress made in the last six months than the previous 20 years.

Ms. Stultz replied yes, there had been more progress made but it had still been going on for a long time.

Mayor Hall said he understood but Mr. Hall had been trying to fix it.

Ms. Stultz said before they moved on she would like to say that property owners like Mr. Hall often said things like he just said, saying the City had a so-called code enforcement program. It was never a happy experience for anyone to get a letter from them; however, the Eden City Council had told her department that code enforcement was a priority. Code enforcement was a

priority to the Strategic Plan and had been made a priority to her department by the previous two city managers. She hated to find herself at that spot with people and their buildings because there were often many circumstances involved. That was not the first time Mr. Hall had been given 60 days to get it done. She sincerely hoped this time he would make it safe, could keep the façade, and hopefully something would go in the space. She had dealt with the previous owner of the property in 2004. There was not one thing that Council or she could do about what the previous Council refused to spend and that was where they had been until now.

Council Member Epps said he thought Ms. Stultz had done a great job.

b. Consideration and discussion of the process to hire the next city manager.

Mayor Hall called on Interim City Manager Terry Shelton.

Mr. Shelton said last Tuesday night, Council heard from Hartwell Wright, a Human Resource Specialist with the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Mr. Wright had talked through the process of what Council needed to do to hire the next city manager. Two things needed to be decided early on in the process. He was giving his recommendation to proceed. First, they needed to decide if they wanted to handle the process in-house or whether they chose to hire a private recruiting firm. He felt comfortable the staff could provide the support Council needed to do it in-house, if they chose to do it that way. The second item that needed to be done was to develop a profile of what they wanted in a new manager. It was his opinion that once they got the profile developed, they would have 25 to 30 percent of the work completed. They would have to develop the profile if they hired a private recruiting firm or did it in-house. Mr. Wright mentioned the cost of hiring a recruiting company could be \$25,000 to \$60,000 depending on the degree of assistance provided. He thought the City Council could do the job entirely on their own with the help of staff. There would be a significant amount of their time involved in developing the profile. As Mr. Wright had suggested, he would get a survey form out to Council and they had the instruction packet that Mr. Wright had given them. Council would develop four to five traits they would like to see in a new manager. When they returned those traits to Mr. Shelton, he would consolidate them and they would have another meeting to discuss the traits as a group. They would pick the ones they felt were most important. Once they had a profile developed, they would be ready to place an advertisement for candidates to apply. He reminded them that Mr. Wright said above all, they needed to make sure this was done right because it was probably the most important action the Council would make. The decision on a new manager would shape and effect things to come five, 10 or 20 years down the road. Mr. Shelton would dedicate himself and the resources of the staff to help Council find the right person for the job. He recommended Council vote to do the recruiting job in-house and authorize him to begin the process of getting a profile survey out to them.

Mayor Hall said he learned a lot about the process in the meeting with Mr. Wright. It would most likely take about six months and would require a lot of time and effort. He agreed with Mr. Shelton because if Council did it themselves, not only would it save money for the City but

Council would make a better choice since they were vested in the community. A firm could just try to get someone hired.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to accept the proposed plan to complete the process to hire the next city manager in-house. Council Member Burnette seconded the motion. Council Member Burnette said having been involved with the process of hiring other directors of non-profits and CEOs of the hospital, it was a very time consuming process. He did not feel they should put that decision with anyone else because of the relationship Council needed to build with the next city manager. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of a request to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 515 Flynn Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

Five bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Kenny Frith	\$ 4,450
Brad Fisher Hauling	\$ 5,500
Rabco, Inc.	\$ 6,240
Loye Grading	\$ 6,250
Sam W. Smith Inc.	\$10,000

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said the property was owned by Joe Porter and had no water, sewer or electricity. She presented photos of the house. There was a woman living in the house with several animals for some time without any utilities. She refused to leave the property. Mr. Porter was not very anxious for the woman to leave the house. Ms. Stultz has had a parade of tearful neighbors in her department because of the disturbance to their neighborhood. From the photos, they could see the amount of trash, holes in the side of the house, and broken windows. She had two files, one was a nuisance file and the other was for housing code action, on the property that she had dealt with over the years. The property needed to be demolished because of the issues it caused the residents around it and no effort from the owner to do anything to abate the violations. Her recommendation was to choose Kenny Frith as the low bidder to take down the structure and clean the lot.

Council Member Moore asked for the amount of the bid.

Ms. Stultz replied \$4,450 and the high bid was \$10,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 515 Flynn Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Council Member Carter verified the money to tear the structure down was in the budget.

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Ms. Stultz replied yes, it was in her budget.

Council Member Burnette verified the owner was making no effort to make any improvements.

Ms. Stultz replied no effort.

Mayor Hall said he had received some tearful cries about the property himself.

Ms. Stultz said it had just gone on long enough.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY  
AT 515 FLYNN STREET, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of August, 2016, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the structure owned by Joseph E. Porter at 515 Flynn Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1: Being all of Tract 4 as described in Deed Book 823, page 51 Save and Except that 0.38-acre parcel sold by Deed recorded in Deed Book 919, page 1565. Tract 2: Being all of the 27,201.7 square foot lot as shown on the plat of survey for Joseph E. Porter, dated March 22, 2013, prepared by C. E. Robertson & Associates, P.C. PLS, said plat being recorded in Map Book 71, page 65, Rockingham County Registry. Being a portion of the property as described in Deed Book 823, page 51. Reference: Book 1457, page 443.

The above described properties being more commonly known as 515 Flynn Street, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7070-11-66-8755-00 and Parcel Number 177243.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2016, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 20th day of September, 2016, which was served on the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested on the 25th day of August, 2016, by first class mail and by posting on the subject property on the 29th day of August, 2016; 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 26th day of September, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Joseph E. Porter, talked to the Inspector by telephone in lieu of attending the hearing held on the 20th day of September, 2016, and the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and close the property; and

WHEREAS, the Order further ordered “. . . that the failure to make timely repairs as directed in this Order shall make the dwelling subject to the issuance of an unfit order under N.C.G.S 160A-443(4) and the City may find that the owner has abandoned the intent and purpose to repair, alter or improve the dwelling pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-443(5a).”

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested on the 27th day of September, 2016, by first class mail and by posting on the subject property on the 20th day of September, 2016; and

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

WHEREAS, the Owner has had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and he has failed to take any action to comply with the Director’s Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the property owner has not made the necessary repairs within a timely manner and the City finds that the property owner has abandoned the intent and purpose to repair, alter or improve the dwelling pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A443(5a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED 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 Joseph E. Porter in the Grantor and Grantee index.

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

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 15th day of October, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- b. Consideration to approve land donation and authorization to proceed with the legal transfer.

Mayor Hall called on Mr. Farmer and Ms. Gilley.

Mr. Farmer said Ms. Cindy Yarberry, daughter of the late Howard W. Mizell Jr., contacted him about donating a piece of property off of Kings Highway to the City. The land ran adjacent to the Smith River Greenway. It was about an acre of land and he felt like it would be a great addition to the greenway system. He met with the family at the site and told them he would get with the city attorney and city manager to see what they thought. The family did not want the land used for any type of commercial development or any of the large trees cut down. The tax value of the land was about \$51,000. It was a nice piece of property that could be used for additional amenities including picnic tables or additional walking path loops. The Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan completed over two years ago suggested one of the things the City needed to continue to do was to get property for the greenway system. The property would not cost the City anything. In speaking with the family, they may provide some funding towards the City's plan for the property. He asked Council for approval to work with the family to have the property legally transferred to the City.

Ms. Gilley said she wanted to add that in doing so there would probably be a restriction on the property that would say it was only to be used for recreational purposes not commercial uses. Usually there was a time limit on the restrictions like 99 years, and that was the way they would do the property.

Council Member Burnette said the family had designated they did not want any large trees taken down. He asked if they would have input in how the City used the property.

Mr. Farmer replied the family said they did not want the property to be clear cut of trees. Currently there was no way into the property on the Kings Highway side, if the City wanted to

create a small parking lot for three or four cars and have a way for people to enter the area the family would not have a problem with that. They wanted to keep the property close to its natural state.

Ms. Gilley said the restrictions would be in the deed.

Council Member Grogan said she was impressed with the property and it was a generous gift. With the land backing up to the greenway, it fit right into what they were trying to do with the trails.

Mr. Farmer said there was a little creek running along the property so it would be hard to develop it into any type of commercial property. He felt they could keep it close to the natural state and make it a good piece of property for the greenway extension.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to approve the land donation and authorization to proceed with the legal transfer. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

#### REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Interim City Manager Terry Shelton said each Council Member had received a copy of the report. It was available online and in Eden's Own Journal. It was full of information that pertained to the City and he encouraged everyone to pick up a copy.

#### City Manager's Report – October 2019

##### *Economic & Tourism Development*

##### *NCDOT*

On Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, representatives from the City of Eden Economic Development Department, Danville, VA Economic Development, Pittsylvania County, VA Economic Development and the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance met with NCDOT Division 7 Engineer Mike Mills to discuss the continuation of I-785 to the Virginia state line. This is a vital component to the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill development.

Division 7 staff is trying to get the final leg of I-785 included in the Hicone Road to exit #153 funding so the entire section is completed. We will work with them to accomplish this through meetings with both state and federal officials.

##### *Economic Development Announcement*

An announcement will be made the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>.

##### *Planet Fitness*

This company has extended its \$1 down and \$10 a month on-line sale until October 28, 2019. Go to [www.planetfitness.com](http://www.planetfitness.com) to sign up.

*UNC Rockingham Health Care*

Now Offering 3D Mammograms at the Wright Imaging Center, a Service of UNC Rockingham Hospital. Breast imaging services at UNC Rockingham Health Care now include 3D mammograms, a screening that delivers a more in depth look at breast tissue. The more detailed 3D image reduces the likelihood of additional screenings or follow-up visits. It also enables physicians to find cancers at an earlier stage. For those who have dense breast tissue, a 3D mammogram offers a clearer image. Screening mammograms are recommended for women beginning at age 40, unless otherwise advised by your physician. During October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, hours will be extended to 7 p.m. every Monday. Patients getting a mammogram during Breast Cancer Awareness Month will receive a free gift. To make an appointment, call Central Scheduling at 336-627-6183. UNC Rockingham Wright Imaging Center, A Service of UNC Rockingham Hospital is at 618 South Pierce Street, Eden. 3D Mammography at UNC Rockingham is accredited by the American College of Radiology.

*UNC Cardiology at Eden—Now Open!*

This practice opened on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 518 S. Van Buren, Suite 3. Cardiologists Dr. Thomas Wall and Dr. Fernando Ortiz see patients in the office and provide hospital consults at UNC Rockingham Health Care on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. “We’re excited to bring this specialty to the UNC Rockingham campus,” said Dana M. Weston, president and CEO of the Eden hospital. “Through our affiliation with the UNC Health Care system, our community and our patients now have access to the expertise, research, technologies and clinical trials that are available at UNC Medical Center.” UNC Cardiology at Eden will see patients for the prevention, screening and treatment of heart disease. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call (336) 864-3130.

*Duke Energy Foundation Grant Received*

The City received a \$9,454 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation for an otter habitat along the Smith River with the generous assistance of the Dan River Basin Association Executive Director Tiffany Haworth. This will be the only habitat of its kind in the U.S. The City of Eden has received more than \$300,000 in grants from Duke Energy for environmental, trail development and waterway projects since 2016.

*Young Eden Professionals*

Like most rural areas of the U.S., many young people from Eden have left for an education or to work and have never returned. In fact, a recent study showed Rockingham County was among the top NC Counties in population loss among young people. It is encouraging to see younger people returning to continue their lives in their hometown, especially when they are professionals interested in becoming the next generation of community leaders. What is interesting about each of them is how they left home for larger communities, but appreciated the benefits of small town living. Those profiled already are all professionals—three in the medical community and one a partner in an accounting firm. Watch for their profiles in Eden’s Own Journal and other publications.

*Washington Street*

Construction continues at 618 Washington Street with the public pedestrian pass through to the rear of the facility. The building will become apartments, a coffee shop and restaurant.

Available Property Listing

The city of Eden maintains an available commercial downtown property listing on the official city website. It can be found under the Economic Development tab, then Start a Business, with current ESRI data that is helpful to determine current businesses needed in Eden.

Leaksville MSD

The Leaksville Municipal Service District continued to support Riverfest again this year with a donation of \$1,500. This MSD has supported the Eden signature event that brings thousands of people to the downtown area.

Homecoming Parade

Morehead High School held their annual homecoming parade October 4<sup>th</sup> on Washington Street. The Street was lined with supporters cheering on the football team, cheerleaders and the Morehead High School marching band. Businesses were encouraged to decorate their storefronts for the occasion.

Eden Downtown Development Inc.

The Design sub-committee project of custom painting downtown fire hydrants has been a success and will continue for the foreseeable future. Nineteen hydrants were completed in time for Riverfest. FOX 8 featured the hydrants in their Friday night broadcast including hydrants from Leaksville, Draper and the Boulevard. Another was finished depicting a rainbow trout design at the Spray traffic circle. Morehead High School students plan to complete one at Panther Lane. If you would like to participate contact Randy Hunt at rhunt@edennc.us.

Draper MSD

The Draper Municipal Service District members met Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. They voted to purchase additional spools of bulb wiring and cases of LED bulbs to replace the aging electrical components on the angel lights that are hung from poles downtown at Christmas time. Two metal benches were placed on Fieldcrest Road to service the bus stops. They are also researching the possibility a bus stop shelter.

Draper Merchants Association

The Merchants Association are designing a T-shirt depicting Draper memories to be sold as a fundraiser for upcoming outdoor events, such as the Draper Christmas tree lighting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Friends of Draper are planning a Trunk or Treat event for Halloween. Draper hosts a large Veterans Day event also.

Cars and Coffee

Our last 2019 Cars and Coffee will be held at the Family Video parking lot the last Saturday morning of October from 8:00-10:00. Stop by to enjoy the comradery and see some beautiful and unique vehicles.

Get Fit Rockingham

Get fit Rockingham, a program designed for residents of Rockingham County to develop healthy habits wrapped up the 2019 season. A raffle was held at Riverfest for Eden participants. John Carter of Eden won the grand prize, a new Apple I watch. The program will continue county wide in the spring of 2020.



Eden Downtown Development Inc.

EDDI Members involved with an entrepreneurship education program met with representatives of Rockingham Community College and then members of the Rockingham County School system. Fostering an entrepreneurship mindset for a younger generation to create economic opportunity was a focus; jobs and future workforce is difficult to predict as the world is changing more and more quickly.

There will be a mural unveiling at Henry Street Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Boulevard Merchants

The merchants held Rocktoberfest, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, featuring live bands, food trucks and vendors. Monies raised will be used for façade grants for buildings on the Boulevard. The merchants will be hosting a Boo-la-Vard! Halloween parade featuring trick or treating, face painting and a costume contest.

RIVERFEST

We would like to thank everyone who was a sponsor, vendor, exhibitor, volunteer or attendee at RiverFest 2019. We had great weather that made for a very successful weekend here in beautiful Eden, North Carolina. See you next year!!

2019 RIVERFEST Sponsors

- MillerCoors
- City of Eden
- Eden Tourism Development
- Rockingham County Economic Development & Tourism
- HomeTrust Bank
- Historic Leaskville MSD Board
- UNC Rockingham Health Care
- News & Record
- Rockingham Now
- Gildan Activewear
- Eden Drug
- Fair Funeral Home
- Duke Energy
- Tri-City Automotive Group
- Mike Moore Media

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Stay tuned for a new and improved tourism website. Coming to a screen near you!!

Halloween Events in Our Downtowns

- Treat Street along Washington Street – Friday, October 25 – 3:00 to 5:30 – Costume contest at 6:00
- Friends of Draper Trunk or Treat along Fieldcrest Road – Saturday, October 26 – 3:00 to 7:00

- Halloween on the Boo-Levard – Treats, music, costume parade and contest and more - Thursday, October 31 – 4:00 to 6:00

### 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](mailto:godowntown@edennc.us)

### Engineering

#### NCDOT Resurfacing Schedule

APAC Atlantic, Inc. has completed all of the state resurfacing and all of the pavement markings have been installed for 2019.

#### 2019-20 Street Resurfacing Contract

Sections of Price Street, Cedar Street, Anderson Street and Church Street are scheduled to be resurfaced this month. The other 11 streets on this paving schedule will be resurfaced in the spring of 2020.

Delta Contracting, Inc. completed the asphalt milling on Anderson Street, Cedar Street and Church Street on October 9, 2019.

Boone Masonry is currently working on the manhole and water valve adjustments on sections of Price Street, Anderson Street, Cedar Street and Church Street. The adjustments are scheduled to be completed by Friday, October 11, 2019.

APAC Atlantic has their paving crew scheduled to start resurfacing on Monday, October 14, 2019. The substantial completion date for this project is May 29, 2020.

### Information Technology

#### Cybersecurity Month

October is national Cybersecurity Month! I know, I know, there's a month for everything under the sun now, but that doesn't make cybersecurity any less important.

Shannon Morse, a technology and cybersecurity commentator, has published a 30 day challenge for Cybersecurity Month. She guides you through various tasks to improve your personal cybersecurity with a different activity each day. She provides video as well as written instructions and links to various online resources. You can find the 30 day challenge here:

<https://snubsie.com/30-day-security-challenge>

The most important thing you can do to improve your cybersecurity is to Stop! Look! And Think! before clicking that Link!

### Parks & Recreation

#### Freedom Park

Holmes Middle School continues its Girls Softball Program at Freedom Park through October 2019.

Minutes of the regular October 15, 2019 meeting of the City Council, City of Eden:

The City of Eden Prowlers Football Program will play at Morehead High School on October 19, 2019

There is a Concert in the Park/ Cruise In/ Fall Festival at Freedom Park on October 26, 2019.

There is a NSA Tournament scheduled at Freedom Park on October 19 - 20, 2019, a Top Gun Tournament on October 26 - 27, 2019, a NSA Tournament November 2 - 3 , 2019, a Top Gun Tournament on November 9 - 10, 2019, and a NSA Tournament November 16 – 17, 2019.

#### Bridge Street Rec

The Western Rockingham County Middle School is using the Bridge Street Tennis Courts for their home matches this Fall. They will play their home matches there through October, 2019.

#### Other

Staff will attend a Piedmont Triad Regional Council meeting on October 16, 2019

Staff will conduct the Monthly Pod Cast with Mike Moore Media on Parks and Recreation on November 1, 2019.

### Planning & Inspections

#### Code Enforcement

22 notices were mailed by certified mail and first class mail that affect the following number of properties: 2 for violation of the Human Habitation Standards, 5 for disabled vehicles, 2 for high grass and weeds, 1 for junk storage, 1 for yard waste accumulation, and 4 for zoning violations.

#### Collections

\$400.00 was collected for code enforcement fees.

#### GIS

We have been working with the Eden Police Department on their Crime and Traffic Safety Analysis and DDACTS program.

It has become obvious that we need additional software and training to be able to meet the recent requests from the Police Department and the Municipal Services Department

#### Inspections

During the month of September, we completed 216 building code related inspections.

#### General

Staff also researched property owners and provided maps for the Business Development Department.

Maps and documents were created for the Planning Board meeting and the City Council meeting.

#### Planet Fitness

The Planet Fitness project is proceeding. They have been through the rough in stage and are now trimming out. They intend to open this month.

Zip's Carwash

Permit approved and issued, waiting on contractor to pick up. We have no startup date for this project.

KFC

We are also expecting the plans for the new KFC any day now. They are wanting to get started ASAP so we will fast-track the plans once they are received.

Planning Board

The Planning will hear a PUD-MU request for the Nantucket Mill property at their October regular meeting. They will be heard at the City Council meeting in November. This is the same meeting that the American Warehouse property will be on the agenda for abatement.

Historic Preservation Commission

Commission met on 9-9-19. Commission is upset about Strategic Planning Commission, feeling that they (HPC) have to go thru them (SPC) to get projects/money approved. (They do not.) Kelly came to the meeting to explain the roll of the SPC. Also discussed replacing historic district signs. Have prices from Steve Rippey to match new wayfinding signs, however will have to bid project. Mrs. Harrington resigned.

Community Appearance Commission

Commission met on 9-3-19. September Appearance Award went to Burger King. Discussed possibly getting new banners on Washington St. to support the high school. Checked into getting something by homecoming, but this is not possible on short notice. Will discuss at next meeting as possible future project. Also discussed adding more planters on Washington St., which are more affordable than the large ones there now. Also discussed new trashcans for Washington St. and Draper. Will coordinate with Randy Hunt on this. Also discussed new plantings in Draper downtown – something low (zero) maintenance and drought tolerant. Will do this when the weather cools off.

Citizens Academy

Our department is scheduled for Citizen's Academy this week. We have made preparations for our presentation and the dinner.

Stadium Drive Sidewalk

We have a meeting this week with the staff committee to begin the selection process for an engineering firm to begin the project.

Grants:

CDBG: We have not heard about the CDBG application for housing rehab and infrastructure for the Draper neighborhood.

Pedestrian Plan: We have not heard from the NCDOT about the Pedestrian Plan.

Statute Changes

The General Assembly has approved a total re-write of 160A Article 19. This will mean that every ordinance we are responsible for will have significant changes. Pouring through new Statutes and comparing them to old ones is slow going. There is a long session on these changes at the NCAPA Conference next week.

NC Planning Conference

Kelly will be attending the NCAPA Chapter Conference from October 8 through 11.

Bridge St Sidewalk-

Josh has been working with Kevin London on the development of a sidewalk on Bridge St. from Kings Highway to Highland Dr. This will provide connectivity to the new trail being installed behind Karastan. Josh and Kevin have met on site and found the existing property lines to ensure that sidewalk will not encroach on private property. The project will now be released to Public Works to begin construction.

Matrimony Creek Greenway

Josh has been developing a landscape plan for the Matrimony Creek Greenway around the entrance and bathrooms.

Meadow Rd/ Stadium Dr. Landscape Plan

Josh has drawn a landscape plan for the concrete island at the intersection of Meadow Rd and Stadium Dr. and has received funding approval from the Strategic Committee. Josh has submitted the plans and encroachment agreement to NCDOT for approval. He is meeting Jason Julian with NCDOT on 10/3/2019 at the site for final NCDOT approval.

811 Locates

One of the duties that has been assigned to Josh Woodall is to assist with 811 locates. Josh has assisted the Engineering Department with multiple 811 locates including the water line project for the Berryhill Mega Park and also a large locate project for Duke Energy in the Bearslide development.

Police

Stand Against Litter

The Eden Police Department continues to post a Public Service Announcement on the Eden Police Department's Facebook page asking citizens to Stand Against Litter as part of the county wide campaign to aggressively enforce littering and illegal dumping violations. We will continue to replay the announcement each month and aggressively enforce littering and illegal dumping statutes.

November Fund Raiser

This year, our department will be participating in 'No Shave November' and 'Crazy Nail / Casual Dress November' fund raising campaign. We will be supporting one of the members of our "First Responder" family this year. Emily Thacker is a Rockingham County 9-1-1 Telecommunicator and a volunteer in the Eden Rescue Squad. Emily is a 34 year old single mother of three children (ages 11, 6, 5) and lives in Eden. Emily was diagnosed with Stage 1

Invasive Ductal Carcinoma Breast Cancer. Emily has been a trooper since her diagnosis. She has had multiple doctor's appointments for testing, scans, and biopsies. Emily has had to leave work for appointments and came back to work afterwards. This will be, not only a lengthy process for her but a costly one as well. For our female officers and clerical staff, November and December 2019 will be casual dress and we also encourage our female officers and clerical staff to paint their fingernails pink or lavender for cancer awareness.

Training

We have scheduled our mandated fall in-service training for the fall. The training dates will be November 4, 18 and 25. The training will be from 10am-10pm and include fall firearms qualification.

Police Department Facebook Page

The Eden Police Department would like to continue to encourage the citizens of our community to utilize the Eden Police Department's Facebook page for updates and information concerning our community, as well as Crimestoppers, to provide anonymous information concerning illegal activity to keep our community safe. We all have to work together to keep our community safe.

b. RiverFest presentation.

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

Ms. Adams said RiverFest began as a celebration of Eden's art history and river heritage. It started just a few years after Eden became a North Carolina Main Street champion and the City's focus turned to river recreation. Historic Downtown Eden was just a block from the Dan River and the Leaksville Landing. The Leaksville merchants in collaboration with the City facilitated the initial events. Starting off relatively slowly, as any event usually does, with one stage and a few vendors the festival had grown to include two stages of music, more than 100 food and craft vendors, and many special exhibits. It had become Eden's signature annual event that replaced the Eden Apple Festival when the funding for that event was withdrawn. RiverFest continued to evolve each year as an annual event that was meticulously planned to add new exhibits, book a variety of talented musical acts, offer inviting festival foods, and allow Eden to showcase its downtown revitalization efforts led by the local merchants. A loyal group of volunteers led by the City's Tourism Department and multiple other departments worked to bring Piedmont Triad citizens the event each September. She shared a PowerPoint of various RiverFest exhibits, musicians and vendors. They really listened to the merchants who were not seen as much when the tents were on the side of the street. They maneuvered with power and all kinds of sources to get those tents to the middle of the street. There were nine power sources and three water sources downtown dedicated to the festival. With the tents moved to the middle of the street, the vendors and merchants loved it. One year, BB&T sponsored a hot air balloon. There have been several 5K runs and the Models of RiverFest. They have used different mediums, kinds of posters, and different looks to advertise throughout the years. There had been the King BMX Stunt Show, a cowboy with roping skills, chainsaw carver, the butterfly encounter out of Florida, the virtual kayak, the gravity ball, reptiles, and the Carolina Raptor Center with a bird release as exhibits. For amusements, they had used several amusement companies, which had to be inspected by the State and some were not as good as others. Several years ago, Chris Cobert, who was top notch and the State loved him, came on board and they would keep him as long as they could. They

had the gem sluices, knockerball, the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Crew, and the City's 50th Anniversary. They were members of the North Carolina Festivals and Events Association, which was how they got many of their good vendors through that alliance with the organization. Music had become the signature of RiverFest. It brought lots of people from many areas around the Triad, Southern Virginia, and all over the State. They tried to have different genres of music.

That year, the Police Department really stood out at RiverFest by capturing the community experience. They helped promote the Chamber of Commerce's Rubber Duck Regatta, posed with the characters, and participated in the adult tricycle race. The officers were part of the festival, had fun with it, and were not just there in uniform. Deputy Police Chief Clint Simpson wore a lighted cowboy hat and played drums with the Pizazz Band on stage. Ms. Adams awarded Deputy Chief Simpson with an award for community service over and above and named him the 2019 Star of RiverFest.

RiverFest was an award-winning festival. In the past, they had won for best downtown event with the best promotional materials, thanks to City Clerk Deanna Hunt. They were a member of the Top 20 Events of the Southeastern Tourism Society. Sponsors were everything. They could not do the festival without all of the community sponsors and many of the sponsors had been there from the very beginning. MillerCoors continued support for four more years after they left Eden. All of the things offered free at RiverFest were due to the community sponsors.

She wanted to thank everyone who attended RiverFest. The Police Department said that Eden's population doubled during the weekend of RiverFest. People came from all over to see what Eden was about and get educated on the rivers, arts and downtown. It was really a time to shine. Ms. Adams said it took an army to put the festival on and she wanted to thank everyone: the merchants, especially Glenn Denny, Bette Hutchens, Kia at the Auto Repair Shop, Karastan, Scottie's, Barry Carter, and Dave Wall who allowed use of their spaces; the vendors - special exhibitors, crafters, artisans, food and amusements; volunteers Mike Moore and Bret Hart for being the stage managers for both stages; Municipal Services Director Paul Dishmon for being a great trouble-shooter and her moral support; the Street Department because they cleaned the streets before and afterwards, with a special thanks to employees Travis Hutchens and Chris Evans of that crew who stayed late; Solid Waste Superintendent Dusty Curry and his crew for delivering trashcans and the removal of trash, and especially employee Ivan Cabiness for staying on site with the truck to empty trash; Parks and Recreation's Terry Vernon and Kathy Overby along with the Strader family, who worked hard all day long picking up trash; Economic Development Director Mike Dougherty for doing everything and staying with her from the beginning to the end; Main Street Manager Randy Hunt and the Eden Rotary for organizing and manning the beer garden; Facilities and Grounds led by Ray Thomas for setup, particularly employees Drew Chilton and Jimmy Dillon; Zach Baumann, a new employee from Municipal Services who was very dedicated and hardworking; the Police Department led by Chief Light and Deputy Chief Simpson along with Capt. John Edwards who provided overnight security to make sure everyone's belongings were taken care of; Eden Fire Marshal Todd Harden for making sure all of the vendors were setup in a safe manner; the Fire Department for letting them use the station on Henry Street as a command center and for storing the golf carts and coolers; Ms. Hunt and Administration's Jennifer Woods for all the marketing materials; electrician Carl Booth for electrifying the festival; volunteer Debbie Ellis who staffed the welcome tent; and the RiverFest Planning Team of Rhonda Price, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Hunt, Heather Castle, Angela

Fowler, Tom Barbour, Peggy Good and Ms. Ellis. Planning was a year-long process and they had already started now for next year. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and encouragement. She said they could not have done RiverFest without that. Eden's festival was known to be clean, safe and very organized. All of the people she thanked helped them keep that reputation and they would not do anything but get better.

Council Member Grogan said a festival like RiverFest could not happen without Ms. Adams.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the September 17, 2019 Minutes.
- b. Adoption of a Resolution approving the Local ABC Board's Travel Policy.

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 15th day of October, 2019.

City of Eden

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- c. Adoption of the Rockingham County Involuntary Commitment Transportation Plan.

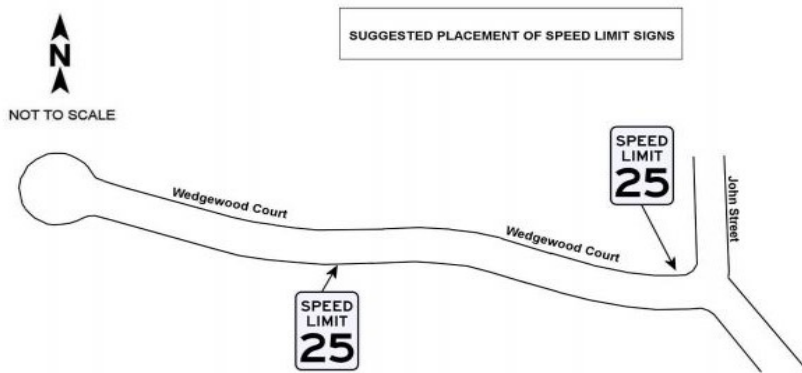
*A copy of this plan is on file in the City Clerk's Office.*

- d. Adoption of an Ordinance to lower the speed limit on Wedgewood Court.

Sgt. Jim Robertson wrote in a memo dated October 3, 2019, the Police Department received a request for a traffic study on Wedgewood Court by a citizen in late August. Eden City Council Member Darryl Carter was in support of a traffic study on Wedgewood Court. Wedgewood Court is in a residential area with a cul-de-sac at the west end and has 22 households along it. As with all residential areas, the chances for pedestrian traffic are heightened; particularly children. An order was issued for speed surveys to be completed on Wedgewood Court. Ten separate speed surveys were conducted at different times and dates from September 9 through September 30. Speed data was collected from 73 vehicles traveling through the area. The data showed that 68% of the recorded traffic was traveling at or below 25 mph. Another 29% of 2 traffic was traveling between 26 mph to 38 mph. And lastly, there were 3% of the vehicles going 39 mph to 44 mph. Additionally, several residents were polled directly as to their opinion about whether the speed limit on Wedgewood Court should be 25 mph, 3 5mph, or something other. Thirteen of the 22 households uniformly responded that 25 mph would be the speed limit they preferred to see enforced (the remaining households had no response at the door during the times of the poll). All residents polled cited "children in the area" as their main concern for the reduced speed limit. Due to the residential nature of the area, the majority opinion of the residents, and the speed data showing a high majority of the sample vehicles self-conforming to a 25 mph speed limit, the recommendation of the Police Department is that the speed limit on



Wedgewood Court be reduced from the citywide speed of 35 mph to 25 mph. Below is a map of the proposed locations of the Speed Limit signs:



**AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON WEDGEWOOD COURT FROM JOHN STREET WESTWARD TO THE CUL-DE-SAC/DEAD END OF WEDGEWOOD COURT**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, pursuant to authority granted by N.C.G.S. § 20-141(e) that:

Section 1 – The City Council of the City of Eden has determined that operation of a motor vehicle Thirty-Five (35) miles per hour on Wedgewood Court from John Street westward to the cul-de-sac/dead end of Wedgewood Court is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions existing upon Wedgewood Court from John Street westward to cul-de-sac/dead end of Wedgewood Court.

Section 2 – It shall be an infraction to operate a motor vehicle on Wedgewood Court from John Street westward to the cul-de-sac/dead end of Wedgewood Court in excess of Twenty-Five (25) miles per hour.

Section 3 – Signs shall be placed, erected or installed on each side of Wedgewood Court from John Street westward to the cul-de-sac/dead end of Wedgewood giving notice of the speed limit to traffic traveling in each direction on said street/roadway.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

Section 5 – All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFECTIVE, this 15th day of October, 2019.

City of Eden

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- e. Approval to award a bid for the City Hall boiler replacement project to United Financial(Home Trust) for financing.

Assistant Director of Finance Amy Winn said in a memo that Council approved the replacement of the boiler at City Hall in its FY 2019-2020 Budget. On September 25, 2019, she requested bids from our local banks for the financing and received the following quotes: BB&T 2.47%, United Financial (Home Trust) 2.19%

The total cost of the equipment is \$232,569 with annual payments of approximately \$49,613.88, which was within the budgeted amounts. She respectfully asked that Council approve United Financial (Home Trust) as the successful bid for financing.

f. Approval to award a bid for the Solid Waste ejector trash trailer to United Financial.

Ms. Winn said in a memo in the 2019-2020 Budget, City Council approved the purchase of a trash trailer for the Solid Waste department and it has been set up in the budget to be financed. On October 1, 2019, she requested bids from our local banks for the financing and received the following quotes: BB&T 2.47%, United Financial (Home Trust) 2.19%

The total cost of the equipment is \$59,223 with annual payments of approximately \$12,634.03, which was within the budgeted amounts. She respectfully asked that Council approve United Financial (Home Trust) as the successful bid for financing.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall said Thursday night, there would be a meet and greet of the Eden City Council candidates from 5:30 to 7 at Rio Grande. It was originally scheduled to be at Santana's but due to handicapped accessibility for the room they were using, the Chamber of Commerce had to change locations.

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:

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Neville Hall  
Mayor