

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

MEETING CONVENED:

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

INVOCATION:

Pastor Mike McNamara of Draper Christian Church gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Eden Youth Council Oaths of Office: Swearing in of Eden Youth Council.

Mayor Hall called on Council Member Burnette.

Council Member Burnette said every year, they had the opportunity to bring to the City Council the new members of the Eden Youth Council to be sworn in. The Youth Council began in 2012 and was in its seventh year. The City was very proud with what the Youth Council continued to do and what they had done in the past. Goals developed for the members of the Youth Council included more experiences and opportunities to develop their leadership skills; exposure to civic organizations and municipal government in hopes they might enter into some of those fields in the future; and to do community projects. One of the projects the group did every year was to

spend a Saturday morning raking leaves for senior citizens who needed that assistance. One of the largest projects Youth Council did was to survey high school students and present the findings to City Council, which resulted in two very popular basketball courts at Freedom Park. He made sure the members were aware they were a part of the community and had a responsibility to give back to the community. He hoped they would stay in Eden but if not they would be better citizens wherever they lived.

Council Member Burnette called the new members forward and they were sworn in by Mayor Hall: Gavin Moore, Grace Parrino, Baille Howard, Kennedy Smith, Hatcher Hutchens, Reece Tuggle, Marson Hutchens, Jordan Woodall, Hollie Jachimiak, Elizabeth Wright, Lucas Lynn and Margaret Wright. Mary Beam and Giles Hall were out of town.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to set the meeting agenda. Council Member Hampton 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:

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

Mayor Hall noted that Kent Richardson had signed up and yielded his minutes to Jean Harrington.

Jean Harrington, 650 Washington Street, came to talk to Council about the mural at the Washington Street Park. She understood the Strategic Planning Commission had decided at some point to replace the existing mural and place the existing one in Wentworth where it had no relevance. She did not think it would be kept in good condition in Wentworth where they had so much to care for. She had seen a mockup for the proposed mural and she did not think it held a great deal of interest. She said she had been a member of the Historic Preservation Commission since 1981, which was started in 1980. The HPC had accomplished a lot. People had not been aware that the existing mural was being replaced, which meant there had been little reaction from the citizens. Most of the people she had spoken with were aghast that the mural was being replaced. The reason people were in Eden was the fact that the bateau had been able to navigate the Dan River to bring people to the area in the 1800s. The area could not have been developed without it. She did not think the proper consideration was given to that. The State marker for that history was about a block from where the mural was located.

Susie Prior, 207 Grant Street, retired to Eden from Washington, D.C. She loved it here and had become involved with historical and preservation groups. She had learned the significance of the bateau and its importance in the beginning of our community by enabling people to receive goods and send goods on the river. Without that, Eden would not have become the great city it was. Eden was wonderful.

Elretha Perkins, 135 Tomlin Creek Lane, Stoneville, said she had addressed Council years earlier about the same issue. She agreed that the mural was special but times had changed and she would like to see a mural that included all people in the county. She felt children growing up in the community would enjoy it much more if all people were represented. She expressed respect for Ms. Harrington and her history in the area.

Bret Hart, 428 Patrick Street, had a PowerPoint presentation of photos. He said that Friday he would retire after 21 years of teaching in Eden. He was thankful to have been hired and work in that position. He often heard about how the City needed people with time to commit to volunteer, etc. He had a lot of energy and a large skill set. He wanted to offer his time to maximize some of the performance opportunities at the parks, such as Freedom Park, Governor Morehead Park and the Matrimony Creek Nature Trail. He showed some slides of his experience in putting together some concert series. He said Freedom Park had a stage with power, restrooms, a huge parking lot and an RV park. He observed that currently the stage was only used monthly part of the year. He would like to help it be used more often. He said Governor Morehead Park had a lot of flat cemented surfaces that would be great for craft or art events. Matrimony Creek had an area that would be good for plays, dances or maybe a food event.

Mayor Hall noted that Gerri Hunt had signed up and yielded her minutes to Dana Weston.

Dana Weston, 419 Deer Path, thanked the Council for the opportunity to comment about the removal of the mural. She wanted to comment first as Chair of the Strategic Planning Commission. In 2016, the City kicked off a strategic planning process to ensure viability of the City into the future. Consultants conducted numerous interviews, focus groups and public meetings to hear what the citizens wanted. The resulting Strategic Plan was a compilation of their voices, not hers or the Commission but the community. One of the constants was the community wanted safe, welcoming public spaces that included art, capitalized on natural resources and brought tourism to Eden. They had done that with the Draper Public Space, the sunflower field, the wire animal art, the Karastan Mosaic and new mural art. The wall murals in Stoneville and Reidsville drew people out for selfies and senior pictures and where tourists mark they had visited. Local photographers confirmed that no senior pictures were being requested in front of the bateau men mural. The new mural approved by the Strategic Planning Commission and the Council was colorful, bright, welcoming and full of recognition for what made Eden great past and present. That was what the community said they wanted. She was proud of the work the Strategic Planning Commission and Council had done in executing the community's strategic plan. While it was the view of some that years of residency in Eden should matter for the Commission, she believed it was the passion and commitment put into those years, be it five or 50, that truly mattered. Speaking as a resident of Eden, she appreciated the purpose, work and passion of the Historic Preservation Commission but she simply disagreed with their perspective with the mural's place in our community. Some people may see the transportation that was the start of the area but what she saw was none of the people who looked like her had shoes on their feet. Some may look at the activity in the background and see people going into the store and children on the dock and land but no one in those scenes looked like her. No adults or children looked like her outside of hard labor. Some may see the woman in the corner waving happily across the river. What she saw was the stereotypical Mamie portrait of a faceless woman with a smock and bandana with a child pulling on her who was not her own. Words have been placed next to this mural entitled a tribute and she read a part of the tribute: "prior to the Civil War the

bateau men were primarily enslaved and free blacks and some whites. There was evidence of some boats being entirely crewed by slaves including the captain. Regardless of their personal status, boatmen were respected.” We cannot say regardless of personal status that person was respected when that person was enslaved. There was no respect included in the denial of freedom. She was a strong supporter for the preservation of history and was grateful for the knowledge and work of Ms. Harrington. The mural in itself was not a historical landmark but was an artist’s rendering. It would be moved to a place dedicated to history for those who wished to view it. She cannot and did not speak for all African Americans, but she was not alone in the wounds the mural opened. Was it not the goal of all City commissions to work on behalf of the greater good? It had been noted that she did not have the same length of residency as others, and that was true. The history of Leaksville was not her own as she had just lived in the area under four years. She had been the descendant of enslaved Africans who were brought to the coast of the Carolinas for 37 years and that history was hers. Eden was full of beauty and wonder. It had become her home and she was proud to live here. She appreciated the Council’s time and all they were doing to propel Eden forward to the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of the Certificate of Sufficiency by the City Clerk and adoption of a Resolution calling for a public hearing on the annexation petition of property located at 1049 Pine Lane. A-19-01.

Mayor Hall called on Planning and Inspections Director Kelly Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said they had received an annexation application from the property owner of 1049 Pine Lane. The property was next to the city limits. They investigated the petition and found it to be sufficient. She asked the Council to call a public hearing.

Council Member Burnette asked if it was a private drive and if the City would have to place a new road there.

Ms. Stultz replied they would not have to build anything but the public right-of-way touched the property.

Mayor Hall said the road ended at the driveway.

Ms. Stultz agreed.

Council Member Carter asked if the property was currently connected to City sewer.

Ms. Stultz replied they had City water and sewer.

Council Member Carter said he had been hearing about cases where houses in the development were on City sewer but they still had septic tanks.

Ms. Stultz replied the property owner at 1049 Pine Lane paid to connect years prior.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to adoption a Resolution calling for a public hearing on the annexation petition of property located at 1049 Pine Lane. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION
OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-58.2

WHEREAS, a Petition requesting annexation of the contiguous areas described herein have been received; and

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the Petition at their meeting on July 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk of the City of Eden as to the sufficiency of the Petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the contiguous area described herein will be held in the Eden City Hall in the City Council Chamber at 6:00 P.M. on September 17, 2019.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Being Lot 1 containing 1.692 acres, more or less, as per Minor Subdivision Plat for Danny R. Pulliam and Dawn D. Pulliam dated August 31, 2000, by Samuel J. Coleman, Jr., RLS, and recorded in Map Book 45, page 91, Rockingham County Registry, to which reference is made for a more complete description. Deed Reference: Book 1365, page 2541.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the Rockingham Now, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Eden, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

This the 20th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN
Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration and adoption of a Resolution to repeal the Commercial Development Incentive Grant.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said in 2016, City Manager Brad Corcoran brought back from a manager's meeting some information about the potential of a grant program to enhance the downtowns. In May of 2017, she asked Council to adopt the program and it was adopted. Since that time, Ms. Gilley had received information from the School of Government and other attorneys that the program was not in keeping with the N.C. General Statutes. Therefore, Ms. Stultz asked Council to repeal the program.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan to adopt a Resolution to repeal the Commercial Development Incentive Grant. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION REPEALING
“CITY OF EDEN – COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT” (DIG)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eden:

SECTION 1. “ Policy: City of Eden-Commercial Development Incentive Grant” (DIG) adopted on the 16th day of May, 2017, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2.

- a. All resolutions or clauses of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- b. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect on and after adoption

Adopted and effective this 20th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- b. Request to approve Strategic Planning Commission funding for the Meadow Road/ Stadium Drive traffic island planting.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said over the years, the Community Appearance Commission had contemplated doing something about the traffic island. The median was just before getting to one of the Smith River Greenway entrances and was just concrete. On behalf of the CAC, she presented an application to the Strategic Planning Commission based on a plan by Code Inspector/Landscape Specialist Josh Woodall. Some of the concrete would be removed and replaced with appropriate plantings. She hoped it would be a beautiful transition from the area to the greenway and on across the river. The Strategic Planning Commission approved her request for funding of \$6,500 and she asked the Council to approve as well.

Council Member Ellis asked what plantings would be installed.

Council Member Grogan said one of the most important things about installing plants was their maintenance. She said they needed be easy to control.

Ms. Stultz replied an irrigation system would be installed. The plan contained Soft Touch Holly, Red Switch Grass, Barberry and Liriope.

Mr. Woodall said the plant selection would not require a lot of care especially with the irrigation system. He did not expect any issues with the plants. They should take the traffic and heat.

Council Member Hampton said the Spray traffic circle plantings were small when first planted but now had gotten out of control and needed work. Her concern was the ongoing maintenance of the plantings.

Ms. Stultz replied that was handled by a maintenance contract that her department did not manage.

Council Member Burnette asked if they had irrigation in the Spray traffic circle.

Ms. Stultz replied they did.

Council Member Ellis said there was no irrigation for the plants at Fieldcrest and Main Street.

Mr. Woodall replied there was no irrigation there in Draper and it used some of the same plants. He said the new median plantings would be similar to the one at the Cook Block but fuller with more plants. They planted the one in Spray and someone stole the plants twice so it had been picked over.

Council Member Moore said he was concerned that when the streets were scraped for snow, it might damage the plantings.

Mr. Woodall replied he did consider that and left a seven-foot concrete strip on each side of the bed so the plants would be protected.

Council Member Carter asked Ms. Stultz about the Spray traffic circle maintenance contract and how often the company checked it.

Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks & Recreation and Facility Maintenance, replied they checked it on a regular basis and changed out the plantings in the spring, summer and fall. The plants should be changed out mid-September to last through the fall and into the winter.

Council Member Ellis asked the name of the contracted company.

Mr. Farmer replied Web Irving. They maintained and changed out the plants in the spring, summer and fall. Most of the plants at the Meadow Road and Boone Road (Spray) traffic circle were put in there to be the height to provide depth to the area.

Council Member Carter said the plants appeared unkept.

Mr. Farmer said they could look at thinning the plants out. Between August and September, plants started dying due to the heat. The contract stated they change out plants three times a year.

Council Member Ellis asked how often the contractor checked on the areas.

Mr. Farmer replied at least once a month. If the City saw issues, they called the contractor to check on it.

Council Member Burnette asked if both traffic circles and the other areas were all on one contract.

Mr. Farmer replied they were.

Council Member Grogan said Mr. Irving was a talented man. A lot of the issues looked like neglect. It was bad when something that was added to an area for a positive appearance ended up being negative. She was concerned with a new one being added to a high traffic area.

Mr. Farmer said he was sure the new area would be added to the maintenance contract as well.

Mayor Hall asked Mr. Farmer to check with the contractor to see if he would check on the areas more often. They would do what they were contracted to do. The area being discussed was in front of a property that was being redeveloped. He thought they were all in favor of doing anything that could be done to improve the appearance of the City in most cases. The new business owners had invested their money and he was excited a new business coming to the area.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to approve Strategic Planning Commission funding for the Meadow Road/Stadium Drive traffic island planting. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

- c. Consideration and approval to expand the Spray Historic District and to include Building Rehabilitation and Façade Grants in the area.

Mayor Hall called on Director of Economic Development Mike Dougherty.

Mr. Dougherty showed a slide of the current and proposed Spray Historic District. He asked to expand the District about a block to encompass an area where a key new business was coming and for other potential new businesses. The expansion of the District would not cost the City any money but would create additional availability.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to approve to expand the Spray Historic District and to include Building Rehabilitation and Façade Grants in the area. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.



- d. Request to approve Strategic Planning Commission funding for the Dan River Nature Trail, Entrepreneurship Instruction, Website Upgrade, Branding Storyboard, Spring Grown and Gathered, Otter Sculpture and Butterfly Trail.

\$27,000 Dan River Nature Trail
\$20,000 for Entrepreneurship Instruction
\$15,000 for Upgrade of Tourism Web Site
\$1,860 for Branding Storyboard to be displayed at Eden City Hall
\$5,000 for Spring 2020 Grown and Gathered Event
\$12,500 for Otter Sculpture Public Art Project
\$9,000 for Butterfly Trail at Smith River Greenway
Total projects costs: \$90,360

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

Ms. Adams recapped projects from the last funding cycle. Matrimony Creek Nature Trail entrance sign would soon be lit and plantings added. River rock will be placed under the bench near the restrooms. Five benches, a large kiosk and two informational signs would be added along the trail in the next couple of weeks. The wood was western cedar. The Smith River Greenway Sunflower Field was very popular and a sign had been made. They would add different varieties of sunflowers for the following year. New wire animal art pieces, a hawk in flight and a squirrel on a tree, were added at Grogan Park. Two turkeys would arrive in September. One of the most special projects completed that year was the Karastan Mosaic. Teresa Phillips was the artist and she did a beautiful job. It was a showpiece to the legacy of the Karastan rugs made in Eden. Ms. Phillips used more than 37,000 tiny tiles all placed by hand to create the mosaic. The unveiling of the mosaic brought out 130 plus people. She was very proud of the new tourism brochure, which mimicked the Our State Magazine piece. It was being distributed now. The Spring Grown and Gathered, sponsored by the Strategic Planning Commission, was a great time and all about community. They had two Grown and Gathered events, one in the spring and another in the summer, and it was well worth the undertaking.

Council Member Grogan said all of the Grown and Gathered events had sold out of the 100 tickets.

Ms. Adams showed pictures of the most recent Summer Grown and Gathered in August. A member of the Strategic Planning Commission suggested to boost more of the events on the Facebook page and it worked. It was a big return on a little bit of money. The Pottery Festival reached 7,505 people, Shaggin' on Fieldcrest reached 9,816 people and Oink & Ale reached 6,878 people using the boost feature. Without those boosts they would have only reached a third or half of that amount. She planned to continue using the feature and add it to the Tourism budget next year.

Mr. Dougherty said last year, Council approved \$27,000 funding for the Dan River Nature Trail behind Karastan, but the project was delayed due to storm damage. The path for the trail was being restored and when he spoke with Municipal Services Director Paul Dishmon, they decided to put the screenings in afterwards to reduce costs. He asked Council to approve the original \$27,000 budgeted last year, but the cost could be a little less. Having the trail there helped Karastan with their employees and helped them compete for environmentally friendly projects.

Council Member Burnette asked for the projected completion date for the trail.

Mr. Dougherty replied a couple of months at most.

Main Street Manager Randy Hunt said he had spent a significant amount of time at the Chamber and now at the City working to bring more businesses and jobs to Eden. Goal EV-8 from the 2017 strategy set was to promote Eden as an entrepreneurial and business friendly environment. He had been working closely with others to create an entrepreneurial program similar to one in Marion, N.C., that in 2017 leveraged an initial investment of \$20,000 into \$2.4 million in downtown investment and another \$2 million in community investment. The Small Business and Technology Development Center announced they had completely changed the way they did business because the traditional way they had taught business for the last 20 years had been upended. Businesses were becoming more digital and more how younger people communicate and negotiate. By funding an entrepreneurial series of classes now, they had the ability to lead the change and empower small and emerging businesses before our surrounding communities. By funding the request, they had the ability to bring instruction, support and the eventual Score Chapter to continually support local businesses.

Mayor Hall said he was a big fan of a business plan. He thought it was a step in the right direction.

Council Member Burnette asked Mr. Hunt to explain what the Score program was.

Mr. Hunt replied Score stood for service core of retired executives. The retired business leaders helped coach small businesses as they were developing. The program required seed money for technology. It was so important for small businesses starting up to have a mentor they could work with and help them look toward the future. Working with the Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Center at RCC and economic development with the County, they could get the Score Chapter off the ground.

Ms. Adams said the Tourism website had not been upgraded in several years. She proposed the website upgrade be done by Magic Table Media Group, owned by Jay and Lisa who ran Destination Magazine. To incorporate modern features and significantly improve visibility on the web, Explore Eden should be on the Word Press platform. It was currently on Square Place. Tourism would assume the \$300 monthly maintenance fee in that budget and she asked the Council for \$15,000 to cover the initial upgrade. A few weeks ago, she and three other women in the tourism industry in Rockingham County visited the North Carolina Correctional Facility for Women in Raleigh. The Visit NC telephone system went through that facility and 25 women worked there who were most impressive with their knowledge of North Carolina. They were very interested in Eden and Rockingham County. Currently the women only had access to the Rockingham County website and they asked for the Eden and Reidsville sites. That website was key in making people aware of things to do in Eden and enticing them to visit. When the Branding Study was done, there was a great branding statement that focused on the community. She proposed to have the statement put on four acrylic panels in black and white to be placed in the hallway at City Hall for a cost \$1,860. Once again, they had asked the Strategic Planning Commission to sponsor the Spring Grown and Gathered for \$5,000. It was \$7,000 last year but \$5,000 this year due to grant funding from County tourism. Otters were found in the Smith River

particularly in the area near the Spray traffic circle and she proposed to put a three-foot tall bronze otter sculpture on a one-foot stand in the traffic circle. The artist was Roger Martin from Albemarle. She had talked to DOT to get permission to place the statue there and they would need to have a public comment session on this and do an encroachment agreement. It sounded like they would get approval from DOT after going through the legalities necessary.

Council Member Ellis asked what sculpture would weigh.

Ms. Adams had the measurements but did not know the weight. It would probably be on a concrete base with rock facing.

Council Member Ellis was worried about the sculpture being stolen.

Ms. Adams replied they would make sure it was secure.

Council Member Grogan asked where would the sculpture be in the traffic circle.

Ms. Adams replied it would be in the center of the circle. One of the Strategic Planning Commission members looked up the symbolic meaning of the otter which was curiosity and kindness which spoke of the community. She would have a sign placed near the otter telling the meaning.

Ms. Adams said the price of the sculpture and stand was \$12,500. The stand could be a little cheaper. An artist named Tripp Bennett approached her about another public art project. She had talked about how the trails needed to be more than just a walking place and have more meaning. The artist suggested making the Smith River Greenway into a butterfly trail. They would work in the spring to add plantings to bring more butterflies to the area. The project package would include a Butterfly Trail welcome sign, educational butterfly scavenger hunt sign accompanied with cards for kids to check off the 31 different species of butterflies found throughout North Carolina along the trail, large butterfly wings to take pictures with, a headboard with butterfly art and steps, eight large hanging butterflies, 12 medium butterflies and 50 varieties of small butterflies. They would paint the manhole covers along the trail to blend in with the environment and they would design the butterfly scavenger hunt score card. The total price of the package was \$9,000 including installation.

Council Member Ellis asked if the artist was from Stoneville.

Ms. Adams replied yes and he had a studio in downtown Stoneville. He was very dependable. The total package for everything, including the median at Stadium Drive and Boone Road plantings, was \$90,360. The funding would be out of the \$300,000 previously allotted and was unanimously approved by the Strategic Planning Commission at their last meeting.

Mayor Hall said they had previously approved the \$6,500 for the median plantings that Ms. Stultz presented and this request was for \$90,360. He said there were a lot of projects going on and the Strategic Planning Commission was doing what they were created to do. They met quarterly and this was a group of things they had worked on over a long amount of time. He knew it was a lot of money but they did not come back every month for the same type of request.

He commended the Commission for coming up with ideas that were progressive for the City and made Eden a better place to live.

Council Member Ellis asked for the total amount of money spent through the Strategic Plan last year on special projects.

Ms. Stultz replied about \$230,000 with about \$70,000 left over.

Council Member Epps said he had many citizens tell him how they loved the wire animals at Grogan Park, the walking trail by the YMCA and he was sure the other items presented tonight would enhance all of that.

Council Member Ellis said it was good for the Youth Council to attend tonight's meeting to learn about enhancements to our community with additions to trails, etc. All of the additions would positively impact the youth and citizens of Eden.

Council Member Grogan said she loved the public art projects. She commended Ms. Adams for her initiatives and ideas.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to approve to approve Strategic Planning Commission funding for the Dan River Nature Trail, Entrepreneurship Instruction, Website Upgrade, Branding Storyboard, Spring Grown and Gathered, Otter Sculpture and Butterfly Trail. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Mr. Corcoran said each Council Member should have received a copy of the report. It was posted on the City's website the previous week and submitted to the Eden's Own Journal for publication. There were hard copies available for anyone wanting one. He would be happy to answer any questions.

He read an update on curbside recycling: Eden City Residents, you now have the opportunity to subscribe to curbside recycling service. The City has negotiated with Foothill Waste Solutions to offer a voluntary curbside recycling service to our citizens. However, a minimum of 400 Eden City residents must sign up prior to October 31, 2019 directly with Foothill Waste Solutions before the curbside recycling option can be offered.

Curbside recycling cannot be offered by Foothill if less than 400 Eden citizens subscribe to the curbside recycling service. Subscribers will be charged \$9.50 per month and you will be billed quarterly. Glass will not be collected by Foothill. To subscribe to this service or to learn more about it, call Foothill Waste Solutions at (336) 871-4055. Again, if you want to subscribe to recycling curbside service at your location, please call (336) 871-4055 to sign-up.

City Manager's Report – August 2019

Did You Know? – Financial Facts & Figures

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

A review of the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2018 reveals the fund balance in the General Fund increased from \$8,722,152 as of June 30, 2017 to \$9,408,745, an increase of \$686,593 or approximately 7.87%. According to the audited financial statements for the City of Eden, the total fund balance within the General Fund on June 30, 2000, was equal to \$4,157,472. This represents an increase of \$5,251,273 or 126.30% since that time.

The City Council voted back in 1998-99 to keep an unassigned fund balance, equal to at least three months operating expenses. As such, three months operating expenses would be \$4,149,183 according to the audited statements for the period ending June 30, 2018. The \$6,612,247 “unassigned” fund balance at June 30, 2018 is actually \$2,463,064 over that threshold. The unassigned fund balance in the General Fund as of June 30, 2000, was \$2,541,779. This is a total increase of \$4,070,468 or approximately 160.14% since that time. When the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019 are completed, over the course of the next couple of months, it is anticipated that our fund balance in the General Fund will increase even higher from its level in 2018 based on a strong financial year during the most recent fiscal year.

Did you know that Eden continues to maintain the lowest tax rate in Rockingham County? In FY 2000-01 our tax rate was \$0.57 and today it is \$0.609. There has been **only one** tax increase in the last nineteen years and this includes any of the tax revaluations.

Water & Sewer Fund

The combined fund balance in the Water & Sewer Fund, the Mega Park Waterline Project Fund and the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) Sewer Project Fund for the period ending June 30, 2018 was \$7,099,131. This was a decrease of \$1,524,395 or approximately 17.68% when compared to the June 30, 2017 total of \$8,623,526. During the past seven years, the lack of sufficient revenue has caused the City to use an extensive amount of its available fund balance. When you compare the June 30, 2018 figure of \$7,099,131 to the June 30, 2011 total of \$11,333,437 in available fund balance, it indicates the loss of \$4,234,306, or approximately 37.36% in just the past seven years. **However**, it should be noted that some of the fund balance funds used to “front” the engineering related costs associated with the EPA AOC since March 2017 will be reimbursed to the City once construction begins and the City is allowed to submit reimbursement requests through the NC Connect Bond program. According to the audited financial statements for the City of Eden, the total fund balance within the Water & Sewer Fund on June 30, 2000, was equal to \$4,345,594. The June 30, 2018 fund balance of \$7,099,131 represents an increase of \$2,753,537 or 65.94% since that time despite the need to use so much fund balance over the course of the past seven years.

When the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019 are completed, over the course of the next couple of months, it is anticipated that our combined fund balance in the

Water & Sewer Fund, the Mega Park Waterline Project Fund and the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) Sewer Project Fund will increase even higher from its level in 2018 based on a strong financial year during the most recent fiscal year.

Eden has made a substantial commitment towards the improvement and care of its infrastructure during the course of the past eighteen plus years. Since FY 2001-02, the City has spent approximately \$59,627,909 on a variety of water and sewer infrastructure needs. Much of this spending was due to various unfunded mandates.

During the past six years, the City of Eden has been awarded \$56,684,655 in grants and 0% or low interest loans for various water and sewer related projects that have already been completed, are currently underway, and will be completed over the course of the next few years. Of this total, \$28,309,039 or 49.94% is in the form of grants or principal forgiveness loans **that do not have to be repaid!** A special note of thanks to Mr. Terry Shelton, Director of Public Utilities and Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development. They have done a fantastic job at securing outside funding to meet many of our water and sewer related capital needs and do a tremendous job on a daily basis.

During just the next three years, we will be undertaking a significant amount of water and sewer infrastructure work. It is projected we will be spending more than \$40,000,000 in just the next three years for work associated with the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC), the Mega Park Waterline Extension Project, and improvements at our Water Filtration Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as our distribution and collection system.

Did you know that despite all of the work that has been completed, there has been **NO** increase in our water and sewer rates since January 1, 2016?

Personnel

The current budget includes funding for 180 full-time positions. This is a reduction of one full-time position when compared to the FY 2018-19 budget. Included in this total are two COPs (Community Oriented Policing) Grant positions within the Police Department that the City Council authorized in late 2017. The 180 full-time positions represent a reduction of four full-time positions since October 2015. Without the two COPS Grant positions, the 180 full-time positions would have equaled a reduction of six full-time positions. During FY 1995-96, there were 203 full-time positions and during FY 2000-01, there were 189 full-time positions.

Did you know that for comparison purposes, Eden had a 2016 population of 15,279 and 14.05 square miles compared to Reidsville with a 2016 population of 14,152 and 13.68 square miles without Lake Reidsville? As noted previously, the current budget for the City of Eden includes funding for 180 full-time positions. According to information collected in February 2019, Reidsville was funding 193 full-time positions.

Our employees work hard, are often asked to wear multiple hats and are really a great group of individuals.

Summary

Over the past eighteen and a half years, we have worked diligently to improve the long-term financial condition of our City while continuing our commitment to offer a high level of service

with less staff. The challenges moving forward, will be to develop a financial blueprint that will maintain the basic level of services the citizens have come to expect, a blueprint that maintains a strong fund balance for unanticipated needs and emergencies, a blueprint that will provide adequate funding in a timely fashion for a wide array of capital improvement and equipment replacement projects that are already facing the City and a blueprint that will retain employees and will continue to invest in the maintenance of employee skills, knowledge and abilities as a key community resource.

2019 Eden Citizens Academy

The 2019 Eden Citizens Academy will get underway on Thursday, August 15 with twelve participants. Those individuals signed up for the academy include:

Karla McDonald	Joseph Smith	Dale Warren
Seth Latham	Senetra Reynolds	Lakalah Reynolds
James Clumm	Mike Moore	Scottie Eanes
Fran Peters	Earnest Valentine	Jacklin Valentine

The schedule for this year’s Citizens Academy is as follows:

- Session 1 – August 15 – *Orientation Night with Administration*
- Session 2 – August 22 – *Police Department & IT*
- Session 3 – August 29 – *Fire Department*
- Session 4 – September 5 – *Public Utilities – Water & Wastewater Plants*
- Session 5 – September 12 – *Municipal Services & Engineering*
- Session 6 – September 19 – *Parks, Recreation, Facilities & Grounds*
- Session 7 – September 26 – *Economic Development, Tourism & Main Street*
- Session 8 – October 3 – *Planning & Inspections*
- Session 9 – October 10 – *Finance & Human Resources*
- Session 10 – October 15 – *Graduation at October City Council Meeting*

The Academy is held on consecutive Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It is a free, nine-session interactive course designed to provide residents with an in-depth look into municipal government. Check out the City’s Facebook and Twitter pages for updates.

Economic & Tourism Development

Former SGRTex facility

A contract to purchase the SGRTex facility was signed by a national company in July. The projected property settlement is mid-September.

KDH Defense Systems-New Military Contract

KDH Defense Systems, Inc. (“KDH”), a leading manufacturer of American-made, high-performance protective solutions, announced on July 30 that it has been awarded two separate delivery orders from the U.S. Army totaling approximately \$40.0 million.

KDH received a \$31.5 million delivery order as part of contract number W91CRB-15-D-0021 from the Army Contracting Command to produce the Modular Scalable Vest Generation II. KDH also received a delivery order valued at \$9.0 million from the Army Contracting Command to produce the Blast Pelvic Protectors (“BPPs”). The contracts are new fair opportunity awards stemming from the contracts the Company initially won in 2015. All of the production will take place at KDH’s state-of-the-art manufacturing facility here in Eden, NC, with an estimated completion date of June 2020. These contracts will lead to additional employment opportunities. Visit them at 750-A Fieldcrest Road or email a resume and cover letter to nshreve@kdhtech.net.

Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill

The preconstruction meeting for the water line project took place on July 25. The proposed beginning construction date is August 12 with the project completion date being mid-August of 2020. A significant amount of the water line costs is covered by grants and other financial support.

Career Expo

Meetings are being held at the Rockingham County Economic Development office to hold a Career Expo in April of 2020 for 7th graders across the county. The Expo will include companies from across the county. Students will be able to learn about potential careers available locally. This program is designed after the one conducted in the Danville area with multiple county students participating. More information will be reported as the program planning progresses.

Planet Fitness

- This establishment will open by the end of 2019 in Kingsway Plaza between Dollar Tree and Kingsway 4 Cinema.
- The approximately 19,000 square foot facility will consume three currently vacant shopping center spaces.
- This will be an all-new Planet Fitness with state-of-the-art equipment, friendly staff, free fitness training, and a Black Card spa. They will offer The Black Card membership, an upgraded membership option, which includes access to nationwide Planet Fitness locations, access to tanning beds, hydro-massage lounges, tissue massage chairs and other benefits.
- Planet Fitness is open 7 days per week and 24 hours Monday-Friday.
- In the near future, banners will appear on the front of the shopping center space Planet Fitness will occupy. More information about memberships and other consumer benefits will be coming soon.
- Those interested in Planet Fitness employment can visit www.planetfitness.com at the designated time. The company will also do a pre-sale promotion in which potential members can get special deals on membership rates before the gym opens.

Badcock Furniture—Operation Backpack

On Saturday, August 17 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., there will be a free backpack giveaway for K-12 students (while supplies last) at their Kingsway Plaza location (220 W. King’s Hwy). They will

offer free snacks during that time as well. Enter to win a Back to School tablet! Free child ID kits are also available. For more information, contact the store at 336-612-2107.

Eden Internal Medicine

Three new members have been added to the Eden Internal Medicine team and will have offices in the building across from their 405 Thompson Street location. The new practitioners include:

Mackenzie Barham, DNP

A Rockingham County native and Morehead High School graduate (2009), she attended UNCG, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2014. She completed her Doctorate in Nursing Practice, specializing in adult/gerontology in May of 2019. She is excited to practice at Eden Internal Medicine and serve the community she calls home.

Taylor Woodson, FNP-C

Ms. Woodson will join the practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner. A Pittsylvania County native and graduate of Tunstall High School, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2014. She has been employed as a highly skilled and trained emergency, trauma and intensive care registered nurse. Ms. Woodson graduated Summa Cum Laude from Walden University in Minneapolis, MN with a Master of Science Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner and is licensed by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board, and North Carolina Board of Nursing. Ms. Woodson is devoted to providing quality care to her patients.

Naitik Panwala, PA-C

Mr. Panwala earned his undergraduate degree in Biology from UNC-Chapel Hill. He completed his Master's in Health Science Degree in the Duke University Department of Family Medicine and Community Health in 1992 where he also completed his Physician Assistant Program. Mr. Panwala is a Fellow in the American Academy of Physician Assistants and North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants. He is Board Certified by the NCCPA. Mr. Panwala has over ten years of Rheumatology experience and will be focusing on patients with Arthritis and Fibromyalgia at Eden Internal Medicine. He will be accepting patients in August.

For more information on these practitioners, call 336-627-4896.

Reynolds Brewery

Chip and Toni Reynolds will open Eden's first microbrewery in the old water works building at 351 W. Meadow Road in the fall of 2019. Chip has been brewing beer since the 1990s and was a hit at the June Oink & Ale festival in Eden. The Reynolds' plan special events since they are close to the Smith River Greenway and Island Ford Landing.

Dollar General—Hwy 770 West of Eden

This store has been temporarily closed because of a reported environmental issue within the building. The Dollar General NC Real Estate Manager advised city staff that they are working with the property owner to remedy the problem, allowing the store to reopen. A reopening date has not been set yet.

The Work Shop Eden

A new business is coming to 616 Washington Street. The current owners of The Shiloh Shop plan to open this space for instruction from makers and finders from the local area. The business should be open by December.

634 Monroe Street

Sophisticated Rubbish, a retail establishment reminiscent of an old country store with furniture will open on September 20, just in time for Riverfest. It will also include a salon space.

Efficiency, One and Two Bedroom Apartments Coming Soon to Historic Eden

Sections of 618 Washington Street and the Historic Former Smith and Lane building at 624 Washington Street are being converted into efficiencies, one and two bedroom apartments. They will be affordable, offer free WiFi, and hot water (meaning the natural gas cost to heat the water will be included in the rent). Efficiencies are \$675, one bedrooms are \$825 and two bedrooms are \$925 per month. Convenient rear parking has just been developed by the City. Call 561-313-9309 for more information.

Eden Downtown Development Inc.

The Design sub-committee project of custom painting downtown fire hydrants continues to review applications. Several more designs have been approved. If you would like to participate contact Randy Hunt at rhunt@edennc.us.

Main Street Champion

EDDI Members voted this week to recognize Rhonda and David Price as our 2020 Main Street Champions for their extensive work in making downtown a better place to work live and shop. They both have been advocates, volunteers and donors to downtown initiatives for many years. Congratulations to both Rhonda and David!

Get Fit Rockingham

The Kate B. Reynolds Foundation awarded its second year of funding (\$23,416) for Get Fit Rockingham. The program is a great way to get in shape with other county residents this summer and fall. Shirts, participation cards and pamphlets are now available for Eden residents at the Eden Chamber of Commerce.

Boulevard Merchants

The merchants 3rd Cars and Crabs event was held in late July. It featured a car show and a delicious low country boil. The funds raised will be used for façade grants for buildings on the Boulevard.

Cars and Coffee

Our summer series of Cars and Coffee continues to be held at the Family Video parking lot on the last Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Please plan on stopping by and enjoying the comradery before it gets too hot.

REAP

Instruction based on new teaching methods is being pursued for the Rockingham Entrepreneurship program. The *Positively Eden* Strategic Planning Commission recently voted to support funding for this program.

Mosaic Unveiling

Another huge thank you to Teresa Phillips for creating such an amazing mosaic of the Karastan 717 Rug that is now featured under the gazebo in the John E. Grogan Park. Another thank you to all those who attended the unveiling and showed your support for Teresa and public art in the City of Eden. If you could not attend make sure you visit the park and see it for yourself. The park is located at 308 E. Stadium Drive on the campus of Eden City Hall.

Touch-A-Truck

Make sure you bring the kids to our annual Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, August 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Henry Street in Historic Downtown Eden! Come climb, explore and discover your favorite things on wheels! Admission is a non-perishable food item for the Kids Backpack Food Program. Please choose from the following items:

- Applesauce Cups
- Fruit Cups
- Canned Spaghetti, Ravioli, etc.
- Pop Tarts
- Peanut Butter Cracker Packs
- Beanie Weenies

Riverfest

Mark your calendars for our 16th Annual RiverFest coming up on September 20 & 21 in Historic Downtown Eden! This festival celebrates Eden's art, history and river heritage. There will be two stages of live music, amusements, bungee trampoline, Carolina Raptor Center, river excursions, virtual kayak, food, vendors and so much more for the entire family. Hours are Friday 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Admission is Free! See you there!

Engineering

Bridge Street Road Repairs and Reopening

The road repairs and resurfacing on Bridge Street between Kings Highway and Highland Drive should be completed by Friday, August 23 weather permitting. The work is currently scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 if severe weather does not delay the project. The road should reopen within 24 hours after the completion of the work.

NCDOT Resurfacing

The paving crew contracted by NCDOT is still working on the resurfacing on US 29. The crew is scheduled to return to Eden once that job is completed.

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

After closing the southern section of West Avenue early on July 11, workers from Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. removed temporary stone from pavement cuts along West Avenue south of the intersection with Central Avenue. A steel plate was used to cover the cut in the middle of the

street near that intersection while work progressed. A crew from Art Stanley Paving placed and compacted the asphalt binder after the stone base had been tamped by the Joyce Backhoe workers. The workers were able to complete the placement and compaction of the asphalt surface wearing course shortly before an afternoon rain event. Final payment on the West Avenue waterline replacement project was approved on July 24.

Fire

Fire Training Facility

The work to clear the land behind station 4 for the future fire training facility, has now been completed along with the necessary erosion control plan measures. The delivery of the building is scheduled for the second week in November. City staff will soon be completing the installation of a water line from Stadium Drive to the construction site and the setting of the hydrant.

The training facility will be two and half stories in height with two burn rooms. This will give us the ability to offer a wide variety of training scenarios ranging from fire attack to rescue operations along with ground ladder training and aerial truck operations. This new facility will provide more of a controlled environment, which will be safer for our firefighters and it will greatly enhance the training opportunities for years to come.

Information Technology

This month there are two cybersecurity bulletins everyone needs to be aware of. First, this weekend, news broke that Jeffrey Epstein was found dead in his cell from an apparent suicide. Internet criminals are going to exploit this celebrity death in a number of ways, so be careful with anything related to the Epstein death: emails, attachments, any social media (especially Facebook), texts on your phone, anything. There will be a number of scams related to this, so stay vigilant! Second, cybercriminals are now exploiting news of the Capital One breach to push a malicious backdoor trojan via a phishing email purporting to offer a Windows Security Update. See the example email below provided by security researchers at KnowBe4. Clicking the link in that email downloads a file named KB3085604.exe — obviously named to resemble Microsoft patch files and security updates. Detection of this file by the anti-malware engines represented on VirusTotal is poor, with only nine flagging it at this point.

The phishing email itself spoofs the targeted organization's IT department, and the language used is sufficiently informal (as well as a little technical and even awkward) to appear credible. IT departments will typically not ask you to install anything yourselves and especially not via e-mail. Stop and think before you click!

Municipal Services

Pressure Washing Sidewalks

We are currently in the process of pressure washing all of the sidewalks in the Leaksville Downtown area. Once this has been completed our staff will move to the other downtown areas and then to sidewalks outside of our downtown areas. The work completed so far looks fantastic!

Repair of Storm Damage at 835 Bridge Street

The repairs to the culvert and surrounding areas that were damaged previously from storms at 835 Bridge Street have now been completed. Staff has completed all of the rough and final grading, which consisted of cutting ditches on both sides of the box culvert so that the storm water from the street can exit the road down to the culvert to the creek. We have also placed riprap in the ditch on the east side of the culvert for erosion control. The entire area has now been seeded and covered with straw. As noted previously, the road repairs and resurfacing on Bridge Street between Kings Highway and Highland Drive should be completed by August 23, weather permitting. According to estimates received by Mr. Paul Dishmon, Director of Municipal Services from Mr. Curtis Carroll of Old Castle Infrastructure, **we were able to save more than one million dollars** by doing this project in-house with city staff as opposed to contracting it out privately. Much thanks and appreciation to each employee that was involved with this project.

Parks & Recreation

Pod Casts with Mike Moore Media

Staff met recently with Mr. Mike Moore or Mike Moore Media to develop monthly pod casts to keep the Community informed about the offerings throughout the City related to Parks and Recreation. The first pod cast is currently scheduled for September 6, 2019.

Be Healthy Rockingham County

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham County initiative. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on August 14 and will attend the September 11 meeting as well.

Splash Pad & Mill Avenue Swimming Pool

The Freedom Park Splash Pad will be open from 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. each day through September 15. Since our opening on June 26, there have been more than 11,000 visits to this facility. The Mill Avenue Pool will be open through the Labor Day weekend.

City of Eden Prowlers Football Program

The City of Eden Prowlers Football Program will host a Jamboree on August 24 at Morehead High School. Everyone is invited!

Upcoming Sporting Tournaments @ Freedom Park

There was Got Game Softball Tournaments at Freedom Park on July 27 and August 3. In addition, there is a Got Game Softball Tournament scheduled at Freedom Park on August 24-25, a Freedom Sports Tournament on August 31-September 1, a Top Gun Tournament on September 7-8, and a Got Game Softball Tournament on September 14-15.

Matrimony Creek Nature Trail – Phase II

Construction of Phase II of the Matrimony Creek Nature Trail has started and should be completed by the end of September.

Concert In The Park/Cruise-In @ Freedom Park

A Concert in the Park/Cruise-In was held at Freedom Park on July 31. The next Concert in the Park/Cruise-In will take place at Freedom Park on August 31.

Freedom Park Putt-Putt Course

A putt-putt course at Freedom Park is available to the public Monday – Sunday from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per round.

Planning & Inspections

Code Enforcement

114 notices have been mailed by certified mail and first class mail.

Collections

65 accounts were transferred to the Rockingham County Tax Department for collection of code enforcement fees due to the City of Eden. The amount transferred totaled \$86,091.47.

63 statements were mailed to property owners with an outstanding balance for code enforcement actions. Each property was researched through the Register of Deeds’ on-line service to determine if any had been sold and letters were mailed to the new property owner advising them of the existing lien for code enforcement.

Inspections

Inspection volume has been normal for this time of year. We are expecting construction plans for Planet Fitness and Zip’s Car Wash anytime now. The Burger King remodel is just about complete. The back wall of 620 Washington St. is currently under construction. This project should start to accelerate over the next couple of weeks.

We have completed 295 inspections in the past month. Additionally, we are covering the community with our proactive local code program daily. We have the city divided into 25 sections.

Statute Changes

The North Carolina General Assembly adopted a measure and it has been signed by the Governor on July 11 that creates a whole new Chapter in the Statutes that impact Local Planning and Development Regulation. It is entitled 160D. Much of 160A will cease to exist. The effective date of the new statutes is January 1, 2021. This means that before that date, every ordinance enforced by this department will have to be updated and changed to comply with the new rules. Staff intends to bring these changes to City Council over the next 17 months and have the changes be effective on January 1, 2021. Currently, we are going through the new provisions and matching them up with the existing ones to decide how to proceed with the revisions.

Vacant Property Registration Ordinance

The letters to owners of suspected vacant properties went out on July 23. Since then, there have been many telephone calls and office visits from owners asking questions about the new policy and registering the vacant properties.

Boards and Commissions

Our boards and commissions generally do not meet in July unless there are cases submitted by the public.

Historic Preservation Commission

The HPC met on August 12 and the main topic of discussion was concerns about the mural replacement on Washington Street. They plan to attend the August meeting of the City Council to share their views the City Council.

Strategic Planning Commission

The Strategic Planning Commission welcomed new members at their August 9 regular meeting. They received an annual report and a report for items for consideration for fiscal year 2019-2020. They have recommended several projects for Council's consideration at the August 2019 regular meeting.

Stadium Drive Sidewalk

We are currently seeking qualified professionals for the design phase of this project. We have spoken with several firms. The date for receipt of their response to our RFLOI (Request for Letters of Interest) is August 26. A staff committee has been created to review the Letters of Interest consisting of Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections, Terry Shelton, Director of Public Utilities, Bev O'Dell, Director of Engineering and Paul Dishmon, Director of Municipal Services.

Grants

We currently have two grant applications submitted. The first one is the Historic Sub-Grant and the application for a CDBG housing and infrastructure grant in the Draper area was submitted on Friday July 12. The Pedestrian Planning Grant has also been submitted.

Police

Drive Slow, Respect School Zones and Ensure the Safety of our Children

The first day of school for the Rockingham County School System is set for August 26. As we do throughout the school year, officers will be working in our school zones to ensure the safety of our students. Please do your part by driving slow, respecting our school zones and school buses and working together to ensure the safety of our children!

Stand Against Litter

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

Eden Police Department Facebook Page

The Eden Police Department continues to encourage the citizens of our community to utilize the Eden Police Department's Facebook page for updates and information concerning our community, as well as Crimestoppers, to provide anonymous information concerning illegal activity in an effort to keep our community safe. We all have to work together to keep our community safe! Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Public Utilities

EPA AOC and Mandatory Projects to Stop Sewer System Overflows - Update

We remain on schedule for our projects and our documentation submittals to the EPA and NC Water Infrastructure for our grant and loan funding. Construction on the Mebane Bridge digestion improvements project is now underway. This is the first of the remediation projects and opens the door for the city to begin drawing reimbursements from grant and loan funding for engineering work completed to date.

Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill

Haymes Brothers Inc. of Chatham, VA is currently delivering the pipe and other materials necessary to begin the installation of the City of Eden water line to the VA state line. This water line will provide most of the water to this industrial park and should be fully in place within the next 18 – 20 months.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the July 16, 2019 Minutes.
- b. Approval and adoption of a Resolution declaring surplus equipment.

Director of Municipal Services Paul Dishmon said in a memo on July 15 that they would like to have 16 recycling igloos declared surplus and be advertised for sale on Gov Deals auction site.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION

WHEREAS, the City of Eden owns certain surplus equipment, 16 recycling igloos, and hereinafter referred to as "the property"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to dispose of the property by public auction as authorized by North Carolina General Statute §160A-270; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-270 (c), the City Council must authorize the use of the public electronic auction service and the means of publication; and

WHEREAS, the property will be sold at a public electronic auction to the highest bidder excepting any reserve placed on the property. The property will be listed at www.govdeals.com starting on September 2, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. and will be posted continuously until it is sold; and

WHEREAS, The City desires to publish this notice solely by electronic means via the City of Eden website; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Taylor, IT and Communications Manager, is an appropriate city official to dispose of the property by public auction.

Minutes of the regular August 20, 2019 meeting of the City Council, City of Eden:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the property listed above be disposed of by public auction, that the publication of this sale be solely by electronic means, and that Kevin Taylor be authorized to dispose of the property by public auction.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 20th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN
Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

c. Approval and adoption of a Resolution to donate personal property.

Police Chief Greg Light said in a memo May 2, that RCC BLET program would be a good avenue for the disposal of 25 warranty expired ballistic vests for their training purposes.

RESOLUTION TO DONATE PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Police Department owns ballistic vests that have aged out of use for the Department consisting of 25 ballistic vests whose manufacturer's warranty has expired, hereinafter referred to as "the property"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Police Department has purchased new vests with manufacturers' warranties and has no further use for the property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden recognizes that the property has been rendered surplus, and unused; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to donate this aforementioned surplus and unused property to Rockingham Community College for its Basic Law Enforcement Training Program, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-280; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden in no way guarantees the quality, fitness of purpose or effectiveness of this property, and in no way does the City of Eden endorse this type or brand of apparatus, and the City of Eden has made this disclaimer known to the Rockingham Community College and has obtained a waiver of claims and liabilities from each institution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden has caused a Notice of Resolution to Donate Personal Property to be posted at City Hall for at least 5 days prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to comply with all obligations of North Carolina law and desires to restrict this donation of the property to a public use that will benefit the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the 25 used ballistic vests, be deemed surplus and unused and that they be donated to Rockingham Community College for its basic law enforcement program so long as it is being used by the Rockingham Community College in a way that it will benefit the public. In the event that the property ceases to be used for the public benefit, it shall revert to the City of Eden.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 20th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN
Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall announced a reception would be held for the new Youth Council members after the meeting and he invited everyone to stay. He called on Ms. Adams to give an update.

Ms. Adams said Touch-A-Truck was that Saturday. Admission was an item for the Backpack Program to feed schoolchildren. RiverFest was Sept. 20 and 21 and it was still growing. Features included a virtual kayak, butterfly exhibit, chainsaw carving, gravity ball and two stages with 10 bands all day long.

Mr. Farmer said the Prowler Football Program was getting underway that weekend with a jamboree. Aug. 31 would be the Concert in the Park and Cruz In. The Freedom Park Splash Pad would be open until Sept. 15.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hunt
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Neville Hall
Mayor