

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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
	Darryl Carter
	Jerry Ellis, absent
	Jerry Epps
	Sylvia Grogan
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
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 6:00 p.m. and worked 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.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

a. Month of the Young Child

Mayor Hall asked Rockingham County Partnership for Children Executive Director Heather Adams to join him at the podium as he read the Proclamation.

Ms. Adams thanked Mayor Hall. She explained the Partnership for Children provided an array of services for children prenatal to age five. Their goal was that all children entered kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed. She presented children's books for each Council Member and encouraged enrollment for children in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which provided monthly books until a child turned five.

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Proclamation: Month of the Young Child

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Partnership for Children, in its 21st year of providing services to young children and their families, along with our early childhood community, in conjunction with the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the “Month of the Young Child™” throughout April 2019; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to promote and inspire high quality early childhood experiences for our state’s youngest citizens, that can provide a foundation of learning and success for children in Eden and throughout Rockingham County; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, and make a difference in the lives of young children in Eden and Rockingham County deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the futures of our young children and to the prosperity of our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neville Hall, Mayor of Eden, do hereby proclaim the month of April as the “Month of the Young Child™” in Eden, North Carolina and encourage all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood in the City and throughout Rockingham County.

This the 19th day of March, 2019.

By: Neville Hall Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt City Clerk

b. Presentation: Students in City Government Program.

Mayor Hall called on Strategic Planning Commission Member Joy Toms.

Ms. Toms explained she was a school counselor and drop-out prevention coordinator at Morehead High School. She was one of two representatives from Rockingham County Schools on the Strategic Planning Commission. She was present to discuss Civic Students in City Government, a partnership between Morehead High School and the City. She called forward three of the first participants and asked them to introduce themselves: Dawn Farmer, senior; Elijah Allen, sophomore; and Holly Mariscal, freshman. Mrs. Toms explained the program was developed after discussion in a Commission meeting about reaching out and involving youth in the community. She cited part of the Strategic Plan addressing youth. She noted part of the Plan called to establish vocational and skills training programs through public and private partnerships, including forming mentorship alliances between public and private partners. There was no better way to do that than to have the City of Eden serve as a model as to what that partnership could look like. Goals of the Plan included increasing activity and engagement in the community, specifically youth and young adults. The new program was little to no cost to anyone. They had seven sections of civics classes that semester. Teachers of those classes had been asked to list students who would be interested in shadowing government employees. The first session would be March 28 with 20 students. Participants would spend the day with the employees they were assigned to. Students had selected their top three choices to work in. A lot of the students did not realize what departments and jobs were in the City. The Commission’s hope was the program would introduce students to things they would bring back to their classes, the community and their families. A total of 60 students in different grade levels would participate, including 20 on April 18 and 20 on May 23. The plan was to continue the program into the next school year.

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Mayor Hall encouraged department heads to do their best to present a positive image and show what a great place Eden was. He noted Ms. Toms, her husband Matt and their children were leaving Eden and they would be greatly missed.

Ms. Toms introduced Morehead High School Principal Ryan Moody who was in the audience. She thanked him for his support of the program and thanked Dr. Cindy Corcoran of Rockingham County Schools who served on the Commission.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

*There were no Public Hearings at this time.*

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

*There were no Requests and Petitions of Citizens at this time.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of 2019 Boards and Commissions appointments.

Mayor Hall called on Planning & Inspections Director Kelly Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said there were currently three vacancies on the Strategic Planning Commission. The Commission would like to recommend Edgar Robertson to fill one of those positions. Mr. Robertson was a young man who grew up in Eden and was interested in the community.

Council Member Burnette highly recommended him. Mr. Robertson participated in the 2011 All America City program. He was interviewed thoroughly for a chance to serve on the Commission. He would be a great addition.

Council Member Grogan pointed out he was an Eagle Scout.

A motion was made by Council Member Hampton to approve Mr. Robertson to serve on the Strategic Planning Commission. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of bid acceptance for the Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements.

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Contractors	Base Bid Price	Engineer's Cost Estimate	Different Under/Over Engineer's Estimate
Frizzell Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,043,211	\$2,400,000	-\$356,789
English Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,384,000	\$2,400,000	-\$16,000
Shook Construction Co.	\$2,615,000	\$2,400,000	\$215,000
Laughlin-Sutton Construction Company	\$2,700,600	\$2,400,000	\$300,600

Mayor Hall called on Public Utilities Director Terry Shelton.

Mr. Shelton said the first project of the remediation plan was the Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements. The need to update the digester had been discussed in two budget retreats. They were at the point of accepting a bid, starting construction and moving forward with the installation of the Clean B Digestion System at the plant. Four sealed bids were received by the City on February 27. W.K. Dickson Engineers reviewed the bid documents and checked with references for the lowest bidder, Frizzell Construction Company, Inc. For the project, the base bid from Frizzell Construction was \$356,789 below the engineer's estimate. All of the remediation plan to that point was financed through the Connect NC Bond money. Up to that point, they had been paying the engineers for the design and prep work. Because it was loan- and grant-funded project, the bid approved by Council would be forwarded to the Division of Water Infrastructure to receive authorization to award the contract. At that point, they should be able to get reimbursements for money they had already expended for the engineering work.

Council Member Carter confirmed that Frizzell's references had been checked and were positive.

Mayor Hall asked if W.K. Dickson had worked with Frizzell in the past.

Mr. Shelton did not think so but W.K. Dickson did recommend Frizzell.

Mayor Hall said it appeared from the bids that some of the firms did not need the work.

Mr. Shelton agreed.

Mayor Hall noted it had been talked about for several years and was something they needed.

Council Member Burnette asked Mr. Shelton to briefly tell what the project would do for the City. People knew it was part of the remediation plan for the Administrative Order but may not know exactly what it was.

Mr. Shelton explained it would replace an aerobic digester at the plant. That had always been a bottleneck to the operation of the plant, particularly when there were high flow rates years before with textile industry waste. The basin was in bad shape and need of repair. Their choices were to rehab it, build another complete basin or proceed with the new technology which was a chemical treatment of the sludge that would normally go into the digester. It would treat it quickly, less than an hour, from the time it went in as raw sludge to when it came out to a product that could be applied to farmland for the nutrient value. There probably would not be a significant savings over

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having the aerobic digester but they would be able to process sludge through the plant much more effectively and in a more timely manner.

Council Member Burnette questioned the additive that was not included that was for use in the preferred equipment. He asked what that meant.

Mr. Shelton replied it was to specify a particular brand of pumps. The City was satisfied they could function with what the contractor was offering for them to work with.

Council Member Burnette noted that was a savings of about \$425,000.

Mr. Shelton agreed and said it was hard to look past that.

Council Member Grogan asked how long it would take to complete the project.

Mr. Shelton said 200 plus days to install it. A lot depended on how long it took the equipment to be delivered after they were ordered. They were purchasing the Clean B system, a proprietary piece of equipment they had a purchase order on from nearly a year prior. The total cost of the project was \$2,043,211 plus around \$700,000 for the Clean B.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to award the Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements contract to Frizzell Construction Company, Inc. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

- b. Request to approve Strategic Plan funding to resurface the Bridge Street and Mill Avenue walking tracks.

Mayor Hall called on Parks & Recreation Director Johnny Farmer.

Mr. Farmer said after City Council approved to fund the Matrimony Creek Greenway parking lot paving in the amount of \$42,000 the previous year, a hurricane had forced a delay. As his department was preparing to pave it recently, Engineering Director Bev O'Dell and Water & Sewer Construction Projects Manager Mark Bullins informed him the parking lot would be in the middle of some of the work from the EPA Administrative Order, creating about a 19-foot pit there. He felt it would be in the City's best interest to delay paving until that work was completed, which could be anywhere from six months to two years. Since the paving was a Strategic Plan initiative for recreation and health, he proposed that the walking tracks at the Bridge Street and Mill Avenue recreation center be resurfaced. The Freedom Park walking track was being repaved. He went to the Strategic Planning Commission with the request and it was approved. He planned to work with Director of Transportation Engineering Tammy Amos to get the projects done.

Council Member Carter asked how long the repaving lasted.

Mr. Farmer said the Mill Avenue Recreation Center and Garden of Eden Senior Center walking tracks had been repaved around 2007 or 2008, so it had been at least 10 years. Freedom Park had not been repaved since it was built and it would be 20 years old in 2019. Maintenance, like

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patching and seal-coating, had been done to the Freedom Park track. The Bridge Street Recreation Center had not been redone in the almost 14 years he had been with the City. He thought the life of a track, depending on usage and weather, was 10 to 12 years. Ms. Amos did a good job by inspecting the tracks and letting him know if they needed maintenance. It was her recommendation that the projects be done.

Council Member Grogan noted the Freedom Park walking track was heavily used.

Mr. Farmer said it would be repaved in April or May depending on the temperature.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to approve Strategic Plan funding the resurfacing of the walking tracks at the Bridge Street and Mill Avenue recreation centers at an amount not to exceed \$36,000. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

- c. Consideration of a proposal to waive building permit fees for downtown projects that include more than \$100,000 in renovation costs.

Mayor Hall called on Economic Development Director Mike Dougherty and Ms. Stultz.

Mr. Dougherty said typically the City gave incentives to companies bringing jobs and investments, making a significant impact in the community. Downtown projects also had the potential to make a significant impact. North Carolina's secretary of commerce said the soul of a community was its downtown. They were proposing to waive building permit fees for downtown projects that included more than \$100,000 in renovation costs as an incentive for a developer to come into a community. It was not money taken from the budget. The money they gave back facilitated investment that would come back to them in multiple ways in taxes long term.

Mayor Hall asked if other municipalities were using the program and if the North Carolina League of Municipalities was OK with the process. He knew there were issues with other incentive programs.

City Attorney Erin Gilley said they would not call it an incentive. Incentives had a lot of requirements. It was not money that had come into the City and it would be done across the board in a downtown area.

Ms. Stultz said Council set the fees and had a right to make decisions about them.

Council Member Burnette asked about the criteria to be designated as downtown.

Ms. Stultz said they were referring to the Main Street Program but the waiver would be all four of the traditional downtowns in the City. The Main Street Program was a downtown assistance program. Eden was a Main Street City. The issue would include The Boulevard, The Cook Block, Draper and Leaksville downtowns.

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Council Member Hampton asked how much money they would lose by not collecting for the permits.

Ms. Stultz replied they were not addressing a specific project. There was one potential project and Chief Building Inspector Bob Vincent had done some rough figuring with the permit fee being around \$10,000, assuming the project cost over \$1 million, which was the number they were shown. They needed to do something to encourage development in their traditional downtown areas.

Council Member Moore asked when \$100,000 or more was last spent on renovations downtown.

Ms. Stultz said the most recent large-scale renovation was by the City at 622 Washington Street. Ashley Latham rehabbed some buildings but she did not believe they spent \$100,000 on construction.

Mayor Hall said if the million dollar project would cost about \$10,000 in fees, should they infer that a \$100,000 project would cost about \$1,000 in fees.

Ms. Stultz replied yes.

Mayor Hall was pointing out it was a relatively insignificant amount of money for such a large investment.

Council Member Carter agreed and said the payback would be in the investment and taxes.

Ms. Stultz said the more people they had living and working in the downtown area, the more successful it would be.

Mr. Dougherty said the more projects they had like the ones they hoped to attract, encouraged more people to do the same thing.

Council Member Burnette thought it was a great idea. They were told people wanted to be in the downtown areas.

Ms. Stultz said the Council waived permit fees for MGM and Weil-McLain years earlier as part of their incentive package to come to Eden.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to waive building permit fees for downtown projects that include more than \$100,000 in renovation costs. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. Council Members Epps, Moore, Grogan, Burnette and Carter voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Hampton voted against the motion. The motion carried 5 to 1.

Council Member Carter asked what was in place for smaller investors.

Ms. Stultz said there were façade improvement and commercial development incentive grants. They were trying to find ways to help businesses. The Council had adopted programs.

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Council Member Hampton said they were trying to renovate and make things happen on The Boulevard. They were charged fees whenever they did anything. They had to hire more police security for the upcoming Food Truck Rodeo. The event profited about \$1,500. The police security fee would have been \$400 but Police Chief Greg Light and Assistant Chief Clint Simpson had agreed to waive the fee.

Ms. Stultz noted she was not involved with that permit.

Mayor Hall said if officers were taken off the street to work an event, there would be no coverage for the City. That meant Chief Light had to hire officers to come in on extra duty, and they had to be paid. He appreciated that Chief Light was willing to waive that fee. He understood she was fighting for The Boulevard but it was included in the building permit fee waiver.

It was noted there was a building on The Boulevard the City spent \$156,000 to rehab.

- d. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 219 Matthews Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

Six bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Sam W. Smith, Inc. \$14,000.00  
Brad Fisher Hauling \$ 2,800.00  
Kenny Frith \$ 2,400.00  
Rabco, Inc. \$ 3,470.00  
Loye Grading \$ 2,500.00  
Crawford's Plumbing \$ 8,900.00

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz noted the property was a manufactured home in deplorable condition located in an older neighborhood. One of the owners had called that day inquiring about the cost of the demolition. He had asked to be billed after the work was done and said he would pay it. Staff recommended that Kenny Frith be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$2,400.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 219 Matthews Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT  
219 MATTHEWS STREET, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of August, 2018, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by the heirs of Ersley Hampton at 219 Matthews Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:



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BEGINNING at the southwest corner of Lot No. 2, and running thence North 88 deg. 30 min. East 90 feet to the line of Lot No. 4; thence North 3 deg. 30 min. East 327.5 feet to the line of J. C. Cox's land; thence South 88 deg. 30 min. West 90 feet to Lot No. 2; thence South 3 deg. 30 min. West 327.5 feet to the BEGINNING and being all of Lot No. 3, which fell to the parties of the first part in the Division of the lands of Robert Harris in the matter of Malinda Muse vs. Pleas Harris and others. Deed Reference: Book 328, page 262.

The above described property being more commonly known as 219 Matthews Street, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7080-05-19-1303-00 and Unique ID 108349.

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of August, 2018, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 30th day of August, 2018, which was served on the property owners by publishing it in the Rockingham Now on the 19th day of August, 2018, and by posting on the subject property on the 8th day of August, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 30th day of August, 2018, and the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the dwelling located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owners by publishing in the Rockingham Now on the 26th day of September, 2018, and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 19th day of September, 2018; and

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

WHEREAS, the Owners have had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and they have failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structures located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the names of Easley Hampton, Easley Cornelia Brodie, Winston Sherman Hampton, Dennis Mitchell Hampton, and Vanear Wayne Hampton 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 19th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- e. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 11684 NC 770 under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

Five bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Sam W. Smith, Inc. \$12,000.00

Brad Fisher Hauling \$ 5,000.00

Kenny Frith \$ 5,500.00

Rabco, Inc. \$ 3,900.00

Loye Grading \$ 6,000.00

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Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said the house burned in 2015. It was on the route to Danville via Berry Hill Road in the ETJ. An action had been started and someone had been in to pull a permit earlier in the month to work on it. That person was told the permit would not stop the action unless activity followed immediately. They were not aware that any work had been done and no inspections had been called in. Staff recommended that RABCO, Inc., be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$3,900.

Mayor Hall asked what would happen in the event work was started before the demolition.

Ms. Stultz said she would be pleased and the property would not be demolished.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 11684 NC 770 under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. Council Member Epps seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT  
11684 NC 770, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of August, 2018, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by Gerald Franklin Mills and wife, Raticscqua Tierra-Nicole Mills at 11684 NC 770, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron set 20 feet south of the center line of the Leaksville-Danville Road, the South edge of said road, and said beginning point also being the Northeast corner of a tract deeded Aaron Hairston and wife, Emma Hairston by Deed dated January 19, 1933; thence with the South edge of the Leaksville-Danville Road, South 80 deg. 30 min. East 112 feet to an iron, set 20 feet from the center line of said road; thence South 41 deg. 40 min. West 478.83 feet to an iron; thence North 48 deg. 20 min. West 94.81 feet to an iron, the Southeast corner of the Aaron Hairston Tract; thence with the East line of said tract North 41 deg. 40 min. East 419.2 feet to the point of beginning and containing 42,571 sq. ft. more or less. Same being a part of the Glenn or Knob tract, as per survey by W. T. Combs, made November 3, 1937. The above described property being more commonly known as 11684 NC 770, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 8001-00-23-4483-00 and Unique ID 146998.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 20th day of September, 2018, which was served on the property owner, Gerald Franklin Mills, by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the 31st day of August, 2018, by first class mail and by posting on the subject property on the 24th day of August, 2018; that the certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to Raticscqua T. Mills was returned by the U.S. Postal service marked "Moved Left No Address;" and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 20th day of September, 2018, and the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the dwelling located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owners by certified mail, return receipt requested, by first class mail, and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 21st day of September, 2018; that the certified mail, return receipt requested, was returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Unclaimed;" and

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

WHEREAS, the Owners have had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and they have failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structures located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the name of Gerald Franklin Mills and wife, Raticqua Tierra-Nicole Mills 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 19th day of March, 2019.

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BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- f. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 319 Main Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

Five bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Sam W. Smith, Inc. \$20,000.00

Brad Fisher Hauling \$ 8,500.00

Kenny Frith \$ 8,500.00

Rabco, Inc. \$25,000.00

Loye Grading \$15,000.00

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz thanked the Council for the support they had given the program in the current budget year – it had made a tremendous difference. They had been actively correcting violations.

Ms. Stultz said the house was overgrown. The owner had died in the house. Nothing had been done to allay the condition of the property. Staff recommended that Brad Fisher Hauling be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the bid being in the amount of \$8,500. Two contractors had identical bids. Both of them were regular bidders for the program. They were recommending Mr. Fisher because, as of late, Mr. Frith had received several jobs.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 319 Main Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT  
319 MAIN STREET, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

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THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by the heirs of Kerry David Jones at 319 Main Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Eastern and Main Streets in Draper, N.C. and runs thence South 5 deg. East 200 feet with the western line of Main Street to the corner between Lots 4 and 5, the Point of Beginning; thence South 5 deg. East 100 feet with western line of Main Street to corner between Lots 6 and 7; thence South 85 deg. West 150 feet to corner between Lots 6 and 7; thence North 5 deg. West 100 feet to corner between Lots 4 and 5; thence North 85 deg. East 150 feet with line of Lot 4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING and is all of Lots 5 and 6, Section 16, as shown on map of Main Street Development, Draper, N.C. by E.E. Easley, C.E. and dated July, 1920. The above described property being more commonly known as 319 Main Street, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7090-07-59-1675-00 and Unique ID 110923.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 20th day of September, 2018, which was served on the property owners by publishing it in the Rockingham Now on the 29th day of August, 2018, and by posting on the subject property on the 24th day of August, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 20th day of September, 2018, and the Director subsequently issued an Order on the 12th day of October, 2018, to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owners by publishing in the Rockingham Now on the 17th day of October, 2018, and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 18th day of October, 2018; and

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

WHEREAS, the Owners have had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and they have failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structures located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the name of Kerry David Jones 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 19th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- g. Request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 410 Main Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

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Five bids were submitted to the department as follows:

Sam W. Smith, Inc. \$19,000.00

Brad Fisher Hauling \$ 6,000.00

Kenny Frith \$ 6,500.00

Rabco, Inc. \$ 8,100.00

Loye Grading \$ 7,200.00

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said the action was started several months prior. The owner immediately told Code Inspector Josh Woodall that he planned to repair the house, but had not. He called back and said he was going to do it but had not. He spoke with Ms. Stultz the previous day and he was concerned about the action and cost, saying he could do it quicker and cheaper. He wanted them to put this off but Ms. Stultz explained it would only be delayed until April. He said he would not have the funds to do it before then. The owner agreed it needed to be demolished and he was concerned about retaining his property. She explained to him that they would bill him and as long as he paid, he would not have to forfeit the property. Staff recommended Brad Fisher be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$6,000.

Mayor Hall asked if the property owner said when he may have the funds to demolish it himself.

Ms. Stultz replied that it did not sound like it would be in the near future.

Council Member Burnette said he understood from Mr. Woodall that action had already been taken on some of the growth around the property.

Ms. Stultz agreed. They had to do nuisance actions on it in the past. The owner removed some of the asbestos. They could not allow the property to stand in that state.

Mayor Hall said they were going in the right direction with the demolitions. He thought the City would end up owning the lot if they demolished the house.

Ms. Stultz said if the City did not demolish it, she thought it would look the same in six months. She had asked the owner if he could have it done by the next Council meeting and he said he could not.

Local Codes Administrator/GIS Analyst Debra Madison said the owner told Mr. Woodall in November that he would demolish the house.

Mayor Hall said he imagined they dealt with that a lot. When it came before Council they were sometimes unaware of how long it had been going on.

Council Member Grogan said she had heard complaints from some of the neighbors in the area. It affected the entire neighborhood.

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Mayor Hall noted that was the second demolition awarded to Brad Fisher. Mr. Fisher may not get to this one before April. If the owner wanted to take it upon himself to tear it down before it was demolished by the City, they would love for him to do so. It put the owner on the official clock.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to adopt an Ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 410 Main 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.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT  
410 MAIN STREET, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by Benny David Wray, Jr. at 410 Main Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

Being that property described in Deed Book 1481, page 2019 as Tract b and further described as Being the property acquired in Deed Book 296, Page 158 and Deed Book 222, Page 371 and Deed Book 232, Page 438 and Deed Book 369, Page 205, Rockingham County Register of Deeds and also being described as Tax Unique #112778. The above described property being more commonly known as 410 Main Street, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7091-19-50-4104-00 and Parcel ID No. 112778.

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 13th day of September, 2018, which was served on the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested on the 4th day of September, 2018, by first class mail and by posting on the subject property on the 24th day of August, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 13th day of September, 2018, and the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the dwelling located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, by first class mail and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 21st day of September, 2018; that the certified mail, return receipt requested, was returned by the U. S. Postal Service marked "Unclaimed;" and

WHEREAS, the Director caused a Notice of Lis Pendens to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Rockingham County, North Carolina, on the 2nd day of October, 2018; 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 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 Benny David Wray, Jr. in the Grantor and Grantee index.

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

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 19th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Mayor Hall pointed out the elimination of the drop port sites that was noted at the beginning of the report. He thanked City Manager Brad Corcoran for the report – he knew he had to stay up late to complete it.

Council Member Carter asked about the \$500 fine mentioned for littering.

Mr. Corcoran said the current ordinance provided for that.

Mayor Hall said there was some discussion with the County about raising that to \$1,000. He was in a public service announcement that week with some other mayors and County Commissioner Chair Reece Pyrtle. They were trying to become very active attacking the issue.

Mr. Corcoran said the County had staggered fines. He did not think the first one was \$500. Subsequent offenses could reach \$1,000. The City's fine at \$500 was stiffer for the first-time offense.

Mayor Hall had watched Chief Light's public service announcement against litter. The City was getting proactive on the issue in the same way they were in demolishing houses.

Mr. Corcoran noted the City had already installed cameras that were in use at that very time.

Mayor Hall said they received a lot of complaints on it. There was a link on NCDOT's website to report a litterer using their license plate number. They were trying to get all the help they could to stop litter as it was a big problem for the City.

Council Member Grogan referenced the drop port site elimination section and asked Municipal Services Director Paul Dishmon if he would speak about why they were being eliminated.

Mr. Dishmon said the sites were being eliminated due to the overwhelming contamination of the items that were supposed to be in the recycling containers. People dumped all types of items there, such as furniture, mattresses, paint, tires, hazardous waste, etc. The City then ended up having to dispose of the items, often having to pay to do so. The City did not accept hazardous waste or tires. They did take car batteries. The drop port sites were unmanned and people would

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drop off anything. It had become an expensive project, somewhere around \$68,000 a year just cleaning up the six drop port sites.

Council Member Grogan noted there was an expense to replace the unsafe drop port sites.

Mr. Dishmon said replacing the existing containers would cost around \$148,000. They would need a \$260,000 truck to empty the six drop ports weekly.

Council Member Burnette asked how many places in Rockingham County had drop sites.

Mr. Dishmon replied none that he knew of. Reidsville closed theirs and went to voluntary recycling. Eden had voluntary recycling. The rest of the County was mandatory recycling. The City was in the process of remodeling the Mebane Bridge Recycling Center to be more user friendly.

City Manager Corcoran noted the hours would be extended from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the center would be open daily except Monday.

Council Member Grogan said the drop port sites all over the City were a disgrace to look at.

Council Member Epps suggested publicizing photos of the drop port sites to show their condition to those concerned about them closing.

Mayor Hall noted the Council had seen those at the Budget Retreat. It was evident the sites were being abused if anyone rode by them. It was crucial to note, recycling was still available at Mebane Bridge Road. That was the only way the City could monitor what was being put out.

Mr. Dishmon noted stickers had been ordered for residents who wanted to use the Mebane Bridge center. He had turned away three vehicles that day who were trying to recycle but did not live in Eden.

Mayor Hall said it was not fair for Eden taxpayers to pay for other people's trash.

Mr. Dishmon said there was no money in recycling. The City was not making any money taking it. The hardest part was getting rid of it. They had glass and oil vendors who would accept those items at no charge.

Council Member Carter asked if the Rockingham County Landfill accepted tires.

Mr. Dishmon said they did. He thought it was 50 cents a tire if it was off the wheel. They also took wood pallets but they had to be separated.

### **City Manager's Report – March 2019**

#### **Drop Port Sites Eliminated & Recycling Center Hours of Operation Expanded**



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Effective June 1, 2019, all six of the recycling drop port sites located throughout the city will be closed and all recyclables can be dropped off at our recycling center that is located at 123 Mebane Bridge road.

Our Mebane Bridge site is currently being renovated to better handle the recycling material and ease of access. In addition, the site will have longer hours of operation. As of June 1, 2019, the recycling center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday. The facility will be closed on Mondays and will be closed in observance of 11 holidays throughout the course of the year.

According to the NC Department of Environmental Quality, the City of Eden is only allowed to accept recycling material from Eden residents. As such, we will be furnishing a vehicle sticker to Eden residents the first time they visit the site to drop off their recyclables. Once residency has been verified, a sticker will be given to the resident. The sticker must be displayed in the right rear of their vehicle. Each sticker will be numbered and assigned to that vehicle only. If a resident needs more than one sticker, for other vehicles they own, that vehicle must be driven to the site on a subsequent visit to the recycling center in order to be registered to receive a recycling sticker.

In addition, for those residents that may be interested in exploring the option of curbside recycling – please call the current service provider, Waste Management, at 1-877-652-4550.

For additional questions regarding this issue please call 336-627-7781 ext. 103 or email Dusty Curry, Superintendent of Solid Waste at [dcurry@edennc.us](mailto:dcurry@edennc.us).

#### **Annual Budget/Planning Retreat – Update**

The City Council met with staff for their annual budget/planning retreat on February 23. The City Council discussed priorities related to ongoing Economic Development initiatives and their desire to construct a shell building. The City Council also discussed their desire to stay focused on code enforcement and nuisance abatement related initiatives throughout the City. The City Council discussed issues related to the Parks and Recreation Department and indicated their support for a merger between the Eden Prowlers youth football program and the City of Eden Parks and Recreation Department. Some of the other priorities discussed included the construction of an emergency services training facility, elimination of the drop port recycling sites, improvements to and expansion of hours for the recycling center on Mebane Bridge road, littering and community aesthetic issues, the process of reporting burnt out streetlights and a synopsis of budgetary trends and financial data.

The top four City Council priorities (above-and-beyond normal operations) slated for funding in the upcoming fiscal year is as follows:

- Continued implementation of the *Positively Eden* strategic plan,
- Continued emphasis on code enforcement and the abatement of nuisances,
- Construction of an emergency services training facility behind fire station 400 on East Stadium Drive, and
- Replacement of the 1972 steam boiler at the Eden Municipal Building.

#### ***WARNING - Littering Enforcement/Fines - Take Pride in Your Community and Don't Litter!***

The City of Eden intends to use surveillance and other measures to aggressively enforce **NO LITTERING** in the City. **Individuals caught littering will be fined \$500!** There **WILL NOT**

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**BE ANY WARNINGS.** The number one complaint we receive on a consistent basis is the littering that is taking place throughout our community.

We hate litter! There is absolutely no reason for a civilized place to have an issue with litter, but Eden, like most communities, does. Please help us combat unsightly trash around our beautiful city.

How can you help?

Did you know that littering North Carolina roadways is illegal and can result in fines for those that commit the offense? Some litterbugs simply need to be informed and reminded that littering – whether deliberate or unintentional – can end with a personal commitment to stop.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has a fantastic program - Swat-A-Litterbug. This program encourages the public to report people who litter in an effort to help make North Carolina roadways cleaner. The program provides every individual an opportunity to be an active participant in reducing litter on North Carolina roadways. It's almost impossible for law enforcement to catch someone dumping litter from a vehicle without surveillance because who in their right mind would roll down a window and throw out a bag with a police officer behind them? With this program, any citizen can report the offending vehicle and NCDOT will take it from there. If you see someone throw out trash from a vehicle, please visit <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/Pages/swat-a-litterbug-report.aspx> or call the NCDOT Customer Service Office at (877) 368-4968.

NCDOT notifies the vehicle owner of the littering offense; informs the vehicle owner of the penalties for littering; and urges the litterbug to stop littering. A formal notification is signed by the Colonel of the N.C. State Highway Patrol. This letter helps educate and remind citizens of their civic responsibility to protect the environment.

Please keep the area around your property clean by picking up trash that land on or along it. It is frustrating when someone throws out something and it lands in or next to your yard or it blows off the back of a vehicle and is caught in your ditch. It is not your fault at all, but picking up the litter and disposing of it if you are able is showing your pride in your property, your neighborhood, and best of all, your city.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help us in our fight against littering.

**Eden Youth Council**

Are you ready to serve? The City is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 City of Eden Youth Council. Membership is open to individuals who live in the Morehead High School Attendance Zone (MHS, college, homeschool or private school students) and are between the ages of 14 and 20.

What can you expect?

- Service opportunities
- Develop leadership and professional skills
- Networking with civic leaders

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- Coordinate opportunities for Eden youth
- Great experience to list on resumes and college applications

If you are interested in applying, you can get your application at Eden City Hall - Administration, or Morehead High School Student Affairs Office. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Woods at [jwoods@edennc.us](mailto:jwoods@edennc.us).

### **Economic & Tourism Development**

#### **Former MillerCoors Site**

The new owners of this site are aggressively marketing the site and have hired a national site consultant firm that specializes in food and beverage processing. Two legitimate projects are currently considering the facility.

#### **Textile Facility**

Progress continues on reopening the former SGRTex facility on Summit Road. There could be a new owner by the end of the second quarter of 2019.

#### **Regional Economic Development Summit**

City of Eden Economic Development Director Mike Dougherty participated as a panelist at the March 12 event held at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville, VA. Fellow panelists included Danville Economic Development Director Telly Tucker and Pittsylvania County Economic Development Director Matt Rowe. The focus of the panel was economic development organizations, recent developments at the former MillerCoors site and progress at the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill.

#### **Elite Driving School**

There is a tremendous need for truck drivers nationwide. Trucking companies are offering generous sign on bonuses and significant income. Elite Driving School offers CDL driving training in addition to driver's education for students and others in need of a driver's license. Contact them at 336-623-6800 for more information.

#### **Osborne Company and Kirkland Builders Merger**

In early March, the Triad Business Journal announced the merger of Eden's Osborne Company and Kirkland Builders of High Point, NC. This merger was part of a succession plan for the owners of Osborne Company. The operations will consolidate in High Point by the end of 2019. Osborne Company employs twenty people, most of who live in the Greensboro area. The City of Eden appreciates Osborne Company for operating in Eden since 1991 when it merged John Smith and Sons.

#### **Azure Women's Apparel**

This Women's Clothing Boutique is located at 238 W. King's Hwy in Eden. Owner Andria Lowman has a wide variety of tops, dresses, jeans, casual business dresses, leggings, kimonos, handbags and accessories. Check out their Facebook page at Azure Women's Apparel and Instagram account @azurewomensappareleden. Local people are remarking on the great product lines carried here. They can be reached at 336-637-6054.

#### **Lidl**

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On January 22, staff for the City of Eden had a conversation with the Lidl Director of Communications. For at least the next four months, nothing will happen with the site. This European company's CEO has characterized its United States launch as "disastrous". For example, they had eight stores slated for the Piedmont Triad but have only opened four of these because of sales being below expectations. They are trying to work out their problems and establish the right product mix to compete in this market. The status of the Eden location could change by mid-2019 but we have not been guaranteed anything at this point.

**Yano Express Japanese Restaurant—New location**

This long-time restaurant has moved into the former Popeye's Chicken location at Fiddle Stix convenience store located at 700 S. Van Buren Road in Eden. The drive-thru window will add to the convenience of patronizing this business.

**Bridge Street Parking**

The newly paved parking lot off Bridge Street that flows behind Washington Street continues its improvements. Directional signage has been placed as well as a larger parking sign featuring images from the recently completed branding study. Concrete pads for benches, landscaping and a dedication sign will exhaust the remaining grant funding provided by the Home Savings Bank Charitable Endowment.

**Fieldcrest Public Space**

This public space in Draper on Fieldcrest road had its benches installed by the City's Facilities and Grounds Department. Corrugated sliding metal doors were delayed but should be completed by the end of the month. The equipment to install the lighting is on hand, but inclement weather has delayed its installation. Funding for this project was provided by a recommendation from the *Positively Eden* Strategic Planning Board through the Eden City Council.

**REAP**

City of Eden representatives, staff from Rockingham Community College and Rockingham County Economic Development staff continue to design the R.E.A.P. (Rockingham Entrepreneurial Assistance Program). Identifying clients for recruitment, targeted buildings and outlines for curriculum are current priorities. Brief surveys were conducted to gauge interest from potential participants. The REAP would assist with our objectives found for economic development in the *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan.

**Eden Downtown Development Inc.**

The EDDI board welcomes two new members: Ashley Latham of Ashley Latham Photography and Barry Carter of the Old Leaksville Gun Shop. Mike Quickel was voted as president, and Glenn Denny returned to the board. Several members of the EDDI board will be attending the NC Main Street conference in Salisbury, NC in March. The City's Planning and Inspections Department continues to work with the EDDI to create a pamphlet promoting the QR historical markers that are located in the Old Leaksville Commercial District. This Old Leaksville Commercial District Walking Tour will also include some historical structures just outside of the existing commercial district.

**Henry Street Mural**

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The City Council previously approved spending \$20,000 from the current *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan budgetary account to fund a new mural that will be completed by muralist Brandon Hardison.

**Boulevard Merchants**

The Boulevard Merchants Association will hold the second annual Food Truck Rodeo on Saturday April 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There have been fifteen food trucks reserved and additional spaces are available to rent for interested vendors. For more information contact [theblvdeden@gmail.com](mailto:theblvdeden@gmail.com).

**Public Art Project**

The public art project supporting painting fire hydrants has had a great response. Hydrants in our downtown areas have been identified as priorities and several local artists have volunteered to take on the project initially. This is open to the public; contact Randy Hunt at [rhunt@edemnc.us](mailto:rhunt@edemnc.us) for more information.

**Cars and Coffee**

These events are open to the public and will be hosted the last Saturday of each month from April through October between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the Family Video parking lot. The Three Rivers Chapter of the AACA Eden car show will be held on May 25 at the Tractor Supply Parking lot.

**Wire Animal Public Art Project**

They are Here! These life-sized wire creations by artist Josh Cote were officially unveiled at the John E. Grogan Park on February 25. Grogan Park is located at Eden City Hall, 308 E. Stadium Drive. We invite everyone to come out and view these first pieces of public art located here at Grogan Park...take a stroll, relax in the swing or under the gazebo, or bring a picnic. By the fountain at the park's entrance, you will find a heron. Along the path, look for an owl on a perch, two boxing hares, a buck, a doe, and a fox. Come and enjoy!

**Karastan Mosaic Public Art Project**

Work has begun on the Karastan Mosaic that will be placed on the floor of the gazebo in the John E. Grogan Park. The mosaic will be created by artist Teresa Phillips to closely resemble the original 717 pattern. Stay tuned for an unveiling date later this spring.

**Fine Arts Festival**

The Fine Arts Festival will once again be held here at the Eden City Hall. Some of the important dates to remember include:

- Sneak Peak – Thursday, April 4 – 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.  
View and purchase art before the public
- Awards and Opening Reception – Sunday, April 7 – 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Show Dates – April 8 – 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 13 – 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Spring Grown & Gathered**

Exciting News! We have added a second Grown & Gathered event this year due to the popularity of last year. Our spring event is set for Thursday, May 23 along the Canal at the beautiful Spray

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Mercantile. Our late summer event will be Thursday, August 15 in the brand new barn located at the Wright Memorial Event Center. So exciting! Tickets will be available soon, but mark your calendars now!

**Oink & Ale**

Our very popular Oink & Ale event will take place on May 11 on Monroe Street in Historic Downtown Eden. Our featured band will be the very popular On the Border – The Ultimate Eagles Tribute. Come and enjoy delicious barbecue and ribs along with refreshing beverages. Admission is free.

**Piedmont Pottery Festival**

Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Piedmont Pottery Festival is set for Saturday, June 1 in Kingsway Plaza from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applications are available at ExploreEdenNC.com. You do not want to miss it!

**Two Acre Sunflower Field**

Coming this summer to the Smith River Greenway! Stay tuned for more exciting details!

**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**

**Street Resurfacing Projects**

Waugh Asphalt, Inc. will be starting construction on the second street-resurfacing contract for the 2018-19 fiscal year sometime in April or early May. There are 17 street sections on the spring resurfacing schedule to be repaired and resurfaced. All of the work is expected to be completed by May 31, 2019.

**NCDOT State Resurfacing Schedule**

NCDOT has several state roads scheduled to be resurfaced in the Eden area this year. We have been told that construction on the Rockingham schedule is expected to start sometime this month. State maintenance crews will be out in the next couple of weeks to make the repairs that are needed prior to resurfacing. Please slow down and use caution when entering these work zones.

**Waterline Replacement Projects Update**

The Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. crew began installing 6-inch diameter ductile iron water main along Morehead Street on February 14, heading east from the Glovenia Street intersection. Installation of the water main under an active metal storm drain, and an unexpected old clay storm drain located a few feet to the east, was completed on February 27. After getting the correct tapping saddle delivered, the crew was able to make a wet tap on the existing 8-inch diameter cast iron water main in Hollingsworth Street on March 11 without any problems. Installation of the final forty feet of water main is to be completed on March 13, with testing to be done during the next several days.

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A crew from City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. began delivering materials to the Jackson Street and W. Moore Street waterline replacement project on March 2. Installation of the new 6-inch diameter ductile iron water main began a few days later and has continued as weather permitted. As of March 12, the crew has installed about 805 feet of new water main, two fire hydrants, and nine valves. The crew has also replaced two short sections of clay sewer main with ductile iron pipe at the intersection of W. Moore and Jackson. With a little luck, the installation of the rest of the proposed water main should be completed soon, and the crew can begin the required testing for the project.

A bid opening was held on March 5 for the West Avenue waterline replacement project. Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder for the proposed installation of about 550 feet of 6-inch diameter ductile iron pipe, and about 120 feet of 2-inch diameter schedule 80 PVC pipe. The crew is expected to start the installation work near the intersection with Central Avenue after completing their current job on Morehead Street, probably the second week of April.

### **Facilities & Maintenance**

The City of Eden will be joining the Rockingham County School system and Rockingham County Government by participating in the School and Community "*Team Up to Clean Up*" event that will be taking place at Morehead High School on Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are excited about this opportunity and would like to invite anyone else that may be interested to join us at Morehead High School on March 30 for this important event. Thank you in advance for helping to make our neighborhood a beautiful place to work, live and learn.

### **Information Technology**

Your IT Department is pleased to announce that we have completed the design phase for FREE Wi-Fi in Freedom Park. We are expecting to begin installation in early April and will be approaching the installation in three phases as follows:

#### Phase 1 – Wireless Infrastructure Installation (early April)

- Freedom Park Water Tower
- Ball field concession stand area
- Picnic shelter beside the playground

#### Phase 2 – Wi-Fi Access Point Installation (early April)

- Ball fields
- Splashpad/Playground

#### Phase 3 – Expand Coverage (late April – early May)

- Amphitheater
- Walking track
- RV Pads
- Skate park

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Watch our Facebook page for project progress and pictures. We will also be posting a poll where you can vote for what to name the Wi-Fi network.

### **Municipal Services**

#### **Compost for Sale**

The City of Eden will be offering compost for sale on the following Saturdays: March 30, April 6 and April 13 from 7:00am to 2:30pm. Costs are as follows: pick up load - \$5, Tandem axle trailer \$15 and large dump trucks \$25 each.

#### **Code Red Notification System**

The City of Eden has a Code Red Notification System to help make residents aware of changes to garbage collection due to weather or holiday closings, missing persons and any road closures. The system is also used for other public service and emergency related announcements. If you are not receiving the notifications and are interested in being included, please contact Georgette Spence at 336-623-2110 option 3 and have your name and number(s) added to the Code Red notification list. If you are an Eden resident, there is no cost to receive these notifications.

#### **Spring Clean-Up Week**

Spring Clean-up Week will be observed during the week of April 1 – April 6. Please remember that no hazardous waste will be collected such as paint, stains, thinner, acid, etc. In addition, the City will not collect masonry products such as bricks, blocks, concrete, and tires.

### **Parks & Recreation**

#### **Community Accents Program & Parks & Recreation Radio Program**

Staff participated in the Community Accents Program with WLOE (Wonderful Land of Eden) radio on March 8 and will be participating in the same program again on April 12. In addition, staff participated in the Parks & Recreation Radio Program with WLOE on February 27 and will be participating in the same program again in March to update the public on our recreational program offerings during the months of March, April, and May. We remain involved in these community outreach efforts in an effort to update residents about the programs being offered by our Parks & Recreation Department.

#### **Be Healthy Rockingham County**

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham County initiative. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on March 13 and will attend the next meeting scheduled for April 10.

#### **Kate B. Reynolds Community Conservation Meeting**

Staff attended a Kate B. Reynolds Community Conservation meeting on March 22 concerning the efforts of how this Foundation is working in Rockingham County to improve the health and well-being of the residents in the County.

#### **Collaboration with UNC-Rockingham Health Care**

Staff has met with Liz Penn, Director of Rehabilitation Therapy & Sleep Center, at UNC-Rockingham Health Care, and the City will be collaborating with them to provide workshops at the Garden of Eden Center. The first workshop was held on March 18 and it will address fall



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prevention. Other classes will be scheduled throughout the year. For additional information, please contact Georgette Spence at [gspence@edennc.us](mailto:gspence@edennc.us).

**Freedom Park Splash Pad & Bathhouse Update**

VORTEX continues the construction of the Freedom Park Splash Pad. The concrete area for the Splash Pad features was poured on March 12. The remaining concrete for the facility will be completed in the next few weeks, weather permitting. The Splash Pad features will be installed in the upcoming weeks. Construction on the Splash Pad should be completed by May 30 weather permitting.

Cirrus Construction received the building permit for the Freedom Park Splash Pad Bath House on January 28. The construction on the Splash Pad Bath House began on March 13 with staff from Cirrus Construction locating the building corners and making preparations to remove the top soil where the building will be located. The wet weather over the past several months has prohibited work from being done and the completion date for the Bath House is now June 14. Cirrus Construction has informed us they are hoping to complete the project before Memorial Day if the weather is good.

**Matrimony Creek Greenway Parking Lot Update**

The Matrimony Creek Greenway Parking Lot paving project has been postponed indefinitely until all of the work associated with the EPA Administrative Order in the Matrimony Creek area has been completed.

**Installation of Chiller and Cooling Tower at Eden Municipal Building**

Work related to the installation of a new chiller and cooling tower at the Eden Municipal Building is underway and is scheduled to be completed by mid-April.

**Softball Tournaments @ Freedom Park**

There is a USSSA Softball Tournament at Freedom Park March 16 – 17. In addition, there is a Top Tournament March 23 – 24, a Top Gun Tournament March 30 – 31, a Got Game Tournament April 6 – 7, and a Top Gun Tournament April 13 – 14.

**Planning & Inspections**

**Code Enforcement**

68 notices have been mailed by certified mail and first class mail. These actions include nuisances, junked motor vehicles. A total of \$2,629 in code enforcement fees was collected during the past month.

**1220 Front Street**

This is the site of our most unusual repeat code violations. We have cleaned the property 8 times during the past year. The owner was charged with a criminal violation. She did not appear at our last court date and an order was issued for her arrest. She was served and was released on a \$1,000 secured bond. Our next court date is March 26.

**Nuisance Abatement – Demolitions - Update**

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All of the demolitions previously authorized by the City Council in November of 2018 have been completed. We have sent out bid requests for 6 properties that we plan to bring to the City Council at the March meeting for authorization for demolition.

**GIS**

Our staff is working with staff at our Water Filtration Plant on creating GIS maps that will be required for future reporting. Maps have been provided to the Economic Development & Tourism Development department for marketing tools. Staff in our Engineering department continues to locate and identify water meters that were not operational when the new meters were installed or have been installed since 2012 and were not reported to our departments for mapping purposes.

**Ashton Way Apartments**

Staff has issued 90 Temporary Certificates of Occupancy for this project. The contractor should be completely finished by the end of March.

**UNC Rockingham**

The hospital has submitted plans for a new elevator system.

**Former Sonic Property**

We have received civil drawings for a new carwash to be located at 104 E. Harris Place (site of the former Sonic restaurant). We expect construction drawings within the next few weeks.

**NCDOT**

Staff attended the meeting with representatives from the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT), held at the Eden Library, concerning intersection improvements to Kings Highway and Highway #14. The project is funded and will get underway very quickly once the final choice is made on the various options that they presented. NCDOT will be holding a public meeting on this topic at Eden City Hall on Thursday evening March 14.

**Board of Adjustment**

The Board of Adjustment met on March 7. They considered a private recreation use for a shooting range on Friendly Road. The Property is the next to last property still in North Carolina. The board denied the request.

**Community Appearance Commission**

The commission discussed plans for citywide cleanup efforts during the “Great American Cleanup” (March 1 – May 31); discussed ideas to involve civic groups, church groups and school groups. They also discussed issues with parking lot maintenance (particularly Kingsway Center, the Eden Mall and the old Winn Dixie shopping center on the west side of town.) It was determined that this could be addressed using the non-residential maintenance code, and the Commission wishes to follow through with this. Inspectors have inspected these parking lots and notices will be sent to property owners for violations. Commission members also each took an area of the city to do a “litter assessment” as well as a sweep for junk, junk cars, and other nuisance issues. From this, we will target areas for cleanup and try to develop an anti-litter campaign.

**CDBG Grant Application**

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We have located a private consulting firm to handle our CDBG Housing application. Mrs. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections recently met with W.T. Sorrell, III of Withers Ravenel from Asheville. They have a Greensboro office and staff from that office will be assisting us without upcoming application. Changes in the way the State is handling the program require more upfront work than has been required in the past. We expect that the call for applications will be in March or April and the deadline for applications is likely to be in late August of 2019.

**Stadium Drive Sidewalk**

We expect to be cleared to go out for bids for engineering and design services during the week of March 1.

**Historic Preservation Commission**

Staff prepared a list of all historic properties currently in our inventory. Each Commission member took an area and will assist us in completing an assessment on the condition of our historic properties (vacant, occupied, drastically altered, demolished, etc.). The Commission members discussed the possibility of creating some type of revolving fund or incentive grant (“carrot vs. stick”) to encourage historic property owners to help maintain or make repairs to their properties. The Commission intends on developing a plan to propose to City Council to test the viability of this plan. The members also discussed issues with non-residential maintenance code and their desire to push for enforcement that is more aggressive. They would like to try to intervene before a building gets in too bad of a condition that there is no choice but to demolish.

**Historic Walking Tour**

Staff is working to revive the historic walking tour in the Leaksville area. They will be working on maps and brochures, with the idea to expand this to other areas of the city, possibly initiating “heritage tours” in each area.

**Police**

**Junior Achievement Program**

The Eden Police Department is participating in the Junior Achievement Program, for the second year, at Central Elementary. Junior Achievement helps students realize that the education they are getting today will help them to have a bright future tomorrow. Sergeant David Stepps and Lieutenant David Lamberth have begun their classes at Central.

**Posting of Outstanding Warrants on Eden Police Department Facebook Page**

In January 2019, we implemented a new power point presentation (video) for individuals with outstanding warrants. This power point presentation is currently being utilized on our Eden Police Department Facebook page every three to four weeks. The slide show highlights individuals with outstanding warrants to include a photo, name, and current outstanding charges. This is another way of keeping our citizens informed and up to date. The most recent video, posted March 1 has been shared 68 times and has now reached approximately 15,000 people.

**Public Utilities**

**Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements Project - Update**

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Sealed bids were recently received for the Mebane Bridge Digestion Improvements Project, which is one of the projects, included in our EPA Administrative Order of Consent Remediation Plan. Four contractors submitted bid packages. They include:

Frizzell Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,043,211
English Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,384,000
Shook Construction Company	\$2,615,000
Laughlin-Sutton Construction Company	\$2,700,600

The engineer's estimate for this project was \$2,400,000. As such, the base bid from Fizzell Construction is \$356,789 under the engineer's estimate. It is anticipated that the City Council will vote to accept the low bid at its meeting on March 19. Because this is a loan and grant-funded project, staff will forward the bid results with City Council approval to the NC Division of Water Infrastructure to receive authorization to award the contract to the contractor approved by the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the February 19, 2019 minutes.
- b. Approval and adoption of the 2019 Records Retention and Disposition Schedule.

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**2019 Local Government Agencies  
General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule**

The records retention and disposition schedule and retention periods governing the records series listed herein are hereby approved. In accordance with the provisions of Chapters 121 and 132 of the *General Statutes of North Carolina*, it is agreed that the records do not and will not have further use or value for official business, research, or reference purposes after the respective retention periods specified herein and are authorized to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the agency or official having custody of them without further reference to or approval of either party to this agreement. The local government agency agrees to comply with 07 NCAC 04M .0510 when deciding on a method of destruction. Confidential records will be destroyed in such a manner that the records cannot be practicably read or reconstructed. However, records subject to audit or those legally required for ongoing official proceedings must be retained until released from such audits or official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule. **Public records, including electronic records, not listed in this schedule are not authorized to be destroyed.**

All local government agencies and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources agree that certain records series possess only brief administrative, fiscal, legal, research, and reference value. These records series have been designated by retention periods that allow these records to be destroyed when "reference value ends." All local government agencies hereby agree that they will establish and enforce internal policies setting minimum retention periods for the records that Natural and Cultural Resources has scheduled with the disposition instruction "destroy when reference value ends." If a local government agency does not establish internal policies and retention periods, the local government agency is not complying with the provisions of this retention schedule and is not authorized by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to destroy the records with the disposition instruction "destroy when reference value ends."

All local government agencies and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources concur that the long-term and/or permanent preservation of electronic records requires additional commitment and active management by the agency. Agencies agree to comply with all policies, standards, and best practices published by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources regarding the creation and management of electronic records.

It is further agreed that these records may not be destroyed prior to the time periods stated; however, for sufficient reason they may be retained for longer periods. This schedule supersedes the general standards in all previous local government retention and disposition schedules and is to remain in effect from the date of approval until it is reviewed and updated.

**APPROVAL RECOMMENDED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal/County Clerk or Manager  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Sarah E. Koonts, Director  
Division of Archives and Records

**APPROVED**

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Head of Governing Body  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Susi H. Hamilton, Secretary  
Department of Natural and Cultural  
Resources

Municipality/County: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Approval and adoption of a Resolution in support of the current ABC control system for the sale of liquor.

**Resolution in Support of the Current ABC Control System for the Sale of Liquor**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Eden voted to permit the sale of liquor through the establishment of an ABC Board, which is a part of the North Carolina's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors;

WHEREAS, North Carolina is a "control" state and private retail liquor stores are prohibited;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly's nonpartisan Program Evaluation Division (PED) was directed to examine whether other systems for alcohol beverage control, including privatized systems, are appropriate for North Carolina, specially to include the State of Washington, which recently changed its beverage control system from state government control of wholesale and retail control of spirituous liquor to a licensure model;

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WHEREAS, The PED Report, “Changing How North Carolina Controls Liquor Sales Has Operational, Regulatory, and Financial Ramifications”, released on February 11, 2019, (1) did not recommend privatization, (2) found that among the southeastern states, NC collects the most revenue per gallon, has the lowest outlet density and has the second lowest per capita consumption; and (3) the PED expects retail liquor consumption to increase by 20% with privatization.

WHEREAS, for fiscal year ending 2018, local ABC boards distributed \$430,635,861: County-City Distributions \$80 million; State General Fund \$323 million; Local Alcohol Education/Treatment \$13 million; Local Law Enforcement \$8.8 million; Rehabilitation Services \$5 million; Operation of ABC Commission/Warehouse \$17.7 million.

WHEREAS, North Carolina is unique as it allows communities to vote to establish local ABC boards for the sale of liquor in their communities, with liquor profits distributed back to those communities, thereby reducing the need to increase local property taxes.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Eden, in voting to permit the operation of ABC stores, did not vote to allow spirits to be sold in private retail liquor stores and did not vote to allow spirits to be sold retail outlets where beer and wine are sold;

WHEREAS, No State funds are spent to distribute or sell liquor as the state and local operation of the ABC system is receipt supported;

WHEREAS, Of the 50 states, North Carolina ranks 44th lowest in consumption per capita and 7th highest in revenue per capita and NC’s ABC system accomplishes both revenue and public health, welfare and safety objectives;

WHEREAS, when Washington State privatized its liquor system the number of retail outlets increased from 328 to over 1400, hours of sale/week increased from 73 to 140 hours, and Washington State received only \$30.75 million from auctioning off the rights to apply for retail spirits permits at 167 stores;

WHEREAS, privatization will result in a marked increase in the number of outlets, longer hours of sale, greater advertising and more promotion and significantly more consumption; and the 9,000 outlets in NC that sell beer/wine off-premises could be permitted to sell liquor in a privatized system;

WHEREAS, local revenue from ABC stores operations is important to the City of Eden;

WHEREAS, local control over the sale of liquor is an important function.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Eden desires to retain North Carolina’s current control system for the sale of liquor and believes that privatization of liquor will lead to many adverse effects.

This the 19th day of March, 2019.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt City Clerk

- d. Approval of a Contract between the Eden Fire Department and Rockingham County to provide fire protection.

NORTH CAROLINA

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

This Contract is entered into the 1st day of July, 2019 by and between ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, a body politic existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY” and CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as “CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT”.

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WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City Of Eden Fire District will be covered by the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT which is located at 308 East Stadium Drive, Eden, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Rockingham County wishes to contract with CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, to provide fire protection to the holdings and belongings of Rockingham County within the boundaries of the EDEN CITY LIMITS and to provide mutual aid assistance to those fire districts outside the boundaries of the EDEN CITY LIMITS, as requested by the mutual aid county departments, said contract being entered into pursuant to N.C. G.S. Section 153A-233; and,

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT have agreed to amend this contract by incorporating provisions of the Incident Command System (ICS) in managing emergency response and coordination.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and premises herein contained the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This contract shall commence upon execution by both parties and continue until June 30, 2022 and shall continue in force and effect unless earlier terminated by either party hereto upon 30 days written notice to the other party.
2. During the term of this contract the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, agrees to provide adequate fire protection within the boundaries of the EDEN CITY LIMITS.
3. The CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT has agreed to undertake to provide medical response services under the supervision of the Rockingham County Emergency Medical Services and in compliance with the medical response program, its rules and regulations, its training and certification requirements and its continuing education programs set forth by the Rockingham County Emergency Medical Services. The purpose of the department's participation in the medical response program is to provide basic life support to the sick and injured until at which time being relieved by a support provider of equal or higher credential level.

Utilizing the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Rockingham County will employ the Incident Command System (ICS) in managing emergencies. The ICS is both a strategy and a set of organization arrangements for directing and controlling field operations from different agencies into a temporary emergency organization at an incident site that can expand and contract with the magnitude of the incident and resources at hand.

Utilizing NIMS, the first public safety official (law enforcement, fire, emergency medical unit) to arrive on the scene of an emergency shall become the "incident commander" of the scene and shall be the official in charge of the scene until such time as the incident becomes resolved, command has been transferred to a command officer of equal or higher credentials, or until a senior official arrives on the scene and assumes command in compliance with NIMS Incident Command System standards.

Utilizing NIMS, the IC will establish an Incident Command Post (ICP) and provide an assessment of the situation to local officials, identify response resources required and direct the on-scene response from the ICP.

Rockingham County Emergency Medical Services shall be entitled to track the department's personnel participating in the medical response program. The department shall abide by the rules and regulations, minimum training requirements, and certification and continuing education requirements so that department's personnel meet all medical response criteria. Medical Response engaged in by the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT is Voluntary in nature.

4. CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, agrees that it will not assign this contract without obtaining the prior written permission of the County.
5. CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, shall account for any County funds received for fire protection and shall expend all such funds as deemed necessary to provide adequate fire protection for the EDEN CITY LIMITS.

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6. The CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT agrees to furnish the COUNTY with a copy of any audit that is performed in the previous year on the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT. The audit should be turned in on an annual basis by June 30 of each year. If no such audit is performed on the CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, it must furnish the COUNTY with a copy of its Form 990 in lieu of the audit.

7. The terms and provisions herein contained constitute the entire agreement by and between the county and CITY OF EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, and shall supersede all previous communications, representations or agreements either verbal or written between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

8. Compensation for this service shall be in the amount of \$2,400.00 per year for Fire Protection in said district.

9. After the indicated ending date of this agreement, said agreement shall continue for a successive additional period of thirty (30) days or until the effective date of a subsequent contract to furnish fire protection and/or medical response to the tax district, whichever date is earlier.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this instrument has been executed in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties hereto.

ATTEST: CITY OF EDEN

Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tommy Underwood, Chief

ATTEST: ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Keli Watkins, MMC/NCCCC / A. Reece Pyrtle, Jr. Chairman

Clerk to the Board / Board of Commissioners

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Patricia P. Galloway, Finance Officer

John Morris, County Attorney Date

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall called on Coordinator of Tourism and Special Events/Projects Cindy Adams to review upcoming events.

Ms. Adams said she would present the events from March 29 through June 1. In addition to the events she would cover, the Eden Chamber of Commerce and Eden Rotary Club were doing things. She said no one should ever say things were not happening in Eden.

- Movies Under the Stars at Grogan Park, March 29, a senior project by Elizabeth Bullins
- Fine Arts Festival at City Hall, reception April 7, opening to the public afterwards
- Canadian Golfers would arrive April 13, welcome reception April 16 at 5:30
- Go Far Race, conducted by the Rockingham County Partnership for Children, would start and finish at Grogan Park on April 13
- Oink and Ale, May 11, 6-9 p.m. on Monroe Street
- Hispanic Heritage Day at Grogan Park, May 14



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- Argus Camera Group, weekend of May 17 with a breakfast on May 19
- Spring Grown & Gathered, May 23, 7 p.m. at the Spray Mercantile
- Piedmont Pottery Festival, June 1
- Luther Hodges Exhibit Opening & Reception by the Eden Rotary, date unknown
- Karastan Mosaic Public Art Unveiling at Grogan Park, date announced soon
- Two-acre Sunflower Field at Smith River Greenway was being prepped
- Easter Egg Hunt at Freedom Park, April 20, 11 a.m.
- Funfest at Freedom Park, May 11 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Fishing Derby, May 4, 9-11 a.m.

She noted the occupancy tax was up 23.4 percent that year. She found out the tax was driven that month by Duke Energy workers, physicians and state auditors. The ExploreEdenNC Facebook page hopefully would hit 7,500 fans that week.

Council Member Grogan suggested putting the drop port site photos on Facebook. She noted the wire animals in Grogan Park had been popular.

Mayor Hall noted the Team Up to Clean Up was at Morehead High School on March 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. He encouraged all who could to participate. Morehead was selected for the Barnstorming Tour, where graduating seniors from the ACC traveled and played at a few sites. Morehead would host it April 13 at 4 p.m. Tickets were available online.

Council Member Hampton said The Boulevard's Food Truck Rodeo was April 13 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Deanna Hunt  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Neville Hall  
Mayor